

1. GSA President Jessy Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2018 Senate Meeting
  - Motion: GISA
  - Second: Social Work
  - In Favor: 53; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 4
  - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- Jessy informs Senators that a schedule for Senate meetings for the year can be found in their packets on the back of the agenda.
- Staff members from UBIT present on UBIT services, encouraging students to be aware of access to UBBox for storage and WebEx for meetings, as well as discounts on TopHat software for classroom use. They pass around a sign-up sheet for students who are interested in attending UBIT feedback focus groups, where free pizza will be provided. They state they are interested in reaching more graduate students. They also stress the awareness of increasing fraudulent job offer emails, which they say are scams that can leave students having made purchases and the company refusing to reimburse the students.
- GSA Vice President Connor Walters states that UB is holding a broad-based fee consultation meeting open to all students. He says it is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in 210 Student Union and represents an opportunity for students to learn more about and to challenge university spending.
- Courtney briefly reviews the GSA events planned through early November.
  - Discount AMC Movie Tickets Available
    - \$6 each at the SBI Ticket Offices. 1 per UB ID.
  - October 5<sup>th</sup>- Java Junction, 11:00am – 1:00pm in 310 Student Union
    - Free Tim Horton's coffee and doughnuts for graduate students
  - October 12<sup>th</sup> - South Campus Siesta, 1:30 – 3:30pm in 105 Harriman Hall
    - Free food and beverages for graduate students at South Campus
  - October 25<sup>th</sup> - Distinguished Speaker Series presents Joe Biden, 7:30pm at Alumni Arena
    - Free tickets available Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at the SBI Ticket Offices. 1 per UB ID.
    - Limited quantity available. First come, first served!
  - November 10<sup>th</sup>- Escape Room Buffalo Event, 5:30 - 8:00pm
    - Pizza included.
    - Tickets on sale October 8<sup>th</sup> for \$10 each at the SBI Ticket Offices. 2 per UB ID.

4. Report of the President

- Jessy gives an update on the food pantry board. They are currently in a fact-finding stage.
- Jessy gives a Council on Advocacy and Leadership (COAL) update. She states that the board voted in favor of a resolution to support the position of GAs and TAs to be paid a living stipend.
- Jessy announces an opening for the position of Faculty-Student Association's board representative. She states that they meet once a month on the first Monday at 5pm for about an hour. She asks that interested people contact her directly.

5. Report of the Vice President

- Connor begins by asking how many senators are new senators. He notes that a large number of hands are raised and asks that Stephanie review senator training briefly.
  - Stephanie George reviews motions and the voting process, as well as the requirement that senators attend each senate meeting.
- Connor states that mandatory officer training will be taking place on September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and October 11<sup>th</sup> with a returning-officers-only training on October 19<sup>th</sup>. He announces that officers who have been to the small emergency session trainings last Spring with him are not eligible for the October 19<sup>th</sup> training because they have not yet actually been through the portion of the training that is university mandated.

6. Report of the Treasurer

- GSA Treasurer Josh Joseph states that he is suggesting the Senate vote for an \$8,000.00 increase to conference funding. He states that this will bring conference funding back to its original \$140,000.00 allocation, the amount allocated prior to last year's budget cuts. This money will cover the increased conference funding requests in October and November, and would come from the unallocated reserves resulting from the fee increase. The Finance Committee has reviewed and approved this expense.
  - Connor adds that this is not the entirety of the unallocated reserves, nor is it even a majority of the funding.
  - Motion to increase the conference funding line to \$140,000.00
    - Motion: Pathology and Anatomy
    - Second: Library & Information Studies

- In favor: 55; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
  - Motion passes
- Funding Account Balances:
  - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$1,200.00 allocated this month, \$10,250.00 remaining
  - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$650.00 allocated this month, \$1,350.00 remaining
  - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$2,775.00 allocated this month, \$12,225.00 remaining
  - Scholarly Publication: \$5,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$5,000.00 remaining
  - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$250.00 allocated this month, \$1,750.00 remaining
  - Conferences:
    - 43 requests totaling \$13,849.00 requested for October, 43 applications approved for \$13,849.00
    - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00, raised from \$132,000.00; Remaining Balance \$112,122.05

## 7. Old Business

- Approval of the Election Committee
  - Connor briefly reviews the purpose of the election committee. They have chosen their chair and will have the election code revised and ready for review and approval for the November Senate meeting. He states that a motion will be needed to approve the committee as presented.
  - Election Committee
    - Taylor Glausen, Election Committee Chair (Microbiology)
    - Xingyu Chen (Global Gender Studies)
    - Congying Wang (Computer Science Engineering)
    - Priyanka Kuchhal (Finance)
    - Valerie Long (Classics)
  - Motion to approve the Election Committee as written.
    - Motion: Chemistry
    - Second: Pathology and Anatomy
    - In favor: 52; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 1
    - Motion passes

## 8. New Business

- Club Recognition
  - A representative from Hellenic GSA presents on their club.
    - Requested/recommended: \$650
  - Connor asks if a representative from Saudi Student Association at UB is present. Nobody responds. Connor waits a moment, and then asks again if anyone is here from Saudi Student Association at UB. Stephanie checks the sign-in information and says that nobody signed in from Saudi Student Association at UB. Connor says that since the club did not show up, they cannot have funding approved tonight.
  - Motion to approve Hellenic GSA at the recommended amount
    - Motion: GISA
    - Second: Classics
    - In favor: 52; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
    - Motion passes
- Funding Requests
  - A representative from Chemical and Biological Engineering GSA presents on their Chemical and Biological Engineering Research Symposium.
    - Requested/recommended: \$1,400.00
  - A representative from Philosophy GSA presents on their Graduate Philosophy Conference Symposium funding proposal.
    - Requested/Recommended: \$1,375.00
  - A representative from GISA presents on their Diwali Special Activity funding proposal.
    - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
  - A representative from the Biochemistry, Microbiology, Oral Biology, Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics, and Pathology and Anatomy GSAs' present on their Halloween Party Interdepartmental Activity funding proposal.
    - Requested/Recommended: \$650.00
  - A representative from Geology GSA presents on their Penn Dixie's Earth Science Day Community Outreach funding proposal.
    - Requested/Recommended: \$250.00
  - Motion to approve all funding requests as a block at the recommended amounts
    - Motion: Urban Planning
    - Second: Linguistics

- In favor: 55; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 4
- Motion passes

#### 9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Connor states that Senators must make sure to turn in both their voting cards and clickers before leaving in order to be counted for Roll Call. He then repeats for emphasis that if both the voting card and clicker are not turned in, Senators cannot be counted as having attended the meeting.
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:26pm
  - Motion: Chemistry
  - Second: GISA
  - In favor: 49; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
  - Motion passes