

Minutes
Graduate Student Senate Meeting
Tuesday, 14 February 2006

Chairman Keller called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 1108. Secretary Jenson was recording the minutes. The roll was called and the following senators were present or entered the meeting at a later time: Adams, Bechtel, Brancato, Burgess, Carnasciali, Church, Dam, Feigh, Geyer, Granier, Greco, Hancock, Hartley, Herndon, Jenkins, Jenson, Kothari, Miller, Norville, Padove, Skinner, Warta, Williams, Wornyo and Zhong. Senators Bivek, Chandler, DeMaio, Maheshwary, Vishwanathan, Weinstein and Wright were absent. President David was in attendance. The minutes of the 7 February 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

There was a guest speaker, Dr. Steven Girardot. He spoke about the nature of CETL. He spoke about CETL's current programs as well as its proposed future programs. He asked for input from the graduate student body so that CETL can better serve it.

Officer Reports

- Coordinating Officer (Bechtel):
 - Senator Bechtel gave an overview of the activities of the House, his report was attached to the agenda
- Secretary (Jenson):
 - When e-mailing excuses, please note them as such on the subject line
- Treasurer (Palmer):
 - None.
- Vice President (Keller):
 - Discussed the rationale for the two conference committee bills before the Senate.
- President (David):
 - Discussed the Graduate Student Symposium. President David is serving on a search committee for a new Dean of Students. He is also serving on a committee to revise the student code of conduct.

Committee Reports

- Academic Affairs (Carnasciali) - Gave an overview of the Graduate Student Symposium. Our picture for the Blueprint picture will be on February 21.
- Health Services and Welfare (Feigh): Executive Chef will be at this week's meeting. If you are unhappy about the food at the student center, you should come to this meeting.
- Joint Campus Organizations Committee (Brancato) - JCOC has reviewed the charters of all three organizations who have chartering bills on today's agenda. JCOC recommends chartering all three organizations.

Unfinished Business:

06G044C/05U078C – Joint Allocation to Student Center Programs Concert Council (Author: Pelham Norville)

Senator Norville asked the representative how much the organization was going to charge Georgia Tech students for admission to this event. The representative stated that the organization would like to charge \$7 to \$9 for Student tickets. The representative also noted that this event is usually free.

Discussion:

Senator Jenson stated that the conference committee decided that the \$40,000 was acceptable, as it was needed to secure high quality performers. The increase in ticket costs should offset a large portion of this bill. Senator Greco said that the conference committee did not feel that it was its duty to stipulate exact charges. He also noted that he did not favor passing this bill. Senator Feigh mentioned that this event sold out last year and the artist is of a similar stature, so there should be no need to improve the strength of the artistic lineup. Senator Burgess stated that one of the benefits of being in school is subsidized activities. Senator Brancato stated that Sister Hazel was just as popular and cost far less. Senator Feigh **MOVED** the previous question. The motion passed by a voice vote.

06G044C FAILED 3-15

06G045C/05U079C – Joint Allocation to the Miss Asian Atlanta Pageant (Author: Sarah Hancock)

Senator Greco explained the rationale for the conference committee version. The representative stated that this event is not a scholarship. The amount for scholarship has already been set aside. If this event is not funded by SGA, the scholarship will still be distributed. Senator Jenson stated that he does not support this bill because participation in the actual competition discriminates based on sex and national origin. Senator Carnasciali disagreed with Senator Jenson and stated that the event was open to all students. Senator Hancock also disagreed with Senator Jenson and stated that the SGA funds sports clubs that are male or female only.

06G045C PASSED 18-5

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to slate 06G048, 06G049 and 06G050. There was no objection.

06G048/05U082 – Joint Chartering of the Journey Christian Fellowship (Author: Adam Brancato)

06G049/05U083 – Joint Chartering of the Beautification Day at Georgia Tech (Author: Adam Brancato)
06G050/05U084 – Joint Chartering of the Marine Robotics Group (Author: Adam Brancato)

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to accept the slate of 06G048, 06G049 and 06G050 by unanimous acclamation. The motion passed by a voice vote.

06G048, 06G049 and 06G050 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION

Senator Hancock **MOVED** to waive the bylaws and immediately consider **06G055**. Senator Jenson objected. The motion passed 12-6.

06G055/05U091 – Joint Allocation to Miss Asian Atlanta Pageant (Author: Sarah Hancock)

Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:

Chairman Keller stated that the Joint Finance Committee has not met on this bill, but the JFC chairman felt that the bill was in line with JFC policy, with the exception of line 13.

Questions:

Senator Burgess asked why these costs were not on the original bill. The undergraduate author stated that it was his fault. Senator Church asked the representative if this event will take place if this bill is not passed. The representative stated that it would not. Senator Dam **MOVED** to end questions.

Discussion:

Senator Brancato moves to strike line 13. Motion passed by a voice vote. A senator **MOVED** the previous question. The motion passed by a voice vote.

06G055 PASSED 15-6

New Business:

06G051/05U085 – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Wushu Club (Author: Christopher Herndon)

06G052/05U086 – Joint Allocation to Culture Tech (Author: Christopher Herndon)

06G053/05U087 – Joint Allocation to Culture tech (b) (Author: Christopher Herndon)

06G054/05U089 – Joint Allocation to Georgia Entrepreneurs Society

06G056/05U092 – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Mock Trial – (Author: Christopher Herndon)

Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to adjourn at 1205. Senator Brancato objected. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1207.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.