

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Student Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 21 February 2006**

Chairman Keller called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 1111. 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, Bivek, Bechtel, Brancato, Burgess, Carnasciali, Chandler, Church, Dam, DeMaio, Geyer, Granier, Greco, Gupta, Hancock, Hartley, Herndon, Jenkins, Jenson, Kim, Kothari, McKenzie, Miller, Norville, Padove, Vishwanathan, Warta, Weinstein, Williams, Wornyo and Wright. Senators Feigh, Skinner and Zhong were absent. President David was in attendance. The minutes of the 14 February 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Officer Reports**

- Coordinating Officer (Bechtel):
  - The House passed **05U078C/06G044C** and it passed overall by enactment ratio
  - The House passed **05U079C/06G045C**
  - The House passed **05U091/06G055**
- Secretary (Jenson):
  - The Secretary asked if the Senators if they thought audio recordings of the meetings would be beneficial. The Senate did not find the idea beneficial.
- Treasurer (Palmer):
  - None.
- Vice President (Keller):
  - Should have a report on the status of the health insurance bidding process soon.
  - The year-end luncheon will be during dead week. There will be awards given, so begin thinking of nominees.
- President (David):
  - There is an appointment bill that needs to be moved into unfinished business.

**Committee Reports**

- Academic Affairs (Carnasciali) – Abstracts for the Graduate Student Symposium are due this Thursday. The Alumni Association will fund breakfast. This event is a senate event, so find people in your department to send in abstracts.

**Unfinished Business:**

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to waive the by-laws and place **06G057** at bottom of unfinished business and **06G060** at top of unfinished business. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**06G060** – Appointments for Graduate Student Senators (Author: Kasi David)

Senator Norville **MOVED** to insert line 4 to read Eli McKenzie- Management Senator - eli.mckenzie@mba.gatech.edu. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Norville **MOVED** to accept **06G060** by unanimous acclamation. There was no objection.

President David swore in Eli McKenzie, John Kim and Kapil Gupta

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

This bill is to help the Wushu Club attend 10<sup>th</sup> annual Wushu Collegiate Competition. Seven people will be attending the competition.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

Amend Line 8 to \$750.

*Questions:*

Senator Norville asked if the organization receive funding in the budget. The representative replied that they did not receive funding in the budget. Senator Norville also asked how many members were currently in the organization. The representative replied the currently had 21 members. Chandler you said seven people will be attending the competition. The representative replied seven. Senator Chandler noted that the bill said eight people would be attending. The representative did not know why the bill said seven.

*Discussion:*

Senator Norville **MOVED** to amend line 8 to \$750 and adjust the total accordingly. The amendment passed by a voice vote. Senator Jenson **MOVED** to accept **06G051** by unanimous acclamation. There was an objection. Senator Jenson **MOVED** the

previous question. The motion passed by voice vote.

**06G051 PASSED 25-3**

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

There will be 10-12 organizations involved with this event.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

Strike Lines 4-14 and 16-17 as they contain food related expenses.

*Questions:*

Senator Greco asked how much the food would cost this year. The representative replied that food would cost approximately \$5.00 per plate.

*Discussion:*

Senator Norville noted that it is customary for the Senate to pass this bill. Senator Norville **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was an objection. Senator Dam **MOVED** to strike lines 4 thorough 14 and lines 16 through 17. Senator Norville **MOVED** the previous question on the amendment. The amendment failed. Senator Norville **MOVED** the previous question on the bill.

**06G052 PASSED 24-1**

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

Ten groups are signed up for the performance at the Ferst Center.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

This bill meets JFC policy.

*Discussion:*

Senator Greco stated that if admission is charged to the Ferst Center, then the rental fee is not free. Senator Greco also noted that there is a minimum attendance required for free rental. Senator Jenson **MOVED** to postpone 1 week. Senator Greco asked Senator Jenson who would be in charge of clarifying the rental issue. Senator Jenson stated that Senator Norville would be the best candidate to clarify the issue, but Jenson would be ultimately responsible for seeing that issue is clarified. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**06G053 IS POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK (1<sup>st</sup> POSTPONEMENT)**

**06G054/05U089** – Joint Allocation to Georgia Entrepreneurs Society (Author: Brett Warta)

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

Strike Line 9

*Discussion:*

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to strike Line 9 and amend the total accordingly. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Warta **MOVED** to add a new line 9 to read: Speaker Fee, \$400.00. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Warta **MOVED** to amend Line 7 to \$225.00. The amendment passed by a voice vote. Senator Kothari **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation.

**06G054 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION**

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

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

This bill meets JFC policy.

*Discussion:*

Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation

**06G056 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION**

**06G057/05U093** – Joint Allocation to the Mars Society at Georgia Tech (MSGT) (Author: Adam Brancato)

This bill will assist the Mars Society conduct research in Utah.

JFC report:

Line 5 amend to 577.50

Strike Lines 6, 7, 8, and 9

*Questions:*

Senator Chandler asked why the organization needs 30 patches. The representative stated that some of the patches are for sponsors. Senator Greco asked if this is a competition. The representative replied that this is not a competition. Senator Weinstein inquired if the organization has tried to obtain grants to fund this activity. The representative replied that they have not.

*Discussion:*

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to amend Line5 to travel, \$562.50 and amend the total accordingly. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to amend line 9 to patches (9@\$15), \$135.00. The amendment passed by a voice vote. Senator Hancock **MOVED** to strike Lines 8 and 9. Senator DeMaio stated his opinion that these are personal items that are not essential for the event. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Hartley **MOVED** to strike lines 6 and 7. A Senator **MOVED** the previous question on the amendment. The motion failed by a voice vote. A Senator **MOVED** the previous question.

**06G057 PASSED 20-0**

**New Business:**

**06G058/05U094** – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Paintball Organization (Author: Binh Dam)

**06G059/05U095** – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Sport Parachute Club (Author: Edem Wornyo)

Senator Wornyo **MOVED** to adjourn at 1224.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.