

Minutes
Graduate Student Senate Meeting
Tuesday, 28 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, Granier, Greco, Gupta, Hancock, Hartley, Herndon, Jenkins, Jenson, Kim, Kothari, McKenzie, Miller, Norville, Padove, Skinner, Warta, Weinstein, Williams and Wornyo. Senators Feigh, Geyer, Vishwanathan, Wright and Zhong were absent. President David was in attendance. The minutes of the 21 February 2006 meeting were approved as distributed. Senator Greco requested that he be referred to as Falcore the Love Dragon in the minutes. There was no objection

Guest Speaker:

There was a guest speaker representing the Honor Advisory Council. The speaker noted that the Honor Advisory Council is a proactive organization that promotes integrity on campus. The Honor Advisory Council is accepting applications through March 9 for membership.

Officer Reports

- Coordinating Officer (Bechtel):
 - The House acted on all bills in the same manner as the Senate, except for **06G057** (Mars Society). Line 5 was amended to \$577.50 in the Mars Society bill.
- Secretary (Jenson):
 - None.
- Treasurer (Palmer):
 - None.
- Vice President (Keller):
 - Please don't move to adjourn the meeting after New Business, since quorum is not needed for Open Forum.
 - Pierce and Pierce was selected as the insurance provider for the 2006-2007 academic year. This plan will be mandatory for most. We still don't know what the fate of the subsidy will be. We will likely have payroll deduction, as Pierce is willing to do this, as is GT payroll.
- President (David):
 - Serving on a committee that will make revisions to the student code of conduct.
 - The Graduate Student Symposium will be on Wednesday. Will need help for event, so we are looking for volunteers

Committee Reports

- Academic Affairs (Carnasciali) – The Graduate Student symposium has 105 Entries. There are 76 posters and 29 oral presentations.

Unfinished Business:

06G057C/05U093C – Joint Allocation to the Mars Society at Georgia Tech (MSGT) (Author: Adam Brancato)

Discussion:

This bill went to conference committee because our mileage calculation was incorrect. Senator Brancato **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was no objection.

06G057C PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION

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

Discussion:

Senator Norville stated that this organization would not meet Ferst Center Policy for free rent. Senator Brancato we can still fund this bill, just the Ferst Center rental will not be free. Senator Jenson **MOVED** the previous question. The motion failed.

Senator Norville **MOVED** to strike Lines 4-15 and insert a new Line 4 to read "Technical costs, \$1,711.00". Senator Wornyo **MOVED** the previous question on the amendment and the bill. The motion passed by a voice vote. The amendment passed by a voice vote.

06G053 PASSED 24-0

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

Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:

Amend Line 6 to "Travel Reimbursement (18 Players traveling 1576 miles roundtrip @ \$.50/mile, \$788".

Questions:

Senator Falcore the Love Dragon inquired about the nature of a coach fee and subsidy. The representative responded that a coach is the only person who may communicate with the team during competition.

Discussion:

Senator Adams **MOVED** to Amend line 6 to read “Travel Reimbursement (18 Players traveling 1576 miles roundtrip @ \$0.50/mile, \$788” and to amend the total accordingly. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Adams **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was no objection.

06G058 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION

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

The representative gave a presentation that detailed the rationale for requesting funding.

Questions:

Senator Kim asked what becomes of containers when they become obsolete. The representative replied that they are destroyed or used to teach members how to pack a parachute.

Discussion:

Senator Burgess commended the organization for providing us with detailed information. Senator Kothari **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was no objection.

06G059 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION

New Business:

06G061/05U095 – Joint Allocation to Birdhouse Campus Improvements (Author: Chris Church)

Open Forum:

Senator Burgess stated that International Affairs is looking for posters for its poster session at the Global Learning Center.

Senator Falcore the Love Dragon asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the WREK radio governing board. The Senators seemed open to the concept of reviving the WREK governing board. Many Senators expressed displeasure with WREK’s choice of programming, but some supported WREK.

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to adjourn at 1229.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.