

Minutes
Graduate Student Senate Meeting
Tuesday, 7 March 2006

Chairman Keller called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 1114. 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, Carnasciali, Chandler, Church, Dam, DeMaio, Feigh, Granier, Greco, Gupta, Hancock, Hartley, Herndon, Jenkins, Jenson, Kim, Kothari, McKenzie, Miller, Norville, Padove, Vishwanathan, Warta, Weinstein and Wright. Senators Burgess, Geyer, Skinner, Williams and Wornyo were absent. President David was in attendance. The minutes of the 28 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

Officer Reports

- Coordinating Officer (Bechtel):
 - The Mars Society bill passed by enactment ratio. The House passed the other bills in the same way as we did.
- Secretary (Jenson):
 - None.
- Treasurer (Palmer):
 - None.
- Vice President (Keller):
 - LaTeX classes going well.
- President (David):
 - Please sign up and help with the Graduate Student Symposium.
 - Bill **06G069** is to help defray the cost of the prizes for the Graduate Student Symposium.

Committee Reports

- Academic Affairs (Carnasciali): The Graduate Student Symposium will be on Wednesday, March 8.
- CRC Advisory Board (DeMaio): DeMaio mentioned that the CRC had some problem with flooding. Repairs are currently being made.
- Internal Affairs (Norville): If anyone has any suggestions for changes to Bylaws and Constitution, contact Senator Norville.
- Health Services and Welfare (Feigh): Senator Feigh looking for someone to participate in the safety walk.

Unfinished Business:

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

This bill is to put birdfeeders around campus. This bill will fund two feeders and birdseed. The organization has funding for five other feeders from other Tech organizations.

Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:

Birdseed should come from the prior year account.

Questions:

Senator Dam asked why the organization wants to feed the birds. The representative stated that it would be nice to see and hear the birds. Senator Adams asked how would birdseed be paid for in the future. The representative stated that he is trying to get other organizations to help with this. Senator Dam asked if the bird droppings would be a problem. The representative stated that he tried to select places where this would not be a problem. Senator Norville **MOVED** to end questions. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Discussion:

Senator Norville **MOVED** to postpone for one week. The motion passed by a voice vote.

06G061 IS POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK (1st POSTPONEMENT).

Senator Hancock **MOVED** to waive the bylaws and immediately consider **06G067, 06G068** and **06G069**. Motion failed by voice vote. Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to waive the bylaws and immediately consider **06G068** and **06G069**. The motion passed by a voice vote.

06G068/05U099 – Joint Resolution Expressing Condolences (Author: Kasi David) Senator Chandler **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was no objection.

06G068 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION

06G069: Senator Kothari asked about the size of the prize pool. President David said that the total prize pool is about \$4,000.00.

06G069 PASSED 24-0

New Business:

06G062/05U097 – Joint Allocation to GT Men’s Ultimate Club Team (Author: Jeremy Miller)

06G064/05U098 – Joint Resolution on Tax-Free Textbooks (Author: Sarah Hancock)

06G065/05U100 – Joint Allocation to Computing Undergraduate Women’s Advisory Board (Advisor: Sarah Hancock)

06G066/05U101 – Joint Allocation to Yellow Jacket Fencing (Author: Sarah Hancock)

06G067/05U102 – Joint Allocation to Campus Crusade for Christ- Katrina Spring Break (Sarah Hancock)

Open Forum:

Senator Greco asked if we have we looked into reestablishing the governing board for WREK radio. Hancock stated that WREK has changed significantly. We should speak with them directly if we want to see the changes.

Senator Miller said that the Roller Hockey Club is having problems with being double booked with intramural soccer. Senator DeMaio asked if this was a club team. Senator Miller said that it was. Senator DeMaio said he would look into it

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to adjourn at 1154.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.