

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Student Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 14 March 2006**

Chairman Keller called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 1109. 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, Carnasciali, Chandler, Church, Dam, DeMaio, Feigh, Geyer, Granier, Greco, Gupta, Hancock, Hartley, Herndon, Jenkins, Jenson, Kim, Kothari, Miller, Padove, Skinner, Vishwanathan, Warta, Weinstein, Williams, Wornyo and Wright. Senators Bivek, Burgess, McKenzie and Norville were absent. President David was in attendance. The minutes of the 7 March 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Officer Reports**

- Coordinating Officer (Bechtel):
  - **06G061** Passed in House 33-7-7
  - **06G064** Passed in House 35-2-2
  - **06G068** Passed in House by unanimous acclamation
- Secretary (Jenson):
  - None.
- Treasurer (Palmer):
  - None.
- Vice President (Keller):
  - The budget should appear in New Business next week. We need to have it passed in 3 weeks. A special session may be helpful. The budget will almost certainly go to conference committee.
- President (David):
  - None.

**Committee Reports**

- Academic Affairs (Carnasciali): Thanks to everyone for helping with the Graduate Student Symposium.
- Joint Campus Organizations Committee (Brancato): New charters will be appearing soon in New Business.

**Unfinished Business:**

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

The representative stated that he has full support of facilities. The project has been approved by the Campus Master Plan, but it still needs to be approved by a subcommittee. The birdhouses will not be installed until at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April.

*Questions:*

Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to amend line 7 to indicate that the birdseed will come from the Prior Year account. The motion passed by voice vote. Senator Jenson **MOVED** the previous question.

**06G061 Passed 23-4**

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

This bill will fund travel to entry fee to Centex in Austin, TX.

*Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Recommendation:*

This bill meets JFC policy.

**06G062 PASSED 24-1**

**06G063** – Allocation to Student Planning Association (Author: Miguel Granier)

This bill will fund conference registration for the Georgia Planning Association Spring 2006 Conference.

*Discussion:*

Senator Adams **MOVED** to amend the source of funding from Capitol Outlay to Graduate Legislative Reserve (GLR). The motion passed by voice vote. Senator Jenson questioned if this bill would deplete GLR to an extent that the Senate banquet could not be funded. Senator DeMaio **MOVED** to lay the bill on the table. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

Senator Adams **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was an objection. Senator Feigh did not support this bill, as she thinks other taxes are a higher priority. Senator Chandler **MOVED** the previous question.

**06G064 FAILED 9-19**

**06G063** was removed from table. IT was determined that this bill would not deplete GLR to the extent that the Senate banquet could not be funded. Senator Jenson did not support this bill, as it would deplete the GLR account if graduate students asked the Senate to pay for conference fees. Senator Williams noted that the Senate would help graduate students attend conferences if they are presenting a poster or giving an oral presentation. Senator Herndon noted that that the City Planning students are professional students and they don't tend to present research, so graduate conference funds would necessarily be unavailable. Senator Bechtel **MOVED** the previous question. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**06G063 FAILED 11-14**

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

This bill will fund CoCaesars. Palace.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

Amend Line 5 to \$50.00

Strike Line 6

Amend Line 7 to Banners (2 @ \$18.00 each), total \$36.00

*Questions:*

Senator Jenson asked why food that would only be available to College of Computing students. The representative replied that they don't have enough food. Senator Jenkins asked how many attendees were not CS majors. The representative did not know, but 500 CS students attended last year.

*Discussion:*

Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to amend as follows:

Amend Line 5 to \$50.00

Strike Line 6

Amend Line 7 to Banners (2 @ \$18.00 each), total \$36.00

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

Senator DAM **MOVED** to add a line requiring food to be available to all participants. There was no second.

Senator Herndon doesn't want to fund an event that is just a party. Senator Brancato thinks this is a good event, since there are a large number of attendees.

**06G065 PASSED 17-5**

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

This bill is for the United States Association of Collegiate Fencing Clubs Championship in Clemson, SC.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

This bill meets the policy as stated online; however, the policy has been changed to only fund travel that is greater than 300 miles round trip.

*Questions:*

Feigh asked how many tournaments has the organization participated in. The organization replied that it has not participated in any competitive tournaments.

*Discussion:*

Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was no objection.

**06G066 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION**

**06G067/05U102** – Joint Allocation to Campus Crusade for Christ- Katrina Spring Break (Sarah Hancock)  
Chairman Keller noted that GT Legal has already determined that this event is permissible. Any discussion of the legality of this event will be ruled out of order. The representative stated that this bill will fund a hurricane Katrina relief effort to Pass Christian, MS.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

Amend Line 5 to \$806.00

Amend Line 6 to \$200.00

*Questions:*

Senator Bechtel asked if there would any religious buildings being repaired or if only houses would be repaired. The representative replied only houses will be repaired. Senator Greco asked if one automatically becomes a member of Campus Crusade for Christ by registering for this event. The representative replied no. Senator Brancato **MOVED** to end questions. There was an objection. The motion passed by voice vote.

*Discussion:*

Senator Chandler moved to amend line 5 to Travel (25 cars to Pass Christian, Mississippi), total \$2625.00. Senator Weinstein stated that this group is trying to something to help others and we should support their efforts. Senator Adams **MOVED** the previous question on the amendment. The motion passed by vice vote. The resolution on the amendment is tied. Chairman Keller votes Nay. The amendment failed. Senator Brancato **MOVED** to amend as follows:

Amend Line 5 to \$806.00

Amend Line 6 to \$200.00

The amendment passed by a voice vote. Senator Jenson **MOVED** previous question. There was no second. Greco moved to amend Line 6 to \$2500.00. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**06G067 PASSED 16-4**

**New Business:**

**06G070/05U106** – Joint Resolution on Waiting Lists at Events Free to Students (Author: Binh Dam)

**Open Forum:**

Greco said that he had learned that there was an at-large position at WREK Advisory Board. Senator Hancock noted that she would be filling the at-large position.

Senator Adams noted that she likes open forum at the end of the meeting.

Brancato **MOVED** to adjourn at 1232.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.