

Minutes
Graduate Student Senate Meeting
Tuesday, 4 April 2006

Chairman Keller called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 1118. 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, Feigh, Greco, Gupta, Hancock, Hartley, Jenson, McKenzie, Miller, Norville, Padove, Skinner, Warta, Weinstein, Wornyo and Wright. Senators Bivek, Burgess, DeMaio, Geyer, Granier, Herndon, Kim, Kothari, Vishwanathan and Williams were absent. President David was in attendance. The minutes of the 28 March 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

Chairman Keller announced that voting would be held for Friend of the Graduate Student, Senator of the Year, Faculty of the Year and Administrator of the Year. Chairmen Keller stated that if there was no objection the Senate would enter into executive session to consider nominations. There was no objection.

The executive session started at 1124

The executive session ended at 1142

Chairman Keller stated that if there was no objection then both Officer Reports and Committee Reports would be moved to the end of New Business. The change is due to the large volume of bills in Unfinished Business. There was no objection.

Unfinished Business:

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to waive the bylaws and place bills **06G070** and **06G071** at the end of unfinished business. There was no objection.

06G072/05U111 – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Swim Club (Author: Ed Greco)

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Recommendation:

This bill meets policy.

Questions:

Senator Bechtel asked if the organization was involved in any fundraising. The representative stated that they host their own meet to raise funds. Senator Bechtel **MOVED** to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was no objection.

06G072 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION

06G073/05U112 – Joint Allocation to Christian Campus Fellowship (Author: Edem Wornyo)

Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:

JFC was assured that this event would not be evangelical; however, we do not fund fundraisers. This event is a fundraiser.

Questions:

A Senator asked about the type of music to be performed. The representative stated that there would be three secular artists and this would not be a religious concert. Senator Greco asked if the organization if they tried to get the Ferst Center to donate resources. The representative stated that the Ferst Center would not do so.

Discussion:

Senator Norville noted that this is a fundraiser and we should not support fundraisers. Senator Brancato noted that supporting fundraisers amounts to direct donations to charities. Weinstein thinks this is a noble cause and we should fund it. Carnasciali agreed that fundraisers are good causes, but it did not mean they should be funded. Senator Greco was against funding this bill, since JFC policy forbids fundraisers.

06G073 FAILED 2-15

06G074/05U113 – Joint Allocation to Muslim Student Association (Author: Binh Dam)

This bill will fund a speaker for Islamic awareness week. This event is cultural event and not religious.

Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:

JFC recommends funding this bill. JFC was assured that the event was cultural and not religious.

Questions:

A Senator asked about how one separates Islamic culture from Islamic religion. The representative stated that it would involve things such as art and architecture. Senator Weinstein wanted to know the name of the speaker. The representative stated that the speaker's name was Imam Abdul Malik. Senator Feigh asked if the speaker fee was an honorarium. The representative replied in the affirmative.

Discussion:

Senator Dam **MOVED** to amend line 1 to Prior Year account from Undergraduate Legislative Reserve and to alter the following lines and amend the totals accordingly:

Delete Line 5

Insert Line 5 300 Fliers in Color, \$300.00

Insert Line 6 2 Posters, \$5.00

Insert Line 7 2 Banners, \$36.00

Insert Line 8 **TOTAL, \$841.00**

JFC stated that the amendments would be proper, except for Line 5. Line 5 should be amended to \$13.50. Senator Brancato **MOVES** to amend as follows:

Line 1: strike Undergraduate Legislative Reserve and replace it with Prior Year

Delete Line 5

Insert Line 5 300 Fliers in Color, \$300.00

Insert Line 6 2 Posters, \$5.00

Insert Line 7 2 Banners, \$36.00

Insert Line 8 **TOTAL, \$841.00**

The amendment passed by a voice vote. Senator Brancato moves to accept by unanimous acclamation. There was an objection.

06G074 PASSED 10-4-3

Chairman Keller made a point of order at 1206 that quorum was lost and no more bills could be considered. The meeting proceeded to New Business.

06G075/05U114 – Joint Allocation to the Taiwanese American Student Association (Author: Sarah Hancock)

06G076/05U115 – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Sport Parachute Club (Author: Edem Wornyo)

06G078/05U117 – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Leadership Reception (Author: Sarah Hancock)

06G079/05U118 – Joint Allocation to African Students Association (Author: Edem Wornyo)

06G082/05U121 – Joint Resolution FY 2007 SAF Budget Tier I, II and III (Author: Kasi David)

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

06G071/05U108 – Joint Resolution of Availability of Stinger and Trolley Departure Times (Author: Binh Dam)

New Business:

06G083/05U124 – Joint Allocation to Student Center Programs Council (Author: Pelham Norville)

06G084/05U125 – Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Women's Gymnastics Team (Author: Sarah Hancock)

06G085/05U126 – Joint Allocation to Badminton Club (Author: Sarah Hancock)

06G086/05U127 – Joint Allocation to Student Center Programs Council (Author: Pelham Norville)

06G087/05U128 – Joint Allocation to Ferst Center for the Arts (Author: Pelham Norville)

06G088 – Resolution Graduate Student Housing Payment Plans (Author: Ryan Bechtel)

06G089 – Resolution TenthandHome Single Student Housing Costs (Author: Ryan Bechtel)

Officer Reports:

- Coordinating Officer (Bechtel):
 - The House on principle rejected both 06G070 and 06G071. Senator Bechtel doesn't think any amended versions will fare much better.
- Secretary (Jenson):
 - None.
- Treasurer (Palmer):
 - None.
- Vice President (Keller):
 - None.
- President (David):
 - None.

Committee Reports

- Joint Campus Organizations Committee (Brancato): The new JCOC policy will be voted on soon.
- Health Services and Welfare (Feigh): The survey is about done.

Open Forum:

Bechtel has authored two resolutions regarding 10th and Home.

Chairman Keller excused himself from the meeting at 1215. Senator Jenson assumed the chair without objection.

There was a discussion of the manner in which graduate student representation was allocated. Senator Weinstein suggested that representation be allocated by building and not by department. It seems that with the many interdisciplinary programs at Georgia Tech many students do not know how to find their representative or their representative could be in a building across campus. Many senators expressed a similar concern, but there were also concerns about the practicality of apportionment by building.

The Feigh **MOVED** to adjourn at 12:28. There was no objection.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.