

Minutes
Graduate Student Senate Meeting
Tuesday, 22 August 2006

Chairman Bechtel called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 1113. Secretary Jenson was recording the minutes. The roll was called and the following senators were present or entered the meeting at a later time: Brancato, Carnasciali, Chandler, Dam, Feigh, Granier, Greco, Gupta, Herndon, Hubble, Jenson, McKenzie, Norville, Padove, Skinner and Wornyo. Senators Bivek, Geyer, Kim, Kothari, Vishwanathan, Warta, Weinstein and Willimas were absent. President Keller was in attendance. The minutes of the 4 April 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports

- Coordinating Officer (Bechtel):
 - Undergraduates passed most bills. The budget also passed.
- Secretary (Jenson):
 - Told t about senators about the Senate's absence policy.
- Treasurer (Palmer):
 - No report.
- Vice President (Bechtel):
 - Senators will only be required to stand only if they wish to retain the floor. The Graduate Student Picnic will be on Friday, September 8 from 4:30-8:00 p.m..
- President (Keller):
 - President Keller announced that the Senate had for bills, three of which are appointment bills. There will hopefully be a payroll deduction for insurance by next fall. There is currently an effort to get state support for health insurance next year.
 - The following committee assignments have been made: Senator Herndon- Health Services and Welfare; Chandler- Academic Affairs committee and Brancato- Internal Affairs.

Committee Reports

- Internal Affairs (Brancato): Elections are approaching. Be sure to declare your candidacy by September 11.
- Joint Campus Organizations Committee (Brancato): Student affairs committee met and 25 charters were approved this summer.
- Health Services and Welfare (Herndon): Will be adding a LaTeX class. If you know LaTeX, then you may be able to teach a class. Send health related e-mails to Senator Herndon.

Unfinished Business:

Chairman Bechtel opened officer nominations and voting.

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to consider elections after new business. There was no objection.

Brancato **MOVED** to waive to bylaws and slate and immediately consider **06G107, 06G109** and **06G110**. Senator Jenson objected. The motion passed by a voice vote.

06G107/06U001 - Joint Appointment to Joint Finance Committee Chair (Author: Mitch Keller)

06G109 - Appointments of Graduate Student Senate (Author: Mitch Keller)

06G110/06U005 - Joint Appointment of Joint Campus Organization Chair (Author: Mitch Keller)

Norville moved the previous question.

The slate of 06G107, 06G109 and 06G110 PASSED 15-0.

06G103 - Allocation to the Black Graduate Student Association (Author: Sherron Burgess) Senator Feigh moved to assume authorship. Senator Norville moved to postpone one week. There was no objection.

06G103 was POSTPONED for one week (1st postponement)

New Business:

Officer nominations and voting:

Secretary:

Senator Jenson was nominated. Senator Jenson accepted. Senator Jenson was elected by unanimous acclamation

Coordinating Officer:

Senator Dam was nominated and accepted. Senator David was nominated and declined. Senator Hubble was nominated and accepted. Senators Hubble and Dam requested a week to consider their nominations. Senator Norville **MOVED** to postpone the election of the Coordinating Officer for one week. There was no objection.

Treasurer:

Senator Norville **MOVED** to postpone the election of the Treasurer for one week. There was no objection.

06G108 - Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags (Author: Mitch Keller)

Open Forum:

Senator Feigh asked about account totals. President Keller told Senator Feigh that Sophia has left her job and account totals are hard to get. Senator Greco stated that the library has a take-a-book-leave-a-book program.

The Norville **MOVED** to adjourn at 12:01.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.