

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Student Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 5 September 2006**

Chairman Bechtel 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: Brancato, Carnasciali, Chandler, Dam, David, Feigh, Granier, Greco, Gupta, Herndon, Hubble, Jenson, Kothari, Norville, Padove, Pedicino, Skinner, Warta, Weinstein and Wornyo. Senators Bivek, Geyer, Kim, McKenzie, Vishwanathan and Williams were absent. President Keller was in attendance. The minutes of the 29 August 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Officer Reports**

- Coordinating Officer (Hubble):
  - The undergraduates passed all bills unamended.
- Secretary (Jenson):
  - None.
- Treasurer (Dam):
  - Gave account totals. There is \$17,500 in GLR, \$546,000 in Capital Outlay and \$277,066 in Prior Year.
- Vice President (Bechtel):
  - The Graduate Student Picnic is on Friday from 4:30 to 8:00. We will be using buzz card readers. Please sign up to help.
- President (Keller):
  - The Diversity Forum needs a volunteer. Meets to speak about diversity issues on the Georgia Tech campus. Next Friday is Six Flags night. Still trying to obtain state assistance for health insurance.

**Committee Reports**

- Internal Affairs (Brancato): We will be voting on amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Election packets are due Monday, September 11.
- Health Services and Welfare (Herndon): Senator Herndon is working with Rich Steele to obtain labeling of food ingredients in the Student Center cafeteria.

**Unfinished Business:**

**06G103 - Allocation to the Black Graduate Student Association (Author: Kasi David via Sherron Burgess)**

Senator David **MOVED** to

Amend Line 7 to Decorations	\$36.98
Amend Line 8 to Workshop Presenter	\$250.00
Amend Line 9 to Band	\$200.00
Strike Line 10	
Strike Line 11	
Strike Line 12	
Amend Line 14 to <b>Total</b>	<b>\$586.98</b>

The motion passed by a voice vote.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

This bill is retroactive to last fiscal year.

*Discussion:*

Senator Herndon expressed concern over funding a band. Senator Feigh was concerned that we are using GLR for a small bill, when we traditionally use GLR for events that effect the entire graduate community.

**06G103 PASSED 17-2**

**06G111 - Revised Amendments to the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate (Author: Adam Brancato)**

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to slate **06G111** and **06G112** amend them according to the newest revisions. Senator Jenson objected. Senator Brancato **WITHDREW** his amendment. Senator Brancato **MOVED** to amend **06G111** according to the newest revision. There was no objection. Senator Brancato **MOVED** to accept **06G111** by unanimous acclamation. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**06G111 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION**

**06G112 - Revised Amendments to the Constitution of the Graduate Student Senate (Author: Adam Brancato)**

Senator Brancato **MOVED** to amend **06G112** according to the newest revision. There was no objection. Senator Brancato **MOVED** to accept **06G112** by unanimous acclamation. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**06G112 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION**

**06G113 - Graduate Student Senate Fall 2006 Picnic (Author: Mitch Keller)**

President Keller stated that this is similar to the picnic bill we passed last year, but food costs are higher. Senator Feigh **MOVED** to amend line 7 to \$112.50 and amend line 5 to read "wristband" instead of armband. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Herndon moved to accept by unanimous acclamation. Senator Norville objected. Senator Norville stated that a 10% in food cost was excessive. Senator Greco asked why wristbands are being used. President Keller stated that it's a CRC access issue to identify individuals. The Buzzcard office will allow us to use the readers for free. We have received funding from Auxiliary Services (\$2200) and the Alumni Association (\$3400). Senator Jenson **MOVED** the previous question. The motion passed by voice vote.

**06G113 Passed 17-0**

**New Business:**

None.

**Open Forum:**

Senator David thought the screening of the recent football game at Yellow Jacket Park was a great idea. Senator Feigh concurred. Senator Kothari asked about vegetarian food at the Graduate Student Picnic. Senator Kothari said the veggie burgers supplied by Tech's catering taste bad. Senator Norville expressed concern over the increased food costs and stated that such increases should not be tolerated next year.

Senator Norville **MOVED** to adjourn at 12:13.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.