

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Student Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 26 September 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: Ahmad, Brancato, Burrell, Carnasciali, Chandler, Dam, David, Entrekim, Giorgio, Goldman, Granier, Greco, Gupta (Kapil), Gupta (Kishor), Herndon, Hubble, Jenson, Lucki, Mappus, Marrek, Norville, Orjuela, Padove, Pedicino, Roth, Padove, Sinclair, Sinha, Skinner, Vishwanathan, Weinstein, Wester and Zahorian. Senators Ejimofor, Feigh, Geyer, Kim, Kokko, Kothari, Warta, Wissman, and Wornyo were absent. President Keller was in attendance. The minutes of the 19 September 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.

After the calling of the roll the newly elected senators were duly sworn.

**Officer Reports**

- Coordinating Officer (Hubble):
  - The House meeting was extremely long. The policy regarding religion in the revised JFC policy bothered many in the House. The revised JFC policy is currently in conference committee.
- Secretary (Jenson):
  - E-mail excuses for absences to david.jenson@sga.gatech.edu. The senate absence policy was read to the senators.
- Treasurer (Dam):
  - None.
- Vice President (Bechtel):
  - Bills are available for senators in the SGA office.
- President (Keller):
  - President Keller welcomed the new senators.

**Committee Reports**

- Internal Affairs (Brancato): The elections have been certified.
- Joint Finance (Jones): JFC still needs one graduate member.
- Health Services and Welfare (Herndon): This committee deals with various aspects of student life.
- Academic Affairs (Chandler): Currently working on the Graduate Student Symposium.

**Unfinished Business:**

Senator Norville **MOVED** to waive the bylaws and place **07G007, 07G006, 07G001, 07G002, 07G003, 07G004** and **07G005** in Unfinished Business in the order named. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**07G007- Appointment of Graduate Student Senators (Author: Mitch Keller)**

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

**07G007 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION**

Following passage of **07G007**, the senators named in the bill were duly sworn.

**07G006/06U018 - Joint Resolution expressing Condolences (Author: Mitch Keller)**

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

**07G006 PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION**

**07G001/06U016 - Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Chinese Friendship Association (Author: Ed Greco)**

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

JFC was unable to meet with representatives of this organization, despite efforts to contact the organization.

*Discussion:*

Senator Pedicino **MOVED** to postpone for one week. Senator Norville stated that this event is on September 30th, so the organization probably needs a decision. Senator Greco stated that the bill should be passed according to JFC policy. Senator Norville **MOVED** the previous question. The motion passed by a voice vote  
**07G001 IS POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK (1st Postponement).**

**07G002/06G013 - Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Amateur Radio Club (W4AQL) (Author: Vincent Pedicino)**

The representatives stated that they need a new repeater and this one is on sale. The receiver that the organization currently owns is 25 years old.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

This bill meets JFC policy.

*Questions:*

Senator David asked how long the receiver would be in use. The representative replied that it could last up to 25 years.

**07G002 PASSED 34-0**

**07G003/06U014 - Joint Allocation to Salsa Club's (Author: Karen Feigh)**

Senator Norville **MOVED** to assume authorship. There was no objection.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

Amend Line 4 to Live Band (\$625.00)

Strike Line 9

Strike Line 12

Brancato **MOVED** to amend per JFC and adjust the total accordingly. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**07G003 PASSED 33-1**

**07G004 - Joint Allocation to Students for Justice in Palestine (Author: Adam Brancato)**

*Questions:*

Senator Carnasciali asked who the speaker would be. The representative stated the speaker would be Dr. Jeff Halper.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

Strike Line 7

*Discussion:*

Senator Weinstein was concerned about the content of the speech. Senator Norville objected to Senator Weinstein's statements, as they were not germane to the bill. The Chairman Bechtel ruled that the discussion should not focus on the content of the speech. Senator Brancato **MOVED** to strike line 7 and amend the total accordingly. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Jenson **MOVED** to postpone for one week. Senator Dam stated that we should not postpone this bill. Senator Norville **MOVED** previous question on postponement. The motion failed by a voice vote. Senator Weinstein **MOVED** for a five-minute recess. The motion passed. After the recess, Senator Pedicino **MOVED** to place **07G004** on the table. The motion passed.

**07G005 - Joint Allocation to President's Council Governing Board President's Summit (Author: Karen Feigh)**

Senator David **MOVED** to assume authorship. There was no objection. The representative stated that the President's Summit is a collection of workshops for campus leaders designed to improve the effectiveness of campus organizations.

*Joint Finance Committee Recommendation:*

All items in this bill are gifts. This bill should not be funded.

*Questions:*

Senator Norville asked about the nature of the items in this bill. The representative stated that they are instructional materials designed to improve campus student organizations. The business cards are direct gifts to the summit participants.

*Discussion:*

Senator Norville **MOVED** to strike line 10 and 12 and amend the total accordingly. The motion passed by a voice vote. Senator Jenson **MOVED** the previous question. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**07G005 PASSED 21-0**

Senator David **MOVED** to remove **07G004** from the table. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Senator Weinstein stated that the speaker was no longer a professor and hasn't had any scholarly publications in a decade. Senator Weinstein stated that some schools have invited Hamas to speak on campus. Senator Herndon stated that the Senate would not be denying Dr. Halper the right to speak by failing this bill, we just would not be funding it. Senator Ahmad stated that it would be illegal to invite Hamas to this campus. The organization's representative replied to Senator Weinstein that Dr. Halper was a professor, but left his position to pursue peace full time. Senator Carnasciali **MOVED** the previous question. Senator Herndon rose to a point of personal privilege and requested that the possible topics for Dr. Halper's speech be entered into the record. The representative stated that potential topics could be coexistence, apartheid or militarization. Senator Carnasciali's motion passed by a voice vote.

**07G004 PASSED 17-4**

**New Business:**

None.

**Open Forum:**

None.

Senator Norville **MOVED** to adjourn at 12:42.

Minutes recorded and submitted by David Jenson.