

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Student Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

Chairman Bechtel called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 11:10.

Senators Ahmad, Brancato, Burrell, Calanni, Carnasciali, Chandler, Dam, Ejimofor, Farmer, Feigh, Goldman, Gupta, Herndon, Hubble, Husserl, Jenson, Kokko, Kothari, Mappus, Marek, Pedicino, Sinclair, Sinha, Skinner, Warta, Wester, Wissman, Wornyo, Yerger, and Zahorian were present. Senators Geyer, Granier, Greco, Norville, Padove, Vishwanathan and Walavalkar were absent. President Keller was in attendance.

The Minutes from the February 6th meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports:**

<b>Coord. Officer:</b> <b>(Wester)</b>	UHR passed every bill.
<b>Secretary:</b> <b>(Herndon)</b>	No report
<b>Treasurer:</b> <b>(Dam)</b>	Submit upcoming budgets to Dam or Claudia.
<b>Vice President:</b> <b>(Bechtel)</b>	Ticketing committee is working on reserving tickets for graduate students.
<b>President:</b> <b>(Keller)</b>	Grad ombudsperson is in process; WRECK Radio heard a proposal from PBS re: HD radio; concern about the hasty manner in which the senate adopted the bill on the African American Management Program, perhaps giving the group more funding than they required

**Committee Reports:**

<b>Health-Welfare:</b> <b>(Herndon):</b>	Still working on health care and food issues. Please disregard the email from last week re: health care. If you've been billed, you're covered.
<b>Internal Affairs:</b> <b>(Brancato)</b>	Elections packet for Pres., VP and elections code to come in Mid March.
<b>Housing:</b> <b>(Pedicino)</b>	No Report.
<b>Academic Affairs:</b> <b>(Chandler)</b>	No Report.
<b>Ad-Hoc:</b> <b>(Brancato)</b>	No Report.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- **07G058C Joint Allocation to African American Student Assn. (Herndon)**

Conference Committee came to a compromise at funding the ballroom. Bill FAILED 10-15-2.

- **07G061 Joint Allocation to Rugby Club (Greco)**

Herndon moved to assume authorship. No representative was present, Feigh moved to postpone for a week. Bill was POSTPONED for one week.

- **07G063 Joint Allocation to Safe Space (Chandler)**

Rep: Group no longer gets funding for the project, which was originally funded from the Dean of Student's office one year program grant; also recent lawsuit has caused funding concerns.

JFC: recommended to strike line 4, amend line 5 to 20 pages @ \$.045/pg \* 120 copies = \$108.00.

Brancato MOVED to amend per JFC. Motion AMENDED per JFC. Brancato MOVED to accept by unanimous acclimation. There was an objection. Jensen: Is there a concern that we'll become a party to the lawsuit if we fund this group? Keller: no more than we already are. Bill PASSED 26-1-3

- **07G064 Joint Allocation to Price Alliance (Chandler)**

Rep: this is for an outdoor, easily movable educational display, like you'd see at a convention center. Will be stored in the Pride Alliance office, and will be used monthly on Skiles.

JFC: recommended in full, amend bill to come out of capital outlay account.

Brancato MOVED to amend per JFC. Bill was AMENDED per JFC. Brancato MOVED to accept by unanimous acclimation. There was an objection. Concerns that the display was more expensive than necessary. Bill PASSED 23-6-3.

- **07G065 Joint Allocation to Muslim Student Association (Dam)**

Rep: funding for an event today and next Friday, not religious in content but educational.

JFC: Recommended in full.

Rep: we're also getting \$500.00 for refreshments from the dean.

Bill PASSED 28-3-1.

- **07G066 Joint Allocation to GT Ice Hockey (Herndon)**

No rep. Feigh MOVED to postpone for a week. Bill was POSTPONED.

- **07G068 Joint Allocation to Table Tennis Association (Brancato)**

Rep: New club, needs equipment. More than 20 people showed up for start-up meeting.

JFC: recommend amending line 6 to 8 paddles (\$136.00); amend line 7 to 4 tables (\$3600.00) Amend lines 5 and 8 to come from prior year account; total of \$227.50 will come from prior year account, \$3,736.00 from capital outlay.

Granier MOVED to amend per JFC. Bill was AMENDED per JFC. Bill PASSED 31-1-0.

- **07G067 Joint Allocation to Waterski Club (Brancato)**

We haven't asked for any money from SGA in 9 years. With the buy-back programs that are listed in the packet, we're looking at getting a 90% of the value of the boats back each year, and the club will pay the \$3000-\$4000 each year to upgrade to a new model. Prior boat was damaged in hurricane a few years ago, didn't realize it until recently.

JFC recommends in full.

Pedicino MOVED to end questioning. Motion PASSED. Pedicino MOVED to limit discussion to 10 minutes. Motion PASSED.

Group did not collect insurance on boat that was damaged in hurricane, because they did not use boat enough to realize that it has been damaged. Boats requested do waterskiing or wakeboarding, can't have a single boat do both well. Discounts from dealership are for Tech only, not standard, and will carry through the life of the buy-back discount program (e.g. next year, they will receive a similar discount). Buyback program and discounts will last indefinitely.

Noted that group raised \$1,000.00 from alumni, has been in operation since 1970s; if group kept better tabs on alumni, they would be able to raise more money. New boats will have insurance. Group says they will not come back for several years. Ahmad MOVED to strike line 6. Motion to amend FAILED.

Jenson MOVED the previous question. Motion passed 14-6. Bill FAILED 12-13-1

#### **New Business:**

- **07G070 Joint Allocation to AIAA (Feigh)**
- **07G071 Joint Allocation to Nat. Soc. of Scabbard and Blade (Wissmann)**

- **07G072 Joint Allocation to GT Men's Ultimate Team (Farmer)**
- **07G073 Joint Allocation to Culture Tech (Farmer)**
- **07G074 Joint Allocation to Relay for Life Committee (Farmer)**
- **07G075 Joint Allocation to Culture Tech (b) (Farmer)**
- **07G076 Joint Allocation to GT Cycling Club (Farmer)**

**Open Forum:**

- Note that grad symposium information is now online, get professors to volunteer to judge.
- Post information for Latex classes.

There was a motion to adjourn at 12:12.