

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Student Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 2007**

Chairman Bechtel called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Senate of the Georgia Institute of Technology to order at 11:09.

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

The Minutes from the January 30th meeting were approved.

**Guest speaker:**

Melissa More spoke on behalf of Auxiliary Services. More information can be found on the Auxiliary Services website.

**Officer Reports:**

- Coord. Officer:** The House tabled the ASHA for Education bill, passed the Women's Soccer bill, and failed the Chinese Friendship and Scholars bill.  
**(Wester)**
- Secretary:** Minutes will not continue to be taken in the detailed way they have in the past.  
**(Herndon)**
- Treasurer:** Give suggestions or requests for Tier II budgets to Binh.  
**(Dam)**
- Vice President:** Parking permits for next year will go to \$560, Motorcycle permits up \$10. Parking decks and underground decks require debt service, and have to be paid for. Ticketing committee will be meeting on Thursday. Security issues in the parking deck have to go through campus police. Q: Is it possible to extend the Green Route for the Singer after 5:30? A: to do that, fees will have to go up.  
**(Bechtel)**
- President:** Construction costs re: parking are due to a Board of Regents policy which does not allow the funding of parking decks with buildings. Payroll Deduction is moving forward for all bursar bills, which may include all mandatory student fees. Target Fall 2007. Graduate student ombudsperson search moving forward. MSFAC met last week and voted 9-3 to raise the Athletic Fee—the full amount requested by athletics—administration hopes to increase stipends to offset this. The Tech fund (public season ticket increases) went public today, can be read in the AJC.  
**(Keller)**

## Committee Reports:

<b>Health-Welfare: (Herndon)</b>	Contraceptive prices at student health center will increase due to new law. Expect changes in next few months.
<b>Internal Affairs: (Brancato)</b>	No report.
<b>Housing: (Pedicino)</b>	No report.
<b>Academic Affairs: (Chandler)</b>	Fliers are complete for symposium, will be emailing to the list.
<b>Ad-Hoc: (Brancato)</b>	No report.

## Unfinished Business:

- **07G056/06U079 Joint Allocation to GT Equestrian Club (Herndon)**

Rep: Boots are special in order to prevent people from getting dragged. Saddles are for English riding, mid- to low-price saddles, wouldn't last three years otherwise. Stirrups, etc. are necessary for safety.

JFC recommended the bill in full.

Q: Why are boots and helmets not personal? A: We're mostly the same size, so we can share them. We want to be able to help subsidize people who can't afford this personal gear. Q: Six show shirts, those aren't personal items? A: That's right, they're kept by the club. Herndon: move to approve by U.A. Objection.

Comments: Boots and helmets aren't the same size. We've funded similar things in the past for the Driving Club. Only reason we funded those there was because it was a safety issue. Discussion as to whether these items were safety items or not.

Bill PASSED 25-1-2.

- **07G058/06U081 Joint Allocation to African American Student Association (Herndon)**

Onyx Ball Bill, effort to promote diversity on campus. Last year we had the event at the Alumni House, but it was too crowded. This year, want to hold the event at the Biltmore, nicer venue, and it was too late to schedule the Student Center Ballroom.

JFC: Recommended to amend line 5 to 4 @ \$25/hour. \$100; amend line 6 to 4 @\$ 5; amend line 7 to 2 @ \$18; amend line 11 to 5000@ 4.5 cents = \$225; amend line 13 to \$500 for student center ballroom. Total of \$1118.50 from PY account.

There was a MOTION to amend per JFC. Comments: How could 400 people fit into venue on campus? Ballroom holds 500. We don't want to set a venue to start paying for expensive venues. We don't want to set the precedent of paying for really nice places just because the group feels like it needs it. Bill was AMENDED per JFC.

There was a MOTION to Amend line 13 to \$3500. Amendment FAILED.

Bill PASSED 6-3-1.

- **07G059/06U082 Joint Allocation to African American Student Association (Herndon)**

Event to be held Feb 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. GA Tech Alumni House and College of Management. Joint effort with Black Graduate Student Association.

JFC recommends: amend line 6 to \$3000 at request of org. line 7 strike Robert Greene – this money is for travel, amend line 9 to 25@4.5.@ 393.75, line 11, strike food, 11,413. Note that ticket prices don't meet with policy.

Concern that the organization was requesting more money than it actually needed for the full cost of the event, after deducting promised corporate sponsorship. Organization noted that corporate sponsorships were sometimes difficult to collect, even though they had been funded.

There was a MOTION to amend per JFC. Bill AMENDED per JFC.

JFC Chair: To meet with ticket policy, ticket price for non-Tech students would be more than \$55.00 per person. Discussion that other conferences had become self-sustaining in this amount of time, and this one had not.

Bill PASSED 18-5-3.

- **07G060/06U083 Joint Allocation to GT American Medical Students Association (Herndon)**

Bill is for a visit to Vanderbilt's Medical School. Apparently the text of the bill is incorrect. Replacement text is:

“One thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars zero cents (\$1,675.00) be allocated from the Prior Year Account to American Medical Student Association for a visit the Vanderbilt School of Medicine.

Breakdown is as follows:

Bus Rental \$1,675.00

Total \$1,675.00”

Group says they're charging for food, and that a similar trip charged \$20 to visit the Medical College of Georgia last semester.

JFC recommended amending per the travel guidelines to \$697.20.

Discussion on making an exception in this case to fund the full amount. Keller said that he would veto something that violated the travel guidelines. Concern about funding GA Tech students to look at graduate schools. Other side suggests that the organization decides what its own goals are, and this isn't a ridiculous goal, and should be funded.

Bill was AMENDED per JFC. Bill came to a vote. Bill FAILED 10-11-3.

- **07G054/06U077 Joint Allocation to Student Center Programs Concert Committee (Norville)**

Rep: We've polled and gotten responses. The Killers and TI were most wanted, April 18 and April 21. Date will depend on the artist. This is \$10,000 less than we asked for last year.

Concerns about management last year, how many people will pay to see the outdoor concert when they can hear it for free. Opponents said that past experience shows that people will pay, and that the group has been better-managed this year.

Bill PASSED 18-3

#### **New Business:**

- **07G061 Joint Allocation to Rugby Club (Greco)**
- **07G063 Joint Allocation to Safe Space (Chandler)**
- **07G064 Joint Allocation to Pride Alliance (Chandler)**
- **07G065 Joint Allocation to Muslim Student Association (Dam)**
- **07G066 Joint Allocation to GT Ice Hockey (Herndon)**
- **07G068 Joint Allocation to Table Tennis Association (Brancato)**
- **07G067 Joint Allocation to Waterski Club (Brancato)**

#### **Open Forum:**

People needed for the Joint Finance Committee.

It would be nice to have JFC Recs online, at least for the SGA members.

Secretary: if you come in late, please sign in!

Meeting adjourned at 12:35.