

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

University of Connecticut

Executive Board Minutes

12 February 2014

I. President: Jason Charrette

a. Agenda

i. presidents update

II. Vice President: Steven Mollmann

a. Hiring Committee for Assistant for Graduate Services

- i. One of the candidates withdrew, so we only have one interview, not sure what we are going to do
- ii. Anish: who was the person?
- iii. Steve: She worked in the business school and did there what we need for them to do here. Her name is Meg Warren, not sure why she withdrew
- iv. Anish: What about the lady that came here for professional development? She mentioned interest in the position
- v. Danielle: is there a way where we can voice our opinion or favor in a particular candidate?
- vi. Steve: yes but I don't think it will happen, it was a bad search, it was a very unqualified search, five met the minimum, narrowed it down to two. Not sure what we are going to do

b. Health Insurance Presentation

- i. Had a really good response, seem liked GAs were slightly more satisfied all together
- ii. Safet: part of the problem is not from payroll deductions
- iii. Jason: If you want to opt out had to do it by Sept. 9
- iv. Steve: in the past they took it out of payroll but it was invisible to you, going to have sift through the written comments
- v. Danielle: could you share it with us?
- vi. Anish: a lot of people just got this 2,500 dollar change on their fee bill too
- vii. Jason: it is a mistake and going to be changed

c. Agenda

i. Assistant for Graduate Career Services, health insurance presentation

III. Treasurer: Safet Beriša

a. Budget

 Received about 25 budgets, lots of work needs to be done with the Finance committee, but won't be doing majority of it until the BOT approves the increase

b. SASFAC

i. Went well except for one person not keen on the loan fund

c. Office Assistant

i. We have about 26 applications for office assistant

d. EGSA COR application

i. 2 for and 3 against, not funded

e. ACANR

i. everyone in favor for 75%

f. Writing Center

- i. I think we are in agreement about wanting to fund it, why not add it in the finance policies to fund them, we just want them to submit a budget to the finance committee
- ii. Jason: I agree
- iii. Steve: so what are we going to do this year?



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- iv. Steve: I agree, there needs to be a change
- v. Ian: could send that around exec and then email it out?
- vi. Safet: got it
- vii. Steve: are we going to fund it?
- viii. Safet: we are going to consider to fund them
- ix. Ian: if we can't we will have too..
- x. Steve: we can put it in special allocation
- xi. Safet: we can have another tier II group that can do it with them

g. Chinese Association

- i. Have someone asking for 9,500 dollars, they asked but have not followed up for us
- h. Agenda: Fiscal year 15, Finance Presentations, SASFEC

IV. Secretary: Danielle Wong

- a. Ordered Key chains
- b. Agenda
 - i. Agenda, Key Chains

V. Activities Director: Anish Kurian

- a. Grad Prom
 - Going to send around an email, times people can help need to help get balloons from Big Y, all the decorations are here and I ordered a bunch of decorations, theme was convenient, will also email activities committee. Going to be setting up around 2pm in Rome Ballroom
 - ii. Safet: do we need to keep track of who won? No one asked last year
 - iii. Steve: getting balloons at what time?
 - iv. Anish: 1:30-2, going to go when we have enough people will be happening on March 4

b. Co-sponsored Speech

i. It is going to be about communicating science

c. Agenda

i. Activities committee, Mohegan Sun Trip Recap, Grad Prom, GSS & Grad School cosponsored speaker: Ellen Prager

VI. Parliamentarian: Ian Gutierrez

- a. Elections
 - i. Received 4-5 declarations of intent for at large senator, all will be elected since we have that many seats
 - ii. Steve: what about BOT?
 - iii. Ian: Feb 21 at 5pm to certify candidates for trustees

b. Bylaws and Constitutions

- i. Discussed changes in length
- c. Agenda:
 - i. Constitution, Bylaws and Amendments, presidential pay, elections