

**Attendance:**

- **Present:** Jason Charrette, Talea Cornelius, Michael Ambroselli, Nicole Flaig, Patrick Butler, Tony Patelunas, Vanessa Lovelace, Morad Behandish, Thomas Briggs (minute-taker)
- **Absent:** Danielle Wong, Phillip Price and Greg Treich

**Minutes approved for 3-25-2015**

**President: Jason Charrette**

- Welcoming the new GSS Executive.
  - Jason explained to the new GSS Executive the purpose and structure of GSS Executive Committee meetings, and that the new GSS Executive are free to conduct the meetings as they wish as long as it is held in accordance with the GSS constitution and bylaws.
- Transition Plans.
  - Jason briefly outlined the transition plan for the new GSS Executive, including a final exchange of keys for the GSS Office. However this shall be discussed in more detail during the GSS Executive Transition Meeting at 4pm on 26<sup>th</sup> April. The GSS Executive Transition meal will be held at Chuck's Steak House.
- Guest speaker Monique Goldman.
  - Jason read out a statement by Monique Goldman regarding the recent incidents of hateful behavior and discrimination. He reported that she had asked GSS to endorse her statement. He commented that UConn had conducted 3 investigations already and their reports had produced no actionable recommendations. He asked whether the GSS Executive wants to support or modify the statement to pass it as a motion in GSS. He advised caution regarding GSS passing motions not written by GSS senators. Vanessa Lovelace spoke of the seriousness of the culture of violence on campus. Patrick Butler and Nicole Flaig recommended the GSS discuss the statement in New Business at the next GSS meeting where Monique Goldman will be a guest speaker.
- Guest speaker USG.
  - USG will also be guest speakers at the next GSS meeting to discuss the proposed Graduate-Undergraduate Liaison Committee. Morad Behandish mentioned the need to explain to both the GSS and the guest speakers from USG about the teaching resources which are currently available to TA's as well as new project proposed by the graduate school.
  - USG can also comment on the statement by Monique Goldman.
- Agenda:
  - New Business: Monique Goldman's statement
  - Director's Agenda: President's Report. Farewell/Inspirational speech.

**Vice President: Talea Cornelius**

- WRTD Storrs-Willimantic Bus.
  - Talea informed the Executive that she will be attending a meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April between bus service stakeholders and UConn Transport. Vanessa Lovelace mentioned that she is able to attend if required
- Glasses survey.
  - Talea said she received a response from Michael Kurland at UConn Health Services regarding the proposed eye tests. He informed her that this is not a possibility due to budget cuts
- Agenda: Transport meeting, glasses survey, farewell speech

**Treasurer: Michael Ambroselli**

- GSS Budget
  - Michael said we have the same budget as last year.
- Special Allocation Request from Agricultural and Resource Economics Graduate Students Association (AREGSA).
  - The GSS Executive agreed to allow this to be presented for approval in the next GSS meeting.
- International Chinese Student Association (ICSA)
  - Michael stated that the Chinese Student Association have the largest budget. However the Executive Committee expressed concerns that they no ICOSA senators attend GSS meetings as is required for them to receive a budget. The Executive stated that Danielle Wong should look into their attendance record to see if they have or have not met their GSS attendance requirements. This issue shall be discussed at the next GSS meeting to decide whether action should be taken. Morad Behandish recommended the attendance sheet should be changed to include a separate category for the GSA on attendance sheet to make records more clear
- Agenda:
  - New Business: AREGSA Special allocation request, ICOSA's GSS attendance.
  - Director's Agenda: Budget presentation, farewell speech

**Communications Director: Danielle Wong** (*In Danielle's absence Thomas Briggs read out her report emailed in advance.*)

- Tumblers
  - We received our tumblers. Danielle will bring some to next meeting to hand out to the senators, could leave some for next year to pass out during GAIN in addition to the extra totebags we have
- Thank-you card.

- Danielle will be bringing thank you cards for us to sign for Kent and Victoria for our GSS meeting in preparation for our Breakfast with them on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- GSS Award
  - The awards committee chose our awardee: Casey Green from history. Danielle will be inviting her to the GSS meeting. In addition each member is writing up a small blurb to recognize all of the other nominees to be put on our website. Danielle will be purchasing the certificate. Also the Awards Committee will be offering suggested bylaw revisions
- GSS Executive Transitions
  - Exec transitions are planned for 4pm on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Agenda:
  - New Business: Bylaw Suggestions, GSS Service Award, Communications
  - Director Agenda: Attendance, Committee Report Form, Tumblers, Farewell speech

**Activities Director: Nicole Flaig**

- Social Hour
  - Nicole said the next social hour shall be at the Nathan Hale on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- GAIN
  - She is able to help Morad organize GAIN.
- Budget
  - The activities budget came in \$1,000 under budget.
- Agenda: Social Hour, activities budget, farewell speech

**Parliamentarian: Patrick Butler**

- GSS Executive pay
  - GSS is to decide on Treasurer's pay.
- Committee for election reform.
  - Pat spoke in response to the suggestion that a separate external committee be formed to decide on election reform. He said it may not be needed as there is already an exploratory committee set up to discuss such changes to the GSS constitution.
- Agenda: Vote on GSS Executive stipends, farewell speech