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University of Connecticut

Executive Board Minutes 22 January 2014

I. President: Jason Charrette

- **a.** Fee increase proposal
 - i. GSS fee proposal, need to defend fee and needs to happen next week, Safet and Jason are going to work on it
 - ii. Anish: do you need my budget
 - iii. Safet: no it is more about projections
 - iv. Jason: Safet and I will meet to do this, there is going to be a Town Hall meeting that we need to attend, it is going to be the first week of February
 - v. Danielle: do we all need to go?
 - vi. Jason: Nope it is not necessary
- b. Insurance
 - i. Rose found out and she was really mad. I have emailed Ed Cochran and we are going to be having a meeting with Mun Choi and David Clokey. There is going to be another Town Hall meeting. We have an SEC meeting this Friday and I am going to raise this issue
 - ii. Anish: This is really going to affect people, will this be in their offer letters, is this not going to ruin their competitiveness?
 - iii. Jason: Well the stipend levels are not competitive for my department
 - iv. Steve: People who have kids are going to be the ones who are look
 - v. Safet: Foreigners with families
 - vi. Jason: This is going to be super concentrated
 - vii. Safet: Yes foreigners with families
 - viii. Jason: How do you think people are going to react?
 - ix. Ian: A lot of people are fired up, I am not going to release but just have the gist of it to the taskforce

c. Graduate Assistant

- i. We will be delayed in getting a new Bing
- ii. Safet: I will be the interim new Bing for now
- iii. Jason: I don't think we need the old Bing to train the new Bing so we should be okay
- iv. Safet: The ETA for a new Bing will be the last week of February
- d. Agenda
 - i. Grad assistant, presidents update

II. Vice President: Steven Mollmann

a. Hiring Committee for Assistant for Graduate Services

- i. Had two phone interviews this morning and will have three more tomorrow
- b. University Senate
 - i. I am supposed to serve on University Senate, they meet the first Monday of every month at 4pm, I have class this semester can someone fill in?
 - ii. Danielle: I can, Jason, do you have to email someone to make sure I can be there?
 - iii. Jason: I will do that
- c. Agenda
 - i. Assistant for Graduate Career Services
- III. Treasurer: Safet Beriša
 - a. Graduate Loans



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i. So I got an email from Beth about people being being delinquent on their GSS loans. So far it totals to be \$20,710.08 and it goes back to 1985. I don't think we can do anything since we are not part of the loan enterprise that is with the bursar. Right now we are not going to give out loans to people who are delinquent.

b. Marathon Emails

- i. We will not be funding the person that keeps emailing us from the triathlon team. I guess the undergraduates are funded by USG but graduate students are, for some reason not funded. I looked it up and apparently it is not a competition that they qualified for but one that anyone can go. It is in Arizona so that is why they want 800 dollars.
- i. Everyone: no
- ii. Steve: it is against finances procedures, can see in the future changing that if there is influx in cash but seeing that is not going to happen
- c. Agenda: Budgets, Loans

IV. Secretary: Danielle Wong

a. Committee Report Forms

- i. I have not been getting any committee report forms, so I am unsure if that means people are not going to their committees, or if there is nothing going on, or if they are forgetting to fill them out
- ii. Jason: well it would be okay if there is nothing going on
- iii. Danielle: Yes, but I am unsure if people are just not going because then that would be bad, I will just announce it in meeting
- b. PR Committee
 - i. I will be meeting with the PR committee next week so we can figure out what we can order for Grad Prom promotions
- c. Agenda
 - i. PR Committee, committee report form, agenda

V. Activities Director: Anish Kurian

a. Professional Development Event

i. Had the professional development event, went pretty well, about 50 people, in the ballpark of where we thought, probably would have been more if the weather was better, Sandy was there too

b. Ted's Social Night

- i. Union contacted me to get the word out, having a Ted's Social Night next Tuesday 6-8pm, the Board of Trustees meeting is the following day, can go to the public comment
- ii. They are also going to be having their own happy hour
- c. Moheagan Trip
 - i. only about 15-20 tickets left, expect to sell out tomorrow, and it will be at the end of the month
- d. Grad Prom Stuff
 - i. need to get on the ball about ordering stuff, Safet signing all of the contracts, DJ, catering, Rome Ballroom all good, Green Screen people after edit contract should be okay
- e. Agenda
 - i. will email to you
- VI. Parliamentarian: Ian Gutierrez
 - a. Elections



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- i. Elections coming this semester for student trustee, senator at large, I will talk about those at the next GSS meeting
- ii. Jason: Is this the election that is with the BOT Trustee?
- iii. Ian: Yes, Declarations of intent February 7, candidate applications February 21, same date for trustee nominee, if we want to have a nominee from GSS, need to get that motion done
- iv. Steve: have any students from Storrs declared?
- v. Ian: Now that I know
- vi. Steve: How many signatures do they need?
- vii. Ian: not sure, need to get that, will have the numbers for you
- viii. Steve: need to get the information out, will go to listserv and daily digest
- ix. Ian: maximum they can get 200 dollars
- x. Steve: be shady giving one candidate money
- xi. Jason: consequence?
- xii. Steve: could be a little dicey, we could get disqualified
- xiii. Ian: that's why there is a cap for money, that's why it is written for the money
- xiv. Steve: not sure if that it is our role as a grad student government
- xv. Safet: but it's for graduate student interests
- xvi. Steve: it could go wrong, it may backfire, that's what happened last time, shouldn't do something that may lead to that or if were not sure
- xvii. Jason: need to be made clear
- xviii. Ian: want me to contact Christine Wilson?
- xix. Safet: problem in the last election was the second vote
- xx. Ian: another question we should answer: even if we not decide to give them money, can we use GSS resources to support the candidate
- xxi. Anish: I think the only rule is not use a mass list serv
- xxii. Danielle: can use the union list serv
- xxiii. Steve: can also go department, can ask, there are a lot of rules that we need to make sure
- xxiv. Jason: make sure you get a lot of rules
- xxv. Anish: are we still getting two, not sure?
- xxvi. Safet: that was the undergrads

b. Procedures Committee

- i. Met to discuss for revisions to constitution and bylaws, present the revisions at the February meeting and vote in the March meeting, basically after next meeting but before elections and budget
- c. Agenda:
 - i. senator at large elections, graduate trustee elections, constitution and bylaws