

Meeting Description

11/02/2016
GSS Office
5:00 PM

- President's Report (Chriss Sneed)
 - ◆ ISSS/International Student Leadership Updates – Chriss, Jordan and Don met with Kent Holsinger and Victoria Blodgett and it is still unclear where the correspondence regarding international student service on the executive board originally came from and this must be identified before the problem can be addressed.
 - Chriss requested the issue be considered as a topic for TAFS but was denied.
 - ◆ Moving Office furniture – by 10/31 – We set the time for November 11th at 11:00a.m.
 - ◆ Impending Provost Search – The faculty senate is pondering this very hard.
 - ◆ University Senate Meeting – 11/7 – Chriss and Matthew will be attending.
- Fiscal Matters (given by Chriss, guest-starring Ross)
 - ◆ Quarterly Bills (3 + 4) are due
 - ◆ Outstanding Checks – there are still a couple of checks that have not been cashed.
 - ◆ Old reimbursements – There are still a couple of reimbursements that have been done from the summer, and they are starting to come in now for the fall semester. Some are missing documentation. Outstanding reimbursements include:
 - Chriss (summer event)
 - Avery point (September)
- Vice President (Matthew Parent)
 - ◆ Report on 10/28 SEC meeting – Matthew spoke at the meeting. There wasn't much relevant to graduates. They spoke about the tenure process and its inconsistent and unclear. They are however talking about how in the fall the only break is for thanksgiving, they may try to add a couple of days somewhere in the fall.
 - ◆ Internal Committee Reports – We will remind people that they will need to turn these in.
 - ◆ GSS Participation
 - At-Large Senators – There is a student from a branch campus that is interested.
 - Committees – Jordan will disseminate the current participation list.
 - ◆ Meeting with Christine Wilson – The tipping issue has been resolved. She has had a meeting with all of her staff to discuss GSS and indicated they should not make decisions under the purview of the executive board. Triad trainings are not required. The only challenge is the

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UCONN tech system doesn't separate graduate and undergraduate students, meaning the executive board will receive reminder and warning emails about the trainings. It also has been communicated that graduate-only trainings will be in April, which many graduate students have indicated does not fit with our transition schedule.

- Matthew and Dr. Wilson also discussed trying to get a couple of quarterly bills paid without compromising Deepthi as the treasurer. Matthew now has signing power. Ross will help with processing.
- Chriss will contact Kimberly Miller in the SABO office to indicate we are not comfortable with Ross being essentially an acting treasurer and do not think it is consistent with our by-laws. We are working on alternatives.
- We will contact TSA and Tarang work on paying the outside vendors. We may be able to do a PO after the fact.
- Communications Director (Jordan Rees)
 - ◆ Communications regarding Tier II Finance Requests – Certain Tier-II organizations and certain vendors are in the SABO system. We still need someone to act in liason, who would normally be the treasurer.
 - We need to contact Tier-II NOW to tell them not to go through the reimbursement process. We will provide instructions to Tier-IIs about how to process direct payments. In addition to the the official forms, they will need the page of the April 20, 2016 minutes approving the GSO's budget and a print out of the event (from the GSO's budget section from the full budget in the GSS minutes).
 - The executive board will provide a workshop in our next meeting and an additional training thereafter.
 - ◆ Communications regarding ISSS issue – Jordan will send another update.
- Activities Director (Bahareh Deljoo)
 - ◆ Halloween, debrief – Because we didn't have a Halloween party, we will replace it with another event, possibly jointly with sage. Ideas include an event at a restaurant maybe, or an end of the semester party.
 - ◆ Thanksgiving, updates – The room reserved. Bahareh has spoken with catering and the order has been place. She submitted almost the same thing as last year, and is waiting to hear back on the official quote. Bahareh expects to hear by Friday. This will set the room and the food. Bahareh will need help for the executive committee and others on the day of the event. Chriss will provide music.

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- ◆ Transportation group – Wednesday the 9th, the event will be at the same time and place as last time, with the same type and amount of food (which has been ordered).
- Parliamentarian (Don Hoy)
 - ◆ Attendance report – Don needs constituency forms from several GSOs/departments and Don will contact CFOs regarding attendance.
 - ◆ other Bylaw Amendments
 - officer awards – Don is moving forward with drafting changes in how the president and treasurer are paid (at the end of each semester instead of monthly).
- Other Business
 - ◆ Happy Hour “Co-Working Group” Next Week – We will have an attendance sheet
 - There will be an update from the research group and possibly others
 - ◆ Summer AD Award Process – Don will email Kimberly Miller about Chriss being voted summer AD
 - ◆ GSS Loan Form Corrections (due to Kim Miller by 10/30) – see next point
 - ◆ Possible meeting with Bursar and SABO (GSS Loan/Credit Line)
 - We are going to wait on the vote in the language change until feasibility has been established with the bursar.
 - ◆ Budget Review
 - We have a question about the workers’ compensation line item in this year’s budget
 - We need to take a look and make sure groups are meeting their budgets. If not, what should we do with the extra money?
 - ◆ Book Room for Grad Prom – Bahareh will handle this.