**Monday, April 9th, 2018**

**Present:** Deepthi Varghese, Justin Fang, Ngoc Chau Vy, Alexis Ernst, Graham O’Toole and Vignesh Vasu

**Meeting began 10:20 am, GSS Office**

**I. Vice President**

**II. President**

1. Proposed fee increase
2. Transportation update
   1. N. Eagleville Rd will be closed as soon Commencement concludes.
   2. Hillside Rd will be closed from Glenbrook Rd to Gilbert St.
   3. Due to these closures, there is uncertainty as to whether bus routes will be running.
   4. Jen Caffyn will be attending another meeting this week and will give us an update as soon as she knows.
3. Executive Committee travel reimbursement – Deepthi will ask Kim to give us, in writing, a list of requirements to process travel reimbursements so that we can make a checklist for current and future E-Board members.
4. Short Term loan – There were some minor hiccups with regards to access of the online forms for Elizabeth, Justin and Deepthi.
5. UConn School of Social Work – The person who came up with this decided not to come to a GSS meeting to tell their story.
6. Visa Compliance Fee meeting
   1. In addition to Deepthi, this meeting included the University’s CFO, some his assistants, a representative from Global Affairs and two representatives from USG.
   2. Something that was learned from this meeting was that when it was initially proposed for non-GA/TA/RAs, there was little to no pushback so it easily went forward with implementation.
   3. For every point that was brought up by the students fighting against this fee, there was an answer provided by the Finance team.
   4. The outcome from this meeting is that while it can’t be removed at this time, we can still work to reduce it.
7. Breakfast with President Susan Herbst
   1. President Herbst will not be able to make it to the next Senate meeting, but to make up for it, she invited us to a breakfast.
   2. This is open to every Senate member and we will make the announcement on Wednesday and ask Senators/E-Board members who are interested in attending to sign up at the end of the meeting.
   3. We need to give a number of attendees to her assistant to order food. We should also ask for dietary restrictions.
   4. The breakfast is Tuesday April 17th at 8:30 am in SU 206.
8. Final meeting with new Executive committee and transition dinner
   1. We will meet with the new E-Board at 6 pm this Wednesday before the GSS meeting.
   2. The transition meeting and dinner will take place on the week of April 23rd.
9. Outgoing meeting report is

**III. Treasurer**

1. Update on Reimbursements
2. Tier II Budgets
   1. Justin and Elizabeth are finishing up the compiled comprehensive spreadsheet for next year’s GSS budget.
   2. We will be voting on this during the final meeting this week.
3. Quarterly Bill
   1. The previous one is all set and will be submitted today.
   2. A new one just came in and will be presented to the Senate this coming Wednesday.
4. SASFAC – The GSS budget is finally approved.
5. Special Allocations
   1. EEB – $700 SA for 1st ever campus cleanup. Inviting grad students from this and related organizations. The expected number of graduate student attendees is 30. E-Board voted yes unanimously. There was a concern about what is allowed in terms of t-shirts.
   2. GBA – $750 SA for finals breakfast for 100 grad students. E-Board voted yes unanimously.
   3. AAPS
      1. There was a question on whether they qualify for funding because of their senator-ship status and attendance. We double checked and did find their Constituency Registration form but Senators were not filled in. Still, because they turned one in and the person who emailed us this form attended 3 meetings last semester, we voted to qualify them for funding.
      2. The expected number of grad students is 50.
      3. A number of cuts were made due to the cost per student and categorical considerations.

**IV. Activities Director**

1. We are waiting on an updated bill from University Catering for the discrepancy between what we were quoted and what was actually serviced.
2. Kim/SABO mentioned that next year, there may be the option of online ticketing.

**V. Communications Director**

1. GSS Graduate Community Service Award
   1. The nomination period has closed as of yesterday.
   2. The committee will review the nominations and make a decision by Tuesday night.
2. GSS Service Award – The vote for this will take place during the GSS meeting this Wednesday.
3. Promotional Items – The order for this will be placed before the GSS meeting this Wednesday.
4. Travel presentation – I will be presenting on my trip to San Francisco this Wednesday as well.

**VI. Parliamentarian**

1. The E-Board has approved the revised Constitution. It will be presented at the meeting this Wednesday.
2. There is insufficient time to revise the by-laws and this will be the high priority item for the next Parliamentarian.

**Meeting adjourned – 12:48 pm**