Minutes
Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Clemson University Student Senate Chambers
Attendees: Senators and general public

1. Call to Order—Cody A. Woods, President of the Senate
   a. Senate meeting begins at 8:03 pm

2. Call of the Roll

3. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. Minutes from 1-31-2019 – APPROVED
   b. Minutes from 2-14-2019 – APPROVED

4. Special Guest – Dan Hoffman, Director of Parking and Transportation Services
   a. Due to a family emergency, Dan will not present. Please send positive thoughts towards him and his family.

5. President’s Report—Bryce Conti, Graduate Student Body President
   a. I have been working with the Rules and Procedures committee on the new GSG structure which will merge the two separate bodies into one.
   b. When we broke this down, we wanted to see who would be at the front of the senate.
   c. From that, we split the committee chairs into “internal affairs” and “external affairs”. Internal affairs would be much of what we have right now internally including finance, research, GTGs, rules and procedures, etc. External affairs would be much of the current committees we’re trying to build out this year like health and human services, grad student life, parking and transport, etc. Internal affairs would report to the VP and external affairs would report to President. Every external affair committee chair will liaise with the university administrator that has control over that area.
   d. We are also allowing the leadership structure to be flexible such that if you need more people to run the government there is the ability to do so.
   e. Do you see any downfalls with this model?
      • Yes… this reorganization can only function well if the President and VP are invested in the system and care about GSG. I’m also concerned that with such a large leadership body that if we have a meeting, there will just be chatter in the meeting and nothing will get done (too many cooks in the kitchen).
   f. How frequently do you think you’ll be meeting with the senate leadership and the committee chairs?
      • It depends on whether or not we reduce the number of senate meetings. I think we would need meetings every 2 weeks for the senate leadership and then less frequent meetings with the group as a whole.
   g. Another downfall is if the senators in GSG drop the ball and don’t do a good job training the next set of senators, we
   h. How many people do you expect to be on the external affairs committees?
      • Right now, I expect 8, but I’m ok with expanding the number as senate grows. I want to make sure there’s an even distribution among committees, but as the senate body grows, we need to have space for all the senators.

6. Executive Reports
   a. Chief of Staff, Chris Egan
   b. Deputy Chief of Staff, Katie Jurewicz
As an update for GSG Achievement Awards, we have five people so far for the committee but we could use more people to go through applications to ensure a fair and thorough process. Email me (kjurewi@g.clemson.edu) if you are interested in volunteering on the awards committee.

c. Director of Communications, Gray Lee
   i. Send announcements to Gray to get included on the weekly GSG email (vglee@clemson.edu). Preferably send on Sunday night, but at the latest before 8 am on Monday.

d. Community Outreach, Courtney Allen
   i. Tuesday, March 5 – Homework Help from 3 – 5 pm at the Little John Community Center (644 Old Greenville Hwy, Clemson, SC 29631).
      Contact: Ms. A
   ii. Wednesday, March 6 – Homework Help from 3 – 5 pm at the Little John Community Center (644 Old Greenville Hwy, Clemson, SC 29631).
      Contact: Ms. A
   iii. We’re trying to create some individual community service events for those of you who can’t make the group events. We’ll be updating that soon.
   iv. Due to low interest, the alternative Spring Break Trip has been cancelled. If you had signed up, you should have already been contacted by the alternative break office.
   v. Please contact Courtney Allen (callen7@clemson.edu) to sign up for these events.

e. Research Initiatives, Shraddhaa Narasimha and Jaime Idarraga
   i. Thanks for the support and encouragement to have students sign up. We’re over 100 registrants and thank you.
   ii. We reached out to Toastmasters club and they’re very excited to collaborate with us so there will be 3 prizes (1st: $300, 2nd: $200, 3rd: $100).
   iii. We have lots of money for prizes so you should totally sign up.
   iv. Adobe Clemson is offering a poster design Grad 360 workshop on March 7th at 5:30 pm. Register on Grad 360.
   v. GRADS is coming up in April 3rd & 4th. Be sure to sign up to participate by March 5th here:
      https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYEj71uVX4rwvRYp21NtdKHagJ4cr4wl-OypW/viewform?usp=sf_link

f. Director of Finance, Amir Malek

g. Webmaster, Courtney Linder
   i. Minutes will be posted to the website and are located here:
      https://gsg.people.clemson.edu/resources.php
   ii. If you have questions or problems with the GSG website, please email Courtney at clinder@g.clemson.edu and she’ll gladly work with you.
   iii. If you don’t see yourself on the Legislative tab (https://gsg.people.clemson.edu/legislative.php) send Courtney an email with your username and she’ll update it.

7. Steering Reports
   a. GTG Committee, Stephanie Schenck, Awards Chair and John Sherwood,
      Applicant Reviewer Chair
      i. The summer application period will open March 11th.
      ii. We’ll be hosting two help sessions: one on March 11th and one on March 19th. The 11th will be more introductory and the 19th will be more a peer-review application process.
      iii. Neither John nor I will be the chairs next year and we need time to train the next chairs. If you’re interested in being a GTG committee chair (either Awards or Applicant/Reviewer) please join the committee now.
      iv. There are a TON of moving parts and it’s important that we start training the new people now.

   b. Activities Committee, Sruthy Orozhiyathumana Agnisarman
      i. Our wine and paint night is next week. Spots are full so please no walk ins.
• Friday, April 26 – End of the year party at Palmetto's Event Center and Catering. More details to follow.

• Please Sruthy is working on the events for the semester. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact her at sorozhi@clemson.edu

c. Finance Committee, Anastasia Frank-Kamenetskii

• Next Finance Committee Hearing for Organizational Funding Requests will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 8pm in Student Union.

• Recognition of new organizations will be in March. What a great time to deal with TigerQuest.

• We have lots of money so please apply for funding in the next two meetings.

d. Rules and Procedures Committee, John Porter III

• Collaboration sheet is live on the GSG website and can be found on the main GSG webpage in the “Senate Updates” box

• Legislation that is up for debate is also located there

• We have a new email address! Email is gsgrules@clemson.edu (yes, GSG does rule 😉)

e. Sustainability Taskforce

8. Old Business

a. GB 339 – A Bill to Approve Allocation of Funds – PASSES

b. GR 87 – A Resolution to Establish Special Committees – PASSES

9. New Business

a. GB 340 – A Bill to Establish a Training Program for GSG Members – PASSES

b. GR 88 – A Resolution to Establish a GSG Reorganization Committee – PASSES

10. Other Announcements and Open Remarks

a. Senate Secretary Ehler: If you have events that you would like to share with the Graduate Student community, I WILL ADD THEM TO THE MEETING AGENDAS! Please email me at kehlert@g.clemson.edu with what you would like to include, and it will be placed in this section. During the meeting, you can give more details and answer any questions. Items received by Tuesday at 8 pm will be included in the agenda that will be distributed on Wednesday. Other items will be included in the meeting minutes.

b. Senator Antonio – The Material Research Society (MRS) is having a Poster Competition focused on science and engineering research with abstracts due on March 1st. The event itself is on March 14th at 5 PM in the Watt Center and there will prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graduate students ($500 for first place) as well as 1st and 2nd for undergraduates. There will be food available for those at the event. Sign up here: https://goo.gl/forms/kuHagsIp08ZGrmT13

c. Senator Norman – we met with Dean Osborne a few days ago related to the graduate student fee. Bad news first, it won’t go away in the next year or two. Good news, the fee may go away in the next five years, if we’re good. We’re going to write a letter to a number of the university leaders. Also, in Forestry, we have to travel for our research and there used to be an “off-campus research fee” and that is most likely getting removed this summer which is not cool because we can’t access all the services that we pay for on the full fee.

• They’re also trying to figure out ways to make the fee less difficult to pay by adjusting the payment plan

d. Senator Allard: There will be a presentation on Presidential Communication and Character on March 5th from 4 – 5 pm in Kinard Hall.

e. Senator Sammons: March 8th and March 11th from 4 – 6 pm The office of Diversity and Inclusion is hosting two showings of Race: the Power of Illusion.

f. Senator Britt: Dan Hoffman is hoping to come back. We are making some headways with the parking and transportation committee. He said that students who need to get on campus on gamedays for research, he said that he would get that done no problem. Also, in the next 3 – 5 years, all faculty parking will be removed from the center of campus. So think about how that will impact how parking options will change.

g. President Conti: Don’t forget about elections. Cody and I are graduating in May and will not be back in the fall. We need to be replaced.
h. Senator DeMaria: Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor society, gives funding for individuals or organizations. If you want funding for doing research abroad and you miss the GTG deadlines or if your organization’s event goals might not align with GSG funding guidelines, consider applying for funding with us.

i. Senator Pham: ITSAB funds many of the IT projects on campus and we have 3 positions that have voting rights on how those funds are used. We currently have only two spots filled. Most of ITSAB is Male and engineers so if you’re a GSG senator and not one of those, you’d be VERY welcome.

j. Gannt Multicultural Center Events
   • Ally Training – Mondays, March 25th and April 22nd at Various Times in Daniel Hall 213
   • Sunday, April 7 – 26th Annual International Festival from 12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. at Bowman Field

11. Good of the Senate

12. Adjournment – Adjourns at 9:28 pm