

## Minutes



### General Assembly, 12-06-2007

The Corresponding Secretary Jennifer Talley check GSS-GA assistance for quorum, and at 11:40 am, the GA was in quorum.

1. Call to convene. Welcome and introduction of GSS Executive Board and School of Graduate Studies Deans.
2. University strategic plan. Richard Baznik was not present to discuss this item.
3. Represented Departments and Programs – Kevin Speer.
4. Jennifer Talley presented the V-fund award request. The Organizations & Allocations committee will meet and defined the V-fund awards.
5. Propose amendment to the GSS bylaws. Jennifer presented to the GA a proposition to change the VII Recognition of Students Organizations, the changed was presented, and the floor was opened for discussion. During the discussion different options discussed during the executive board meeting last week were presented:
  - Two different due days for application for Students organization GSS recognition, one in Fall and one in Spring.
  - Leave the article as it is
  - Change the bylaw with the proposed amendment to have flexibility in the application process.

Motion to voted was proposed and seconded, the change to bylaws was voted and did not pass.

6. Update: GSS Mentoring committee. The mentoring committee is working in drafting a mentoring handbook for students and for faculty, and the goal is to present it in Spring 2008 to the CWRU Executive Committee for approval, and start implementation in Fall 2008. This handbook aims to improve the relationships between graduate student and professor in the academic environment at Case. The mentoring committee is working in a survey to be sent in the near future to all graduate students by email. The survey will ask for ways to improve the relationship between students and their mentors. Prizes will be given to some of the students that answer the survey. The survey will serve as a

source of information about mentoring at CWRU right now. In January 17<sup>th</sup> the GSS will have a special GA section to debate about the mentoring handbook, for this GA the handbook will be sent to all graduate students one week in advance. The approval of the handbook will be voted in the February GSS-GA. Information about this special GA will be sent with the survey.

7. Update: RTA bus passes for graduate students. In a meeting with RTA and Case as well as GSS representative it was discussed the possibility of issuing RTA passes for graduate students. If approved by the GSS-GA the pass will be mandatory for graduate students and will cost \$25 per semester. The GSS in coordination with Case and RTA will hold a “town meeting” for a QA section about the RTA pass, this meeting will be in February. After the meeting the mandatory RTA pass will be vote by the GSS-GA, and if this passes all students will be charged for it starting in Fall 2008. Dean Rosek will prefer to have an email vote in which all graduate students could participate.

8. Report: Activities committee grad night out, Food Drive, and Case at the Q. The grad night out was a success, and about 200 students were in the event. At the event \$ 100 were collected for the Cleveland food bank, and the event was \$ 500 under budget. There were two problems to be corrected next time: not enough food and not enough bowling lanes. The GSS food drive donated in total to the Cleveland food bank \$ 1,700, and 400 lb of food. Case at the Q: 200 tickets were sold and we have 100 more. The day of the game students will have the court to play after the game. The \$ 500 not used in the grad night out will be used in this event to reserve a room in a bar for students to gather after the game.

9. Update: Faculty Senate Committee on Research. The committee on research is currently discussing the implementation of policies regarding mentoring, and collaborative research at CWRU. The GSS representatives will serve as a bridge between the GSS and this committee in these important issues. Jose Gomez asked for volunteers to belong to this committee.

The CWRU chief of Information Security informed to the GSS-GA that starting in summer 2008 the university will no longer used the SS# as the number in the students ID, instead we will be issued a employee number. Students will have a new ID with the change in the SS#, some offices will continue using the SS# when required.