

MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Jeff Perlman (President), Fatima (Vice President), Nuri Emanetoglu (Treasurer), Sachin Mamidwar (Secretary),

I. DETERMINATION OF CORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 7.15 PM. Jeff Perlman chairs the meeting.

II. REPORTS

A) Executive Report

Secretary of the GSA, Sachin Mamidwar tabled the minutes of the September meeting. President Jeff Perlman moved the motion to accept the minutes. Treasurer Nuri seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Jeff Perlman explains what efforts he is doing to increase the participation among graduate students. He is trying to meet more graduate students. He is meeting the graduate students staying on campus. He is visiting different on campus housings and holding the meetings there. As a part of it, he is conducting meeting on Starkey apartments soon. He is also going to meet with housing chair soon to discuss the issues pertaining to graduate students.

He also explains that there is an operational website of GSA now. He also explains about the vacancies on the committees like the Student Center Governing Committee.

Jeff and Nuri explain about the TA's issues. They explain what undergraduates are doing to raise the standards of the TA's. they also explain that some of the proposals of the undergraduate TA report were good and some were not very realistic. They are both working on this matter. Jeff is also discussing the matter with Dean Dr. Bender. They also had a meeting with Douglas undergraduates. Michelle of LGSA raises a question. She says that all of their demands may not be unrealistic and we should have open forum to discuss the issues. Jeff says that we will have an open forum soon.

B)

1) Social/ Cultural:

Mansha Seth is recognized. Jeff explains the idea behind starting this committee. The idea is to have all graduate students involved in an event irrespective of their origin, Department etc. Mansha tells about the

Piano concert that was held on 28th July. She explains that there was a good response to this concert. She also explains about the next event 'JAM' that will be held in the early November.

2) Publications Office Report:

Anand, the chair of this committee, explains about the new website of the GSA that has been activated recently.

3) TAGARI/ Students affairs:

Sean Way is appointed as the chair of this committee.

4) Treasurer Report:

Nuri goes through the budget. Food and Science GSA budget was discussed. Jeff, Nuri, Fatima, Jeff Wayne ask questions about the job fair that they are holding. The issue is weather to move the event to lecture and productions event. Floor votes on the issue. 12 students say yes, 10 say no. The event was moved to lecture and productions event. He moves the motion to accept the report. Fatima seconded the motion. The motion is passed.

5) Recognition of New Chapters:

Motion is tabled to recognize Minority GSA. No member was present.

6) International Student Affairs:

Gary gives the report of this committee. He tells that pizza hour was held and there was good response to this event.

7) Senate/ Executive council/ Parking/ Instructional Computing Committee:

Jeff is member of the University Senate. He explains what happened in the meeting.

Debora is working on parking committee.

Fatima is working on Instructional computing committee.

Jeff says health services committee needs a member.

8) Administrative Assistant:

Dijha asks the office bearers of different GSA's to give their email ids so that she can add them to the RUGSA mailing list.

QUESTION TIME :

Jeff Wayne explains about the LISSA event that will be held this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9.10, the chair moves the adjournment. The motion is unanimously adopted.