



General Meeting Minutes Graduate Student Senate

May 5th, 2024 | UC 402/403 and Zoom | 1:30-2:32 pm

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** [6:30]
 - a. Andy, Teresa, Nash, Ana, Shivani, Clayton, Ajeet
 - b. Advisors: Richie, Marci

- 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes** [6:30-6:35]
 - a. Ruth motions to approve last week's minutes and this week's agenda
 - i. Alex seconds
 - ii. The motion is passed

- 3. Open Forum**
 - a. GSS Senate discussed writing a resolution in regards to supporting Gaza, freeing Palestine, freeing all people in general from Control to Tigray
 - i. Due to time constraints, this resolution will be held until the next Academic School Year.
 - ii. Shivani will be heading the resolution
 - b. Open positions for next school year
 - i. Vice President of Mission

- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Ajeet shared the budget for the upcoming school year and the budget from this past school year.
 - i. The decision to separate conference and certification funding, with adjustments to the support services budget, including reductions in various areas to reallocate funds for supporting food pantry at additional campuses.
 - b. Conference Funding
 - i. \$35,000 allocated
 - ii. In this school year,
 1. College of Arts and Sciences has used 19%
 2. School of Nursing
 - a. 98% of the money went into the nursing certification process
 - b. Certification funding is \$5,000
 - i. \$100 limit per student
 - iii. Feedback and Questions:
 1. How much money is GSS diverting into food pantries?
 - a. \$5,500



- i. Diving that for Sacramento and Orange County
- 2. Why are certain amounts of money not used?
 - a. Many reasons can lead to this case. For example, if there are renewal incentives for 45 organizations, then there should be a certain amount of funding set aside. However, if we don't have that number of organizations renewing, then funds remain there. It has been allocated; however, it has been used instead of being able to be used for other initiatives.
 - i. In summary, if allocated funds are not used, then it goes into reserves. Funding needs to be set aside and approved for use in the specific proposed. The total amount allocated for next year is larger than GSS's revenue from the graduate student fees.
- iv. Clayton motions to approve the amendments added to the budget for 2024
 - 1. Ruth seconds
 - a. The motion is passed
 - 2. Ana motions to approve the entire budget for the 2024-2025 AGS USF budget
 - a. Clayton seconds
 - i. The motion is approved

5. New Business

- a. Andy CHan provided an overview of the challenges and needs of AAPI students at USF
 - i. Shared demographic data
 - ii. Retention rates
 - iii. Grant application from the U.S. Department of Education
- b. Sacramento Food Pantry Resolution by Andrew Hall
 - i. The necessity for an annual budget amendment
 - ii. Alex motions to suspend the 23-34 GSS Resolution bylaws to vote on Food Pantry Resolution
 - 1. Ruth seconds
 - a. The motion is passed.

6. Announcements

- a. N/A

[7:57-8:00]

7. Adjournment

- a. Clayton motions to adjourn the meeting
 - i. Alex seconds
 - 1. The motion is passed.

[8:00]