



GSS General Senate Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2025 | Hybrid: [Zoom Link](#) or UC 4th floor room 402/403 |

6:30 - 8:30pm PT

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** [6:40 pm-6:49 pm]
 - a. **Executive:** Kojo, Ana, Mrigank, Shivani, Alvin
 - b. **Senators:** Paul, Jaylene, Satinderpal, Valentina, Wyatt, Dede, Edvina
 - c. **Support Staff:** Richie, Miz, Mya
 - d. Introduction of Senators, what are you looking forward to for the Spring semester?
2. **[Land Recognition Statement](#)** [6:50 pm]
3. **Approval of Agenda** [6:50 pm]
 - a. Senator Jaylene motioned to approve the agenda
 - i. Senator Edvina seconded
 1. Agenda was approved unanimously
4. **Guest Speaker: Bob Just, Change the World From Here Institute** [6:50 pm - 7:15 pm]
 - a. Focus areas:
 - i. Gallup's Clifton Strengths
 - ii. Values-based Leadership
 - iii. Jesuit leadership frameworks,
 - b. Programs highlighted:
 - i. The change institute
 - ii. Magis
 - iii. Mcgrath Scholars Program

- iv. Mcgrath Graduate Fellowship Program
- v. Self-transformation & Empowerment Program (STEP)
- vi. Community Leadership Program
- c. Free Workshops:
 - i. Introduction to Emotional Intelligence (EQ)
 - ii. Introduction to CliftonStrengths
- d. Q&A Session
 - i. **Senator Edvina:** Asked how the program differs from mentorship programs and what the application focuses on.
 - ii. **Response:** Mentorship is foundational to leadership development. The Community Leadership Program involves direct mentorship with undergraduate students. Students gain extensive professional and leadership preparation. Graduate applicants are evaluated for humility and empathy, qualities that strongly distinguish candidates.

5. **Senator Report** [7:15pm - 7:22pm]

- a. Senators shared highlights and concluding reflections on the fall semester:
 - i. Senator Jaylene: Focused on connecting with students and developing a coffee/tea station. Planning kitchen updates and community-building projects for spring.
 - ii. Senator Edvina: Despite joining mid-semester, she has engaged with students across cohorts; she and Senator Sophia are preparing initiatives for spring.
 - iii. Senator Satinderpalkaur: Will gain a partner senator next semester; working on an early-semester event.
 - iv. Senators Wyatt & Valentina: Met regularly to explore ways to better connect with students; plan to use their budget to support student needs with new initiatives.
 - v. Senators Paul & Dede: Hosted multiple events; one was postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled for spring.

6. **Committee Reports** [7:22pm - 7:27pm]

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. Event funding: \$16,543
 - ii. Conference funding: \$12,731
 - iii. Development funding: \$2,063

- iv. Certification funding: \$1,663
- v. Senators were encouraged to inform GSO members about available development and certification funds.
- b. Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. Filled an additional senator position.
 - ii. One position remains open and will be filled in the spring.
- c. External Affairs Committee
 - i. Discussing advertising strategies for next semester.
 - ii. Working on LinkedIn engagement and promotional posts for funding opportunities.
- d. Mission Committee
 - i. Met with Lester Dean regarding upcoming resolutions and communication with students.

7. Approval

[7:27 pm - 7:33 pm]

- a. Senator Valentina exception
 - i. Senator Valentina requested an exception due to a mandatory class conflict with General Senate and committee meetings. She will attend the first 30 minutes of meetings to participate in voting, and agendas will be adjusted so voting items occur first.
 - ii. Senator Satinderpalkaur motioned to open the vote
 - 1. Senator Paul seconded
 - a. In Favor: 6
 - b. Opposed: 0
 - c. Abstained: 1
 - i. After discussion, Senator Valentina's expectation was approved by majority vote.

8. Advisor Remarks

[7:33 pm - 7:36 pm]

- a. Tickets for the Chase Center.
 - i. Richie reminded senators about 50 free Chase Center tickets for the December 17 game at 4 PM, available for senators and one guest.
 - ii. He noted this is the final week senators have allocated work hours; no GSS work should occur until the first week of classes on January 26.

9. Closing Announcements

[7:36 pm - 7:44 pm]

- a. Fall Teambuilding: Doodle results - December 6, 2025 from 2pm to 6pm (6 available)
 - b. Spring Training: Sunday, January 25, 2026, 10am to 5pm
10. **Next meeting:** Monday, January 26, 6:30pm