

Meeting Minutes

GSO Funding Committee Meeting 3

Teche Room (116)

April 15, 2024. 3pm CST

Attendance:

Madeline Starck (for Morgan Burroughs) [Music], Tyrone Wilson [Architecture], Elizabeth Boyd [Chemical Engineering], Kevin Torgersen [Biology], Md Monzur Murshed [Mathematics], Ahmed Hossain [Civil Engineering], Noah Hall (for Jon Patric Veal) [Psychology], Clement Okolo [GSO-P], Precious Batubo [GSO-T/Geosciences]

Began at 3:00pm

Review Budget Spreadsheet

- Precious reviewed the applications GSO received to be voted upon at the third GSO meeting. She also pointed out that GSO has run out of funds to fund any more applications this semester.
- The percentage of the budget that each category received was discussed. Precious pointed out that programming receives 2% which in this case was lesser than the minimum amount a student could apply for.
- After discussions with the committee members, Precious proposed a vote to move unused supplemental funds (from the supplemental budget) from other categories to fund other categories where there is need based on a first come, first serve basis at the third general meeting. This was voted in favor unanimously by all 9 members present.

Funding opportunities: Grad school doctoral grant

- Discussions were had about maximizing the grad school doctoral grant to benefit the GSO and fund more travel applications. We talked about potentially funding more master's students since doctoral students have another source of funding. It was proposed to add to our funding application a question that asks if a student has applied for and has been awarded the grad school doctoral grant and if yes, the student will not be considered for the travel category for said semester, however they still are eligible for other GSO funding categories. The funding committee voted to add this to the GSO bylaws, essentially to prioritize students without any funds over students who got full or partial funding from the grad school doctoral grant. The vote was unanimous in favor by all members present.

Vote on GSO Reps to review and sign off on student's funding applications.

- We discussed the involvement of the GSO reps in the funding application submission process. Currently, a lot of students send in incomplete/incorrect applications, so it was proposed that the reps let the students of their departments know at the beginning of a semester that before sending in your applications to GSO, said rep has to review it and write a statement acknowledging that the application has been reviewed.

- A few recommendations were made concerning how the reps can achieve this, one of which was to send an email to their students letting them know their available hours and for the students to send their applications to the reps some hours before it's been submitted to GSO.
- The committee voted in favor to include this in the bylaws and it was unanimous.

Q/A

- There was a recommendation by a member to potentially increase GSO fees from the current \$15. This will be discussed further by the general house at the general meeting.
- Another rep proposed to increase the current printing funding limit in the research & supplies category from \$100 to \$160. This way, every application under the research & supplies category gets \$160.