

## **Graduate Student Organization**

Fall 2024 General Meeting 3

Friday, Nov.22, 2024, at 12:30 P.M.

Location: Helma Constantine, RM 209A, Student Union

- 1. Call Meeting to Order: 12:42 PM**
- 2. Attendance** [establish quorum: 50% +1 of current membership]

**Clement Okolo, President**

**Abdelrahman Garbie, Vice President**

**Farooq Azam Khanzada, Treasurer, CIVE**

**Traelyn Brasseaux, Secretary, CMIX**

**Tessa Rock, Public Relations Chair**

**Tyrone Wilson, ARCH**

**Proxy Eric Haddad, BIOL**

**Proxy Payton Nelson, COMD**

**Proxy Nuzhat Tabassum, COMM**

**Sabreelyn Villalpando, COUN**

**Proxy Kristel Gatdula, CHEE**

**Heaven Rodrigue, CJUS**

**Shayan Ebrahimi, EECE**

**Bilal Khan, ENGL**

**Precious Batubo, GEOL**

**Sohel Ahmed, ITEC**

**Taylor Townsend, HIST**

**Pierre-Olivier Pire, MODL**

**John Miller, PHYS**

- 3. President's Welcome:** Clement Tochukwu Okolo
- 4. President's Report:** Clement Tochukwu Okolo
  - Student-Faculty Relationship Town-Hall
    - Town Hall will be held in the Spring semester
      - Point brought up by a member that bringing up general issues with professors may not address specific issues that can go unnoticed.
      - GSO will always put the students' needs first, and we will do what is right for them.
  - GSO Fundraising Account
    - A fundraising account will be created for holding GSO revenue generated from T-shirt sales, bake and sales, and other future activities.
- 5. Vice President's Report:** Abdel Garbie
  - Advocacy Concerns Update
    - Abdel, graduating in the Spring, would like to leave a groundwork for transportation for students through the Lafayette area.
- 6. Communications Report:** Tessa Rock

- a. GSO Shirt & Logo Competition Update
  - i The competition has begun and when completed we will move forward with the winner and sale of the T-shirt.
  - ii Tablecloth has been ordered with a new GSO Logo.
- b. Social Event for Rep
  - i We'll have a social event for GSO Reps so we can get to know each other, likely around Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- c. Updating Website Photo
  - i A photographer will be at the meeting to take photos to update photos on the GSO website

**7. Treasurer's Report: Farooq A. Khanzada**

- a. Status of current applications [see budget spreadsheet]
- b. Update on Funding Committee Proposal for GSO fee increase
  - i A draft has been made for students as we move forward with the plan to increase the GSO fee. The process will be moved to the Spring to allow more time for us to research similar universities and their Graduate Student Organization fees. An alternative pitch to increase GSO revenue will be for online and part-time degree students to pay the GSO fee as stated in the constitution.
- c. Tier list update
  - i Funding committee is currently working on a new Tier List to assess funding on a more equitable basis. Will need to research our options to find what is in the best interests of graduate students as a whole.
- d. Proposed by-law updated to allow GSO fund for exams that enrich future degree programs such as GRE, GMAT, MCAT, etc. [see proposed statement in quote]
  - i *"Funding for professional certification or exam (including licensure exam) for professional or academic development that is related to thesis or dissertation research, required for degree fulfillment or partial degree fulfillment, or provide demonstrated enrichment of a student's current and future degree program, under the discretion of the funding committee."*

**8. Old Business**

**9. New Business**

- a. Vote—Funding Applications [see budget spreadsheet]

**GSO APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT 11/22/2024 MEETING**

App #	Date	Time	Name	ULID	UL Email	Funding Category	Dept	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
1	10/8/24	22:20	Syed Abdul Sami Rizvi	C00524600	C00524600@louisiana.edu	Travel with Academic Duties	Computing & Informatics	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
2	10/18/24	19:06	Shekufeh Shafeie	C00145769	C00145769@louisiana.edu	Travel with Academic Duties	Computing & Informatics	\$500.00	\$500.00
3	10/25/24	13:13	Taiwo Oluynka	C00529088	C00529088@louisiana.edu	Travel without Academic Duties	Communication	\$100.00	\$100.00
4	10/26/24	12:14	Kevin Torgersen	C00479749	C00479749@louisiana.edu	Travel with Academic Duties	Biology	\$240.00	\$240.00
5	10/30/24	11:44	Xueao Cao	C00541993	C00541993@louisiana.edu	Travel with Academic Duties	Communicative Disorders	\$500.00	\$500.00
6	11/5/24	13:37	Chiraz Amani	C00530014	C00530014@louisiana.edu	Travel with Academic Duties	Modern Languages	\$498.00	\$300.00
7	11/14/24	15:37	Upasana Ganguly	C00303889	C00303889@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Biology	\$100.00	\$100.00
8	11/15/24	9:04	Forrest Greene	C00305412	C00305412@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
9	11/15/24	9:59	Gabrielle LeBlanc	C00433278	C00433278@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
10	11/15/24	11:02	Xandria Stephens	C00427979	C00427979@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
11	11/15/24	11:09	Emmanuel Jenkins	C00441641	C00441641@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
12	11/15/24	11:20	Caroline Daigle	C00433173	C00433173@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
13	11/15/24	11:24	Tyrene Wilson	C00443807	C00443807@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
14	11/15/24	11:33	Abby Brannon	C00430322	C00430322@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
15	11/15/24	11:38	Kristen Lyon	C00267911	C00267911@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
16	11/15/24	11:48	Elise Baranco	C00405647	C00405647@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
17	11/15/24	11:51	Matthew Dufrene	C00407109	C00407109@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
18	11/15/24	12:11	Jillian Olivier	C00401644	C00401644@louisiana.edu	Research & Supplies	Architecture	\$160.00	\$160.00
19	10/18/24	20:08	David Appiah	C00537043	C00537043@louisiana.edu	Professional Development	Civil Engineering	\$100.00	\$100.00
20	11/7/24	10:31	Lisa Stephanie Dizon	C00474816	C00474816@louisiana.edu	Professional Development	Chemical Engineering	\$98.00	\$98.00
21	11/7/24	15:45	Kristel Gatluda	C00508511	C00508511@louisiana.edu	Professional Development	Chemical Engineering	\$100.00	\$100.00
22	11/14/24	16:16	Taiwo Oluynka	C00529088	C00529088@louisiana.edu	Professional Development	Communication	\$50.00	\$50.00
23	11/15/24	11:27	Tyrene Wilson	C00443807	C00443807@louisiana.edu	Professional Development	Architecture	\$100.00	\$100.00
24	11/3/24	19:58	Tessa Rock	C00519245	C00519245@louisiana.edu	GSO Operations Budget	Biology	\$243.50	\$243.50
25	11/15/24	21:03	Tessa Rock	C00519245	C00519245@louisiana.edu	GSO Operations Budget	Biology	\$15.09	\$15.09
26	11/19/24	20:26	Tessa Rock	C00519245	C00519245@louisiana.edu	GSO Operations Budget	Biology	\$277.00	\$277.00
27	11/21/24	12:37	Tessa Rock	C00519245	C00519245@louisiana.edu	GSO Operations Budget	Biology	\$8.81	\$8.81

- i Under Travel:  
A biology graduate student, Kevin applied for the Doctoral Research grant but has yet to receive a decision. The General Council voted that if Kevin is accepted for the Doctoral Travel and Research Grant, his funding application next semester will receive the same deprioritization that he would have received this semester. The treasurer will communicate this update to him.
- b. Proposed GSO By-Law update to allow GSO fund exams such as GRE, GMAT, etc.
  - i The council has voted to approve the new update.
- c. Recognition of Outstanding GSO Reps from Shoutout Your Rep Campaign
  - i Congratulations to Farooq, Abdel, Kevin, Mary, and Pierre!
- d. GSO Graduation Stole Pickup
  - i Congratulations to our graduating representatives – Sabreelyn, Tyrone, Sumona, Shayan!

#### **10. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions**

#### **11. Announcements**

- a. After this meeting, the GSO President will follow up via email to reps with notes you can relay to your departments' students
- b. Representatives are responsible for finding a successor and ensuring that they understand their responsibilities [see [By-law](#)]

#### **12. Adjournment: 1:55 PM**