

Fall 2024 Meeting 3 Minutes and Agenda

GSO Funding Committee Meeting

In-person (Student Union, Teche Room 116)

November 18, 2024. 3 pm CST

Attendance:

Clement T. Okolo (President, GSO)

Farooq Azam Khanzada (Treasurer, Civil Engineering)

Traelyn Brasseaux (Secretary, Computing & Informatics)

Mary McMahon (Communicative Disorders)

Elizabeth Boyd (Chemical Engineering)

Shayan Ebrahimi (Electrical Engineering)

John Miller (Physics)

Taylor Townsend (History)

Tyrone Z Wilson (Architecture)

Kevin Torgersen (Biology)

Bilal Khan (English)

The meeting started at 3:05 pm

- Review Budget Spreadsheet
 - 9 applications for travel with academic duties were received (including three unfunded applications from meeting 2)
 - 13 applications for Research & Supplies Funds were received (including one unfunded application from meeting 2)
 - Tyrone Z Wilson said that the boards are not reusable and are required for master's thesis defense. Therefore, committee recommended to fund all the complete and correct applications from architecture department requesting the funds for the boards.

- Clement T. Okolo (President, GSO) approved the recommendation to allow Jillian Olivier and Syed Abdul Sami to submit their supporting documents till midnight Wednesday (11-20-2024)
 - After Tyrone Z Wilson (GSO representative for Architecture) explained that Gabrielle LeBlanc made an honest mistake by selecting the wrong purpose of request (funding subcategory) while submitting the GSO application. The GSO funding committee recommended to be consider Gabrielle’s application in the correct funding category (research-supplies, initially submitted to research-printing) which makes her eligible for the \$160 she asked for. GSO will inform her by email about this update.
 - 5 applications for Professional Development Funds were received (including one unfunded application from meeting 2)
 - 2 applications for Programming Funds were received
- Updates about modifying definition of “Professional Development” funding category.
 - The funding committee voted to modify the definition to include “any exams that enriches a student’s future degree programs, under the discretion of the funding committee”.
- Updates about increasing the GSO fee.
 - The funding committee recommended to increase the GSO fee by \$10.
 - The funding committee recommended comparing the GSO fee (individual and total collected) with other universities in the UL system, LSU, and R1 universities.
 - The funding committee recommends waiting till the first funding committee meeting of Spring 2025 to share further updates after researching more about the GSO fees of other universities and coming up with a stronger case for the fee increase.
- Updates about the Tier List.
 - John Miller, Mary McMahon, and Shayan Ebrahimi discussed their proposals for updating the tier list.

- Clement T. Okolo instructed the funding committee to reduce the complexity of calculations to determine the new tier list. This is to reduce the workload on the treasurer while evaluating each application.
- John Miller, Mary McMahon, and Shayan Ebrahimi agreed to come up with a tier list structure that is fair and easy to implement.

The meeting ended at 5:05 pm