Meeting Minutes–GSO General Meeting 2
October 28, 2022

Called to order by the GSO President at 12:02 pm.

1. President's welcome–**Clement Tochukwu Okolo**

2. President's Report–**Clement Tochukwu Okolo**
    - Description of open executive board positions ahead of voting

    - Discussion of GSO stoles
        - Approved by GSO executive board
        - Approved by the graduate school
        - The cost of the stole is $3,708.99, shipping cost to be determined
        - Asked for graduate school to share 50% of cost.

    - Trivia Night
        - Planned for November 18
        - A partnership between GSO Executive Board and graduate school
        - Similar format to those in the past

3. Events from the Graduate School–**Assistant Dean Dr. Philip de Mahy**
    - Trivia Night
        - Similar format to those in the past
        - Used as an opportunity to interact with constituents
        - Location is TBD; but will be downtown

    - ACA event
        - Week before trivia night
        - Another event to interact with graduate students and the community at large
        - Link was posted to zoom chat

    - Three Minute Thesis (3MT)
        - Opportunity to improve public speaking/community outreach
        - Hosted one workshop already, more to come in the next few weeks

4. VP report–**Remil Aguda**
    - Emergency funds
    - Food assistance on campus
    - Events from Office of Diversity
    - Resources from the Guilbeau Center for Public History

5. Treasurer Report–**Stacy Calhoun-Grosch**
    - New method for contacting representatives about funding applications from their departments
    - Applications received for the second meeting
        - 50 applications total
        - Travel funds were exhausted
            - 15 travel applications could not be funded with the current encumbrance
        - 16 applications could not be funded due to withdrawals, type of funding requested (funding for course trip), or not having a representative
    - Description of GSO budget
        - $112,211.00 in GSO account currently
        - The $16,000 for the semester is based on fees assessed to graduate students in the present semester
        - It is suggested that GSO can use the money in the account to fund outstanding applications now, while working on developing ways to use the account money to provide long-term funding to GSO.
    - Presentations of new bylaw addition
        - Addition to Section VI of GSO Bylaws to give guidance for how and when GSO can use money in the GSO account to fund outstanding applications once a funding category allocation is exhausted

6. Secretary Report–**Clement Tochukwu Okolo**
    - If not done so already, GSO members need to complete Hazing Prevention Training

7. PR Report–**Clement Tochukwu Okolo**
    - Respond to form sent out by Jeremy LaBorde for transition profile if interested in participating.

8. Old Business
    - N/A

9. New Business
    - Voting on funding applications
        - Travel applications approved–except those with issues or those GSO cannot currently fund with allotted category funding
        - Research applications approved–except for one withdrawn application
        - Professional Development applications approved–except for those with issues or withdrawn applications

App #	Date	Time	Name	Funding Category	Dept	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
1	08/30/22	19:07	Ambika Dahal	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	MCHE	$500.00	$300.00
2	09/08/22	20:01	Hans Prevost	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	BIOL	$300.00	$300.00
3	09/13/22	16:37	Hingurala Amarasiri	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	MCHE	$400.00	$300.00
4	09/16/22	9:46	Darren Osei Asamoah	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Research	PETE	$500.00	$400.00
5	09/16/22	11:22	Emeka Ezeanya	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	MCHE	$400.00	$300.00
6	09/15/22	12:03	Elizabeth Boyd	Professional Development-Membership	CHEE	$60.00	$60.00
7	09/21/22	11:36	Alexandra Dufour	Professional Development-Exams	BUS	$100.00	$100.00
8	09/21/22	19:39	Thanawat Chanikaphon	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	CMIX	$400.00	$400.00
9	09/21/22	20:26	Katherine Chung	Travel w/out Academic Duties-Conference	EDU	$100.00	$100.00
10	09/27/22	11:48	Devin Peck	Research Supplies-Equipment	CHEE	$160.00	$160.00
11	09/27/22	11:49	Devin Peck	Research Supplies-Printing	CHEE	$100.00	$100.00
12	09/28/22	14:02	Vijay Srinvas	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	CMIX	$500.00	$500.00
13	10/03/22	11:18	Faryal Atif	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	ENGL	$400.00	$400.00
14	10/03/22	17:38	Muhammad Faizan Asghar	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	CIVE	$500.00	$500.00
15	10/05/22	11:57	Kimberly Hamm	Research Supplies-Equipment	BIOL	$153.00	$153.00
16	10/20/22	12:00	Jeremey Laborde	Research Supplies-Equipment	ITEC	$160.00	$160.00
17	10/20/22	15:05	Fnu Hasan Al Monem	Research Supplies-Equipment	BIOL	$46.89	$46.89
18	10/20/22	15:08	Fnu Hasan Al Monem	Professional Development-Membership	BIOL	$75.00	$75.00
19	10/20/22	21:12	Jonathan Allen	Research Supplies-Equipment	BIOL	$120.00	$120.00
20	10/21/22	16:20	Jesse Figueiredo	Research Supplies-Equipment	BIOL	$120.00	$120.00

- Voting on new bylaw addition to allow GSO to use funds in the GSO account to supplement semester's encumbrance when funding categories are exhausted
    - Bylaw addition was approved with one opposing vote
- Voting on vacant executive board positions
    - Secretary–no accepted nominations
    - Vice President
        - Brice Gutshall was nominated
        - Approved by majority vote
    - Public Relations
        - Jeremy Laborde was nominated
        - Approved by majority vote

- Voting to withdraw $8000 from GSO account to fund outstanding applications
    - Approved

10. Announcements
    - Continue to encourage students to apply for funding
    - If a representative is graduating or stepping down, please let GSO know so they can help appoint a new representative for the department

Meeting adjourned by the GSO President: 13:17

Departments in attendance
Clement Tochukwu Okolo – President
Remil Aguda – Outgoing Vice President
Stacy Calhoun-Grosch – Treasurer & BIOL
Allison Comeaux – EDFL
Conner Chaney – EECE
Victoria Landry – EDCI
Anireju Dudun – PETE
Brice Gutshall – ARCH
Alexandra Dufour – MBA
Jeremy LaBorde – STEC
Faryal Atif – ENGL
Abby Wolford – COUN
Pierre-Olivier Pire – MODL
Mary Pritchard – COMM
Yusuf Afolabi – MATH
Jon-Patric Veal – PSYCH
Pubali Sarker – CIVE
Olajire John – CMIX
Ernest Antwi – GEOS (proxy for Precious Batubo)
John Miller – PHYS
Elizabeth Boyd - CHEE

Additional Attendees
Dr. Philip de Mahy – Assistant Dean Dr. Philip de Mahy