**Spring 2025 Meeting 1 Minutes**

GSO Funding Committee Meeting

**In-person (Student Union, Pelican Room AB 207)**

February 03, 2025. 1:00 pm CST

**Attendance:**

**Clement Okolo, President**

**Farooq Azam Khanzada, CIVE (Treasurer)**

**Traelyn Brasseaux, CMIX (Secretary)**

**Kevin Torgersen, BIOL**

**Mary McMahon, COMD**

**Mohamed Ghoneim, EECE**

**Yazdan Mahmoudi, ENGL**

**Sohel Ahmed, ENGT**

**Precious Batubo, GEOL**

**Madeline Starck, MUSI**

**Silver Damigoru, PETE**

**John Miller, PHYS**

Meeting started at: 1:00 PM

* Review Budget Spreadsheet
	+ 36 applications for travel with academic duties were received.
		- A large portion of applicants have not received rep letters, or have not had them signed.
		- A few applicants listed a duplicate name in their acceptance email. The Treasurer will be reaching out to see if they were accepted as a group.
	+ One application for Research & Supplies Funds were received
		- Students funded from the DRF will not be considered for funding in accordance with the GSO’s decision last general meeting.
	+ One application for Professional Development Funds were received
		- As per GSO bylaws, applications for Professional Development category will be considered meeting 2 onwards.
* Updating Tier list.
	+ Discussing the possibility of using Louisiana travel guide for guidance regarding per diem funding, and for possible adjusting the tier system to be more equitable for everyone.
		- Subcommittee will be dedicated to verifying per diem rates for each proposed tier to ensure that they align with expected spending in a city
* Funding initiatives
	+ Bake Sale
	+ Restaurant giveback nights where GSO receives a percentage
		- Most likely would be Canes, Chick Fil A
	+ Proposal: Trivia night (or similar events) to draw in students
	+ Pitch to increase GSO fees
		- Will propose meeting with Dean of Student Affairs to meet for both Bake Sale and for assistance with proposal to increase GSO fees
* Q/A

The meeting ended at: 1:24 PM