**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