



November 14, 2018

Call to order: 12:23

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting Sep. 17th meeting:

- Motion to approve Derek from ERPA
- Second Raven from Economics
- All in favor: 24
- Abstentions/ objections: 0/0
- Meeting minutes approved

Announcements: Alyssa (GEO co-chair)

- GEO: Meeting today from 5:30-7:30
- Racism and white supremacy will be discussed
- Want to discuss ways to keep one another safe as union and community without surveillance and police
- How to support and defend one another

Jiya, Student Trustee: absent due to attendance at the board of trustees meeting

Grad students or senator announcements

- First presentation: Timmy Sullivan (SGA president)
 - Land policy use: final draft is ready
 - The presentation will be followed with motion about policy change

Canan: Speaking on behalf of student trustee

- Work on the new draft of land policy use has been going on for the past 2 years
- Original Land Use policy was created in 1990s
- The document concerns control over public space by students/faculty/staff
- The changes into the new Land Use Policy draft includes preamble valuing free speech.

Questions from the floor:

- Tai from English: How is Hate Speech vs. Free Speech negotiated in the preamble?
- Derek from ERPA: Who was involved in the revision?
 - Response from Timmy: The people involved are the student trustee, attorney general from SGA, and Vice Chancellor Enku Gelaye.
- Susan from Political Science: Can we highlight what the changes to the document were?

New motion:

- To table motion for the December meeting
 - Susan from comp sci proposed motion
 - Motion seconded: Hadiya from Public Policy
 - All in favor of motion: 23
 - Object/abstention: 0/0

Student code of conduct is under revision this semester

- Revision of draft of code of conduct was sent by Canan
- Discussion tabled

Social justice coalition

- Has been created this Fall to address the racist issues on campus
- It meets every Friday
- Tita from education:GEO has been meeting with the social justice group as well

Anna Claire (GEO grievance coordinator)

- a course on Du Bois is in the works to take to the administration
- Faculty is concerned with who will be teaching these classes? How will they be compensated?
- Anna-Claire thinks faculty should not be teaching the classes

Questions from the floor:

- What is the protocol to address racism? How to make it public?
 - Canan: Chancellor was invited, he is coming to the December meeting. Vice chancellor and provost could be invited for open forum. Should we do it?
 - Tita: will this be Q and A or will just listen session?
 - Canan: next meeting is December 5, at 5 pm. Can we make it a big open forum?

- Tai from English-if land use policy is moved to the next meeting, can there be a dialog between the land use policy and the racism incidents?
- Derek: it would be a good idea for an open forum with admins and have a dialog. Admins should be asked in advance about the open forum.
- Mary Richards: is meeting enough to cover all this? Can we create a different time for this?
- Kimberly from linguistics: this would help if we had more info. We don't know what's being done already. Also suggests a separate time for this
- Tita- we can get that info at the meeting. Can we dedicate all meeting to the forum?
- Canan: All in favor of separate meeting?
- Mary: may not a separate meeting, but openly say that's what the meeting is about.
- Canan: the admins will be notified about what the meeting will be about in advance.
- Raven: prefers an open forum at the senate meeting. Due to time constraints.
- Canan: can SGA collaborate on this with us?
- Canan: all in favor about a meeting on racism and land distribution?
- Theo: the racism and land issues are related so both can be a conversation at the forum?
- Tita: the meeting can combine both issues.
- Canan: any objections about having the December meeting as a forum to have a presentation of land policy and racism.
- Hadiya: the forums are a waste of time, there is no accountability for it.
- Alina Valdez: can there be a direct promise to take action.
- Canan: We can have another forum in January to talk about this and what admins have done
- Mary: would this be a separate meeting?
- Canan: it's up to the senate.
- Tita: open forums can be useless but admins can be confronted openly this way.
- Canan: should it be shared with senators for feedback first?
- Timmy: Anna Branch should be in the room at the December meeting.
- Canan: Who else should be invited?
- Raven: feedback about would be said tomorrow. Concerned with the response because it is more surveillance. This can have negative effects. How helpful is police in this process?
- Suggestion from the floor: Chancellor should not say what the incident was, giving details because its propaganda. How are they treating the offenders?
- Deb: who else besides chancellor will be there. Office of inclusion should be present at the meeting?
- Canan: Anna Branch will not be at the meeting tomorrow but will be at the forum, I believe.
- Tita: there should be a stronger message condemning this.

- Derek: the last 2 emails have been better. There is inconsistency between different emails from the different admins. Different admins respond differently. We should know what the specific procedure is to handle this. We must know more about the process.
- Canan: asked Timmy to read the letter to Dean Cara about her response.
- Timmy: never received a response form dean Cara
- Canan: GSS, SGA sent a letter drafted by SGA to the dean. There is no time to read the letter.
- Canan: Senators should reach out to their department about this.
- Mary: what is the anti hate campaign doing besides the logos?
- Deb: When a lot is happening all the responsibility falls on students. This work should not fall on students
- Canan: we would like to learn internal steps about what to do?
- Tita: what have they been doing? What is their agenda?
- Deb: doesn't agree that there should not be details about the incident because we have to be able to think about them.
- Theo: (english) are the students in the dorms have any documentation about their experiences, their interactions with admins. There is a lot of info admins are keeping away.
- Tita: demonstrations are the easy way out for admins just like the pinks and their campaign, Admins would be a photo op for the admins and not bring results.
- Theo: still a good idea to have an organized demonstration.
- Canan: anything else? We will have an open forum. All admins including Anna Branch will be invited. We will have a discussion with them about it. Tomorrow we might learn admins' protocol of action, what have they done so far? Any further action should not involve police, senate agreed. This education should not be on the students' shoulders.
- Theo: using stronger language about the incidents and what is happening with the perpetrators.
- Derek: UMPD chief said they were still looking for the perpetrators. We should know about the process.
- Tita: the security footage only lasts 30 days, The investigation is taking too long. It should be easier to get access.
- Canan: Calls to move forward. If you have more ideas about what to tell chancellor let us know.

Justin Burch: 2 ad-hoc committees are being formed.

- One is a big requirement: One to rewrite the GSS by laws, you get to shape what GSS looks like for the coming years.
- The other committee requires less time: committee to look at the newly created GSO's.
 - Right now the committee for GSO is just he and Bianki.

- Need more participants. Should be a better procedure on how to create and define GSO's. The new part is approving and denying GSO's. Got a request from admins to create a new registration process from GSO's.

Justice: childcare committee bracket changes

- Found a lot of holes in the current guidelines. There has to be access to funds. This will be a part of the agenda for the bylaws committee.
- Raquel: how many new GSO's are there?
- Justin: 5 completed online forms. 5 are still in the pipeline. one was put on hold- We need a committee to decide if we can approve them.
- Justin: trying to create more GSO's. Because that's where grad students spend the most of their time.
 - Deb: what's the timeline for the bylaws revision. How many times you meet?
 - Justin: to be done by the end of spring semester. The approval timeline is not clear. A meeting will happen every other week.
 - Derek: is part of this GSO process to look at inactive GSO's? Should there be limits on GSO's?
 - Justin: we have the idea about which GSO's are active. Because of their requests.
 - Erik: is there a guideline for what a GSO is?
 - Justin: there is a small guideline in the constitution.
 - Bianki: the committees are important because there are not structures that address situations where GSO's is not approved for political views. Bianki and Justin try to create a more specific guideline about what to expect when you create a GSO. There is no writing about how much when funding should be allocated. Treasurer can't be the only person to approve the GSO's Current cabinet wants to provide more funding for GSO's.
 - Erik: can there be a document separate from bylaws about the standards for GSO's?
 - Justin: that's how they envision the committee job.
 - Bianki: there's a packet about the procedures on campus pulse. But they are very general. Our bylaws don't mandate them. It's our job now to educate students about they work.

Announcements about the events. Nadia about ice skating social.

1:48 meeting adjourned