11/20 GSO Constitutional Committee Meeting

Members Present: Gary Roth, Vicki Gloer, Dean Weld, Minkyoung Yun

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Decided on a 2/3 quorum for the committee. When there’s a tie, issue will be set aside for further discussion.

Vicki and Gary agree on necessary restructuring of the constitution; Dean and Minkyoung will review the documents before the next meeting, but generally support restructuring as well. Vicki thinks we need essentially a full re-write of the constitution and Gary agrees.

Need to define what information each document contains (constitution, bylaws). Perhaps get rid of financial document and include this information in one of the other documents? Eliminate redundancy in all documents.

Things to go in constitution: what GSO is, who the members are, structure of GSO, officer positions (definitions, duties), election/voting information, judicial procedures, amendment procedure.

Must ensure consistency between the constitution and other university documents, charters, etc.

Need to clarify role of Assembly Speaker, particularly whether a part of the Executive Board

Things to go in bylaws: implementations of constitutional passages; elaboration of other procedures.

Financial guidelines: keep as a separate document or not?

Need judicial appointments. Gary likes appointments for multi-year terms, perhaps for 3 years with option to resign earlier.

Vicki thinks committee information should move from constitution to bylaws. Dean and Gary agree.

For next meeting, members should mark up all documents with things to be changed, moved, inconsistencies, etc.

Tentative day and time for next meeting: Thurs. Nov 29th at 5:00 p.m. Alternate time: Mon. Nov. 26th at 7:00 p.m. Plan for next time is to talk through all sections of the constitution and present our proposed changes; come to group consensus on what we all agree should be changed.