Graduate Student Association  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2014

I. The Call to Order  
[6:07 pm]  
a. The chair called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Association to order at 6:07 pm.

II. Election of Security  
Motion by Assembly Rep Werking to nominate Eric Martell. 
Eric Martell is unanimously elected Secretary.

III. Confirmation of Bob Beach as Interim Treasurer (Agenda amended via motion by chair)  
Motion to approve, seconded, approved with unanimous vote

IV. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded, approved with unanimous vote

V. Approval of the Assembly’s Minutes from November 14, 2014  
Motion to adopt the Agenda, approved with unanimous vote.

VI. Motion to limit speaking times of assembly members, brought forth by Rep Bob Beach. Motion: Individual speakers shall have the floor no longer than three minutes at a time. Speakers may ask the assembly for more time before speaking, and the assembly can grant this extra time with a simple majority vote. 
Seconded by Rep. Werking

Motion by Rep. Roth to extend this motion to remain in effect for the duration of the 2014-2015 academic year.  
Seconded by Interim Treasurer Bob Beach  
Approved with unanimous consent

Amended motion, approved unanimously

VII. Officer Reports (can be found online under the GSA website)  
[6:23 pm]  
a. Ad Hoc Committee – Chair John Stovall  
   i. Motion made by Rep. Stovall to extend time from 3 minutes to 11 minutes, the VP seconds, approved unanimously. Time now extended to 11 minutes.

b. The Vice President

c. The Treasurer
i. Financial Guidelines submission to the Assembly now delayed to February 2015 with concerns from the University and to allow the Treasurer time to create a budgetary committee.

ii. Motions of the Treasurer – A motion to amend the budget, brought forth by the Treasurer, to amend the programming strategic planning budget line from $16,000.00 to $11,000.00 (a five thousand dollar reduction) and move that money to the contingency Budget. Also amend the expected revenue for 2014-2015 down to $173,800.00 from $180,400.00. This will allow us not to do cuts.

   Seconded
   No discussion
   Call to Question
   Approved with one abstention.

iii. Approval of Treasurer’s Report

   Seconded
   No discussion
   Unanimous Approval

   d. Grants Chair – Not present at the meeting

   e. Programming Chair – Movie on Monday at 7:30 showing of Injustice in America in the Education Building – look on the listserv for more information.

   f. MCAA Chair

   g. The President Read report online for information on shared governance vote, from the President of the University. Get your faculty out to vote to meet their quorum. Also look online for information on the Provost search.

VIII. Other Reports (can be found online under the GSA website) [6:53]

   a. The Lead Senator

   b. University Council Rep – Not present at the meeting. The President briefly spoke in place.

   c. UAS Board Rep

   d. Wages and Benefits Committee – Not present at the meeting.

   e. Rules Committee (agenda amended via motion from Rep. Werking)

      Motion to amend speaking time to 5 minutes brought by Rep. Werking.

      Seconded and Approved unanimously.
   i. Rep Murata speaking
   ii. We performed a mediation between two GSA members, private matter, therefore details will not be made public
   iii. We are developing a handbook for external and internal which will be delivered in February
   iv. Our Stay in the ruling of GSA vs. --------- will remain until February
   v. We will make an amended ruling of GSA vs. --------- in the February meeting

 IX.  Old Business – None                      [7:03]

 X.   New Business                            [7:04]

 a. Feedback for Provost on Enrollment – the President.
    i. The President of the University wants our feedback! Please fill them out by the end of the meeting.

 b. RGSO Guidelines – the Vice President
    i. We made substantial changes. We have a new section about new RGSOs. We want to change the due date for applications until the week after the first GSA meeting. We changed a few things in the funding section and the way we do appeals. We now have a formal process to avoid the pitfalls of “specificity” issues. We made some grammatical changes. Other suggested amendments from Beth Conrad, our Campus designee. Beth Conrad requested a change in name from “SUNY Albany” to “UAlbany.”

    ii. Motion made by the VP to approve the proposed guidelines as posted on the GSA website and the proposed amendments.
        Seconded by Rep. Werking

        the proposed amendments.
        Seconded.
        No Discussion
        Motion Fails, is not adopted.

    iv. Motion made by Rep. Murata to discuss and vote on the proposed supplemental amendments individually.
        Seconded.
        Motion Fails, is not adopted.
Motion made by Rep. Murata that each amendment will be only considered for no more than 4 minutes.

    Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Jessica Aubin to recess for 5 minutes to look at documents.

    Seconded.
    Approved. Recess beginning at **7:21 pm**. Reconvened at **7:26 pm**.

Motion made by Rep. Roth to amend the term “baby” to “developmental” and that all references to RGSOs being able to charge admission for events be stricken, and appeals will be directed to the J-Board.

    Seconded.
    [Later Divided into thirds]

First Amendment

1. Motion is approved and carries

Second Amendment

2. TABLED DUE TO BEING OVER TIME.

Third Amendment

Motion by the VP to amend “interim” to “developmental,” and institute a standing Appeals committee to sit and hear appeals once per semester.

    Seconded.
    Call to Question. Approved by 2/3
    Vote on amendment, Approved.

Motion made by Lead Senator to extend time to 8:30

    Seconded.
    Motion Fails, Time is not extended.

Motion to divide Rep. Roth’s motion into thirds

    Seconded.
    Approved.

Motion made by Rep. Roth to make the Appeals Committee be constituted by 5 non-RGSO committee members.

1. Approval of RGSO Guidelines
2. MCAA Guidelines
XI. Open Forum

XII. Adjournment
   a. The chair adjourned the meeting of the Graduate Student Association at 8:03 pm.