I. **The Call to Order**
   a. The Vice President called the regular meeting of the Graduate Student Association to order at 6:04 pm.

II. **Approval of the Agenda**
    Motion to adopt the Agenda by HGSO report, seconded, approved with unanimous vote.

    Rep Emily Smith made a motion to add the discussion of the Decorum rules, seconded and approved unanimously.

    Rep Melissa Murata moved to send the J-Board report to other reports after wages, seconded and approved unanimously.

    UAS Rep moved to remove her report, seconded and approved unanimously.

III. **Approval of the Assembly’s Minutes from December 5, 2014**
     Motion to adopt the Agenda, approved with unanimous vote.

IV. **Approval of the Assembly’s Minutes from February 6, 2014**
    Motion to adopt the Agenda, approved with unanimous vote.

V. **Presentation by the Office of Public Engagement**
   a. They presented with their packet
   b. President Jones has highlighted this effort of PE and charged their council to develop a system to tell the story of the University. It reaches across the trifecta of academic jobs. We’re going to talk about a new data collection system.
   c. We created a survey aimed at graduate students
      i. We want to look at what you’re doing outside the University – research, teaching outside UAlbany, or service projects outside of the University
      ii. This is for our stakeholders in the community, funders, leaders
      iii. We are talking about public connections that are two way for the external community and our internal community that are impactful for all parties involved.
iv. You have through April, so we’d like your help to let your groups and departments know – get them involved in this endeavor!

v. Next Wednesday (March 11) – we have a forum in Assembly Hall on the Uptown Campus in the morning with a light breakfast with the President and the Provost, we will get to hear from the faculty about engaging the community and really exciting stuff in the community that UAlbany is a part of!

vi. communityengagement@albany.edu

vii. We are trying to find a liaison from each school within the university, contact us if you’re interested to represent your part of the University

d. Questions from the Lead Senator and Judicial Board

VI. Officer Reports (can be found online under the GSA website) [6:39]

a. The President
   i. Elections are the 30th and 31st
   ii.Nominate by the 14th
   iii. President’s forum = April 17 in Patroon Room
   iv. Faculty Bylaw up for vote at end of the month
       1. Look for the sample letter and see if you want it
       2. We need you to push for your faculty to vote at the end of the month from March 30-April 3
       3. Address these sample letters to your faculty members so they can reach their 30% quorum to pass this major faculty bylaw (~450 people)
       4. Adjuncts not allowed to vote, full time faculty and professional staff are those who we address.

b. The Vice President
   i. Three RGSOs down, Two new RGSOs

c. The Treasurer
   i. Please consider joining the finance committee – we need people.
   ii. Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report [6:35]

d. The Grants Chair
   i. Panel on contingent and half time faculty – we want to get different narratives about adjunct experiences. Send us comments with information about adjunct experiences! We will hold forums to talk about this stuff!

e. The Programming Chair

f. The MCAA Chair
   i. If you’re looking to make an event and need some help, come see us!

VII. Other Reports (can be found online under the GSA website) [7:14]

a. The Lead Senator
   i. Office Hours are not attended by anyone, and since it is not required, I will be cancelling them for the rest of the year.

c. Wages and Benefits Committee – Chaired by Jackie Hays
   i. Look at your handout 😊
   ii. It will go up on the GSA website.

d. The Judicial Board
   i. Tendered their resignations officially.

On the issue of the Resignations:

   VP – We have to either appoint temporary members, vote new members into the unfilled J-Board positions, or leave the positions unfilled until our April meeting.

   Lead Senator – We need a J-Board for our body, it is an important tool to control and oversee the functions of the GSA. I strongly recommend people consider joining this body.

   Rep. Stovall – Looking at the amendments, the amendments would increase the number of people on the J-Board from 3 to 5 – do we need to deal with that before we place people on a temporary J-Board?

   VP – We need to do the amendment first – it will stay at 3 members until the amendment passes.

   President – Being on J-Board will count as your committee requirement – it is not a big commitment and so I strongly suggest people consider joining.

   Programming – We need to proceed with caution and we should an interim body in place for the next month.

Henry Curtis nominated, seconded.
Erin Sanderson nominated, seconded.
Arcadia Leviath nominated, seconded.

Motion made to confirm these nominations for an interim Judicial Board, vote calculated and approved by a tally of 22-1-5 (79%)

Motion made to move this discussion until New Business, Seconded and Approved unanimously.

VIII. Old Business

RGSO Guidelines - Motion made to postpone RGSO guidelines until April meeting, approved unanimously

Decorum Rules - Motion made by Rep. Murata to accept them, seconded and approved unanimously.

IX. New Business

Movement of April Meeting – We need to move the meeting until Thursday night, April 2, 2015. It will held at Uptown hopefully – East campus will be used for May meeting. We need to know if Thursday works and if we should move it until 7 or 7:15.
Motion made to move the date from Friday, April 3 to Thursday, April 2 at 7:15 at the Uptown campus with specific room TBD, seconded and approved by a tally of 24-0-3 (89%).

Consideration of the Constitutional Amendments
- We will consider them one at a time
- Article III – Section 2: D - Affirmative Action
  o Name change and slight terminology change
  o Motion made to put this to a GSA-wide vote, seconded, and approved by a tally of 27-0-1 (96%)
- Article VII – Section 1: D – Affirmative Action
  o Motion made to put this to a GSA-wide vote, seconded, and approved by a tally of 27-0-0 (100%)
- Article VI: Section 4: Meetings
  o Clarify the interpretation and the past practice by specifying RGSO recognized reps so that the Assembly cannot be held hostage by absences.
  o Motion made to take out the double use of the word “recognized,” seconded and approved.
  o Motion made to spell out the acronym RGSO to Recognized Graduate Student Organizations, seconded and approved.
  o Motion made to put this to a GSA-wide vote, seconded, and approved by a tally of 26-0-1 (96%)
- Article VIII: Section 1: Membership
  o Calling for a change which increases J-Board membership up to 5 members, from 3 – and to make sure that members of the J-Board cannot be simultaneously in the Assembly as RGSO or Department Representatives.
  o Motion made to add a line saying that J-Board members shall attend GSA Assembly meetings as non-voting members and a separate body and insert same language as used in Article VII, Section 4, seconded and approved unanimously.
  o Call to Question made and approved by a tally of 24-1-1 (92%) .
  o Motion made to put this to a GSA-wide vote approved by a tally of 25-1-1 (93%)
  o Debate on whether we compensate them?
    ▪ Programming – we should pay the J-Board positions to legitimize them as a body of governance.
    ▪ VP – they would fall under committee status and we do not pay committees at this time
    ▪ Rep Murata – it should not be committee status
    ▪ Andrew Howard – we should pass the amendment first and deal with this later.
• President – defended going up to 5 – we can get those numbers
• Programming – we can definitely get the necessary 5
  o We will deal with this after the election.
- Article VII: Section 3: Formal Power
  o We are striking something that conflicts with Board of Trustees about necessary signatures (only President and Treasurer needed – and just them) – we are clearing up the language.
  o Motion made to put this to a GSA-wide vote, seconded, and approved by a tally of 28-0-0 (100%).

Things for the President’s Forum
• Our working conditions, wages, GTA and Contingent Faculty
  o Funded and unfunded students
• We should talk about the Public Engagement and if it will work for us.
  o Should be about making a meaningful impact on the community around us and focus on helping them instead of just propping up our university! 😊
• Diversity and Inclusion and Sustainability – we want to add sustainability to that discussion
• Shared Governance – our role in the University is not taken seriously and we want to strengthen our role.

Motion made to adopt these as our stance for the President’s Forum, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Our Parliamentarian – the J-Board has stepped down and we have made an interim J-Board, I propose we call an emergency meeting after we adjourn, so we can immediately have our next meeting and elect these confirmed members

X. Open Forum [7:59]
   a. Nothing new for open forum

XI. Adjournment [8:00]
   a. The Vice President adjourned the meeting of the Graduate Student Association at 8:00.