GSA Assembly Meeting
3 April 2020

This document describes the outcomes of the votes for the 3 April 2020 Assembly Meeting as well as addresses any concerns that were submitted via the Google Form voting system. For this meeting, the March minutes, the Treasurer’s budget, and an Interim Treasurer were approved.

**Vote 1**
Do you approve of the March Meeting minutes?

Yes- 26  No- 0  Abstain- 1

**Vote 2**
Do you approve of the Treasurer's budget report?

Yes- 27  No- 0  Abstain- 0

**Vote 3**
The current GSA Treasurer, Alex Tomoff, will be graduating in May. The GSA President has appointed Brennan Stutsrim as Interim Treasurer effective 1 June 2020 until 1 October 2020. Brennan is running unopposed in the upcoming elections, so the GSA President determined he would be a good candidate for this important position. Do you approve of this decision?

Yes- 22  No- 1  Abstain- 4

**Feedback, Questions, or Public Comments (Responses to each concern are italicized)**

**Concern 1**
A member of our department was curious why we decided to not have any GSA Assembly meetings via Zoom. Could an explanation be given why there will no longer be any discrete meetings? 2) Will the GSA officers have office hours during this time? Could these office hours be posted more clearly on the website? Often very hard to find this information and frequently out-of-date when it is found.

*We have decided to not meet via Zoom for the following reasons:*

1) *Make the lives of everyone (officers and representatives) easier by not having meetings on Friday evenings during the midst of a global pandemic. As we are working from home, it is important to maintain normal working hours and therefore not have meetings on Friday evening when one should enjoy being at home and doing things to help themselves during this unprecedented time. Additionally, not having Zoom meetings allows for greater flexibility in that one can read over the documents and vote on their own time. This may be the reason more votes than usual were received for this meeting compared to any meeting we have had in the 2019-2020 academic year.*

2) *We believe most business to be taken care of is fairly self-explanatory. If something does need to be discussed, it will be encouraged to “reply all” to the GSA Assembly.*
Per the email sent on 25 March 2020 sent by the GSA President to all graduate students via GSA Notices, the GSA office is closed. Therefore, office hours are not physically taking place. Printing services at the Uptown campus is being offered on an emergency basis only – please contact gsa@albany.edu if you have an emergency printing request. All officers are actively checking their emails (preferred method of communication) and can meet virtually if needed. However, there are no official office hours for any E-board members. Additionally, the original office hours are posted on the GSA website on the menu tab “Executive”. The link is attached: https://www.albany.edu/gsa/eboard.shtml

Concern 2
Our organization has had problems finding office hours of the GSA E Board. Are those posted somewhere?

*Please refer to the response for Concern 1.*

Concern 3
Please establish a platform by which representatives can share concerns and discuss matters with each other before conducting votes.

*One can “reply all” to the email if needed.*