

GSC General meeting for August 24, 2022

Calls to Order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Reports:

a. **President:** Cynthia Wise:

- i. **Summer work and new meeting venue:** The president Cynthia Wise briefed members on the success chalked during the summer break and the fact that the graduate lounge will be the new venue for subsequent meetings and hope to obtain the necessary logistics for the venue.
- ii. **Refurbishment of tennis court:** She briefed members on the refurbishment of three tennis court on campus.

b. **Vice President:** Sarbajit Basu:

- i. **Review of bylaws:** The review of bylaws especially the article 11 and the reimbursement of funds for conference attendance.
- ii. **International townhall meeting:** He brief members on international townhall meeting with the motive of addressing challenges faced by international students on campus.

c. **Vice President of Activities:** Maryam Sharifi:

- i. **GRAS:** Members were briefed on GRAS.

d. **Secretary:** Fred Heighty:

- i. Acceptance of minutes.

e. **Treasurer:** Shashank Dharba

- i. **Budget Report:** The treasurer Shashank Dharba briefed members on funds available to GSC to the tune of \$ 34,000 and the fact that \$

10,000 is made available for event and assured the members that the council will stay in budget.

- ii. **Trivia night:** He brief members on the preparation towards the trivia night and encouraged all to attend.

f. **Webmaster:** Ezra Huscher:

- i. Highlighted the revision of a section of the GSC website to make it accessible and user friendly.

g. **Senator:** Bryson Stemack:

- i. Briefing of meeting of GWU and the bargaining committee on tuition remission and the \$ 770 tuition fee waiver by the university management.

2. Old Business

- a. No updates

3. New Business

- a. Members unanimously accepted hybrid meeting option for the rest of the semester.

4. Open Forum

- a. Dr. Carol Flinchbaugh, responded to the challenge of tuition remission and the reporting date of international students stating that assistantships are given by department but awarded by graduate school in view of this reporting dates of students is beyond her control.

*** Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.***