Meeting Minutes for General Meeting of UNH Graduate Student Senate  
May 5, 2015  
Mike Verney, President, Facilitating

I. Call to Order: Mike Verney, President, 12:41 pm

II. Roll Call

A. Executive Committee

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<td>Mica Kurtz</td>
<td>Vice President</td>
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B. Senators Present

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<td>Matt Smith</td>
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<td>Amanda Sobel</td>
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C. Executive Committee Members/Senators Not Present

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<td>Felicia Fowler</td>
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<td>Tobi Afolayen</td>
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D. Members at Large Present: 7
E. Guests: None
F. Quorum (11 voting persons /18 filled voting positions): achieved with 11

III. Appointment

A. Appointment of UNH- Manchester Senator
   a. Mike Verney Appointed Tom Cronin

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A. Motion to approve April 21st minutes:
   a. Motion by Kassie Sarr-Dietershagen, seconded by Ian Cohen
   b. Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Abstained: 1

IV. New Business
A. Constitution and Bylaws Amendments
   B. All votes are recommendations to future voting body
      a. Motion to approve Amendment 1 to constitution
         i. Motion by Ian Cohen, seconded by Matt Smith
      b. Discussion
         i. Mica Kurtz – adding language to article 3
      c. Voting
         i. Yay: 10, nay: 1, abstaining: 0
            ii. Amendment did not pass
      d. Motion to approve amendment 2-4
         i. Motion by Ezra Temko, seconded by Matt Smith
      e. Discussion
         i. Mica Kurtz - Grammatical mistake fixes
      f. Voting
         i. Yay: 11, Nay: 0, Abstaining: 0
            ii. Amendment passed
      g. Motion to approve amendment 5
         i. Motion by Morgan Crowley, seconded by Ian Cohen
      h. Discussion
         i. Mica Kurtz – allows committees to choose own operating process instead of Robert’s Rules of Order.
            ii. Member at Large – is it supposed to sound vague?
            iii. Mica Kurtz - yes
            iv. Member at Large - seems a little shady for votes
            v. Mica Kurtz - any votes are just recommendations to next year’s GSS.
            vi. Morgan Crowley - friendly amendment, we could say “such as modified feminist process”.
            vii. Ezra Temko - we could just get rid of the sentence
            viii. Mike Verney - doing away with sentence is more than a friendly amendment, so should table.
         i. Motion to table
   1. Motion by Tom Cronin, seconded by Ian Cohen
      i. Motion to approve amendment 6
         i. Motion by Ezra Temko, seconded by Matt Smith
      j. Discussion
         i. Ezra Temko – feminist process is similar to Roberts rules, but is geared more to checking feelings more often, allows a little more clarity.
            ii. Kassie Sarr-Dietershagen – does it have to be called modified feminist process, why not inclusive process.
            iii. Ezra Temko – it’s the official name. came out of feminism and trying to provide more inclusivity for women.
            iv. Mica Kurtz – agree this implies something it’s not
            v. Morgan Crowley – inclusivity is feminism
            vi. Member at Large – so is theret a set definition for feminist process?
vii. Mike Verney – so at the beginning of the year we handed out our version of Roberts rules that we use, so we would do the same thing for this

viii. Member at Large – just trying to make things a little more clear

ix. Ezra Temko – we could adopt a policy for explaining this modified feminist process is what it's called.

x. Member at Large – it seems that it just needs to be capitalized since modified feminist process is what it's called.

xi. Ian Cohen – could be.

xii. Tom Cronin – agrees with Ian Cohen

xiii. Ezra Temko - modified feminist process means we can modified things as we need to.

xiv. Morgan Crowley – inclusivity is an issue, so by adopting this we are speaking to our goals.

xv. Ian Cohen – if feminist process is noun we need to capitalize or put it quotes to speak on this

xvi. Ezra Temko – proposed friendly amendment

k. Vote

i. Yay: 11, nay: 0, abstaining: 0

ii. Amendment approved

l. Motion to approve amendment 7 & 8

i. Motion by Matt Smith, seconded by Morgan Crowley

m. Discussion

i. Mica Kurtz - Amendment 7 clarifies process of removal of senator or executive committee member

ii. Mica Kurtz - Amendment 8 clarifies clause speaking to conflicting bylaws and that the constitution supersedes the bylaws.

Contradictions/inconstancies will be submitted to Gov Comm for discussion

n. Vote

i. Yay: 11, nay: 0, abstaining: 0

ii. Amendments approved

o. Motion to approve amendment 9

i. Motion by Ezra Temko, seconded by Ian Cohen

p. Discussion

i. Mica Kurtz - Amendment clarifies senator responsibilities regarding committees

ii. Kassie Sarr-Dietershagen – so does this mean senator doesn't have to sit on the committee

iii. Ezra Tekmo – That is addressed in a different bylaws.

This is for committees that have people already assigned, so that would be the senators' proxy.

q. Vote

i. Yay: 11, nay: 0, abstaining: 0

ii. Amendment approved

r. Motion to approve amendments 10 & 11

i. Motion by Mica Kurtz, seconded by Ian Cohen

s. Discussion

i. Mica Kurtz – amendment 10 speakers to committee charters, which we don’t have
ii. Member at large – committee charters only speaking to internal committees?

iii. Mica Kurtz - correct

iv. Mica Kurtz – amendment 11 speaks to clarifying when committee meetings are private and not public

t. Vote

i. Yay: 11, Nay: 0, Abstaining: 0

ii. Amendments Aproved

u. Motion to approve amendment 12

i. Motion by Tim Roemer, seconded by Matt Smith

v. Discussion

i. Mica Kurtz – amendment restructures the governance committee by removing the external affairs officer from being required to sit on the governance committee, and seeks to maintain a balance between Exec Comm and senators

ii. Tom Cronin – average committee size?

iii. Mica Kurtz – this is the only committee with a specific number. This was to help make sure a couple people weren’t running the GSS

w. Vote

i. Yay: 11, nay: 0, abstaining: 0

ii. Amendment approved

x. Motion to approve amendment 13

i. Motion by Matt Smith, seconded by Tim Roemer

y. Discussion

i. Mica Kurtz – amendment speaks to external committees, removes requirement to attend both committee and GSS, but leaves requirement to communicate what happens at the external committees to the GSS

ii. Mike Verney – this is something we do is a manner already.

z. Vote

i. Yay: 11, nay: 0, abstaining: 0

ii. Amendment approved

V. New Business

A. Awards from Executive Committee
   1. Senator of the Year – Ezra Temko
   2. Executive Committee Member of the Year – Kelly Nifong
   3. Excellent and Sustained Service – Ian Cohen

C. Survey – Ezra Temko
   a. 398 total survey
   b. is officially over but will remain open for a short time
   c. college wars – COLSA and Grad School are the winners
   d. Pieing!
      i. Matt Smith – Grad School: 1st Thursday Mike Very
      ii. Morgan Crowley – COLSA: today – pieing Mica Kurtz

   e. Prize winners – Ian Cohen
      i. All prizes will be at 1st Thursday

D. Programming
   a. Wednesday ice cream
b. Thursday first Thursday

E. Brief Orientation – Mica Kurtz
   a. For new members, will get a more formal orientation at beginning of next year

b. Org chart for how GSS next year stands as of right now
   i. Note: General members is the top
   ii. 16 Senators for next year
       1. 3 CEPS – full
       2. 3 CHHS – 2 open
       3. 4 COLA – 1 open
       4. 1 COLSA – full
       5. 1 Paul – full
       6. 1 UNH-Law – full
       7. 1 UNH-Manchester – full
       8. 1 Housing – open
       9. Grad School – full

   iii. ExecComm
       1. Clerk is open
   iv. Ezra Temko – one member present will take either COLA or Housing, depending on what seat gets filled

c. Quick Guide to being a good senator
   i. Points from previous senators
   ii. Most important is getting in touch with constituents
       1. Amanda Sobel – committees over the summer? Do we still have to serve?
   iii. Mike Verney – yes technically turn-over happens in June
   iv. Ezra Temko – please do, if you’d like to turn over to the new person let us know.
   v. Member at Large – how are the departments assigned
   vi. Ezra Tekmo – will determine next year, but will try and assign to own department

VI. Adjournment – 1:50 pm
   A. Motion by Ian Cohen, seconded by Matt Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Nifong, Clerk
Graduate Student Senate
University of New Hampshire