

3:02 Commencement

Roll Call

Present:

Melinda Bratsch-Horsager (she/her) VP of External Affairs

Trygve Vandal (he/him) VP of Internal Affairs

Rayni Lussier (she/her) Communications Liaison LATE EXCUSED

Zach Lynch (he/him) Legislative Liaison

Sophie Parker (she/her) Director of Legislative Affairs

Abbey Maroney (any pronouns) historian and policy analyst

Kayla Mahnke Hargett (she/her) Advisor

Absent:

Demetrius Romero (he/him) Chief Justice EXCUSED

3:03 Acknowledgement of the medicine creek treaty

3:04 Rayni joins the meeting

3:05 public comment – no comments

3:06 approval of the BOR meeting minutes from 3/10/21

- Melinda motions to approve the minutes from 3/10/21 GSU BOR minutes
- Zach seconds melinda's motion
- Passes 4-0-0

3:08 trustee application-melinda

- Melinda- we're looking to create a stable, equitable, long-term application process for the board of trustees. What do we want to make this process look like
- Trygve- Suzanne Harris gave really good advise about what traits would lead to a good trustee. I remember looking at how important the quality of their writing was, it wasn't very important. Only using written application materials makes the application process much more difficult because we can't see how well the person can verbally communicate
- Melinda- do we have copies of the information we used last year making applications?
- Kayla- yes

- Kayla- I encourage any of you gsu members to serve on the board of trustees hiring committee
- Trygve- Kayla makes a good point, it could be good to have a few GSU members on that.
- Zach- what would that look like?
- Kayla- a few meetings and then a time block for interviews and making recommendations. 4-5 hrs maximum. This would happen in may
- Zach, I would like to talk about how we can make this process more equitable, what are best practices here?
- Kayla-Once we have some GSU ppl to help, we work on that in our prep meetings, maybe even having a whole meeting about process design.
- Melinda- historically this role has been systemically kept from most people since they don't know what BOT is or that they can apply to join.
- Trygve- we should reach out to S&A, RAD, Athletics groups, and see how they do these things.

3:26 bylaw amendment section 12

- Trygve- thank you all for your careful reading on these bylaws, I included your edits in the final copy. I can give an overview or screen share the document.
- Zach- a brief overview would be good
- Rayni- I agree with zach
- Trygve- back in 2006-2017 the gsu had guidelines for elections in their constitution and then in their bylaws. And then in 2017 it was removed from the bylaws and ceased to exist. Those bylaws were amended over time. 2019-2020 a new constitution and bylaws were written and we had to prioritize some sections than needed to get done due to working conditions. We didn't end up writing bylaws about elections so I wrote these. This set of bylaws is bare bones, it's not meant to be comprehensive. It doesn't go into details about how close to polling stations etc. It does cover things like not being allowed to vote for other people. It incorporates previous documents the gsu had on the topics.
- Generally you don't want to make new laws during an election but without any laws about voting in the first place we would be operating without any rules. This just gives us some basic rules so make sure our election is fair.
- Sophie- I agree we need to have some set of standards in place to prevent fraudulent voting
- Melinda- I have questions about what's not in there. Do we have procedures for removal, should we work on that later? What happens if we find a conflict of interest in the election commissioner after they're hired?
- Trygve- we do have those
- Sophie and Rayni-express that they had enough notice to go through the bylaws before the meeting
- Melinda motions to amend the GSU bylaws to include section 12-elections as written.
- Rayni seconds the motions
- Passes 5-0-0

3:47 financial disclosure

- Melinda- where are the updated numbers, all the numbers are estimates

- Trygve- the real numbers aren't complete because we have some spring stuff in there but obviously not all of it
- Melinda motions to accept the report as reported in the GSU BOR meeting 3/17/21
- Sophie seconds
- Motion passes 5-0-0
- Trygve- I will get this to kayla to upload to our website

3:53 Advisor Reports – Kayla Mahnke

- I set up a timeline with the elections commissioner today
- I would like some guidance for hiring a historian and policy analyst since the application is closed and we only received one application. Do we still want a whole committee on the hiring process.
- I now have access to send all student emails on your behalf!
- Sophie- thank you for getting that access, communication has been so hard this year
- Trygve- we treat the decision of the hiring committee as final. Even if there is only one application, there is precedent for the hiring committee to hire that one person.
- Kayla- I would like one GSU member to serve on it
- Trygve- technically that would probably be me or Melinda
- Kayla- did you go over creating a voting pamphlet to inform students about the items they're voting on. It would take a little coordination but not too much.

4:01 Melinda leaves the meeting

4:02 Trygve adjourns the meeting