

## Senators

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Name	Position	Attendance	SBS190102	SBS190101	SBS190103	SBS190104	SBS190105
"Phoebe" Mikaela Tang	Freshman Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kevin Snow	Freshman Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	ABSTAIN
Rebekah Hale	Freshman Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Spencer Brown	Sophomore Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Janney	Sophomore Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zacharee Zamberlin	Sophomore Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allison Fellger	Junior Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jade Harrison	Junior Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shoshana Elftman-Hanson	Junior Class Senator	Here	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adam Johnson	Senior Class Senator	Here	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gabriel Rivas	Senior Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sean Kimball	Senior Class Senator	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barnabas Sirak	On-Campus	Here	Y	Y	Y	ABSTAIN	Y
Sophia Zink	On-Campus	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Braxton Difuntorum	Off-Campus	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allie Downer	Off-Campus	Here	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ines Marti	International	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scott Peltomaa	TVRAS	Here	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allison Steinbeck	Arts and Sciences	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Morgan Graves	Arts and Sciences	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	ABSENT
Liz Van Drimmelen	Nursing	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lexi Lee	Education	Here	ABSTAIN	Y	Y	Y	Y
Katie Pohs	Business	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas McDonald	Engineering	Here	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

GSBA Senate  
28 January 2019  
Begin: 8:01 PM  
End: 9:10 PM

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approve Minutes

- Liz - moves to approve minutes. Morgan - seconds.

- III. Approve Agenda

- Sophia - moves to approve agenda. Kevin - seconds.

- IV. Open Forum

- a. Women's Club Soccer

- Reflection: Funding request for \$4,000 for National Tournament in Alabama. The team went to the Sweet Sixteen. Representatives stated the money helped equalize the team in regard to affording the trip. Overall, it was a positive experience for team bonding.

- b. Steel Bridge Club

- Reflection: Able to purchase high end steel so that they can begin building their bridge for competition by the end of the semester. Cost efficient choice as other option was more expensive, but lower quality.

- V. University/Executive Report

- a. Director of Diversity and Inclusion Fese Elango

- Currently sitting on Women's Committee and in discussion to plan to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the suffragette movement.
- Buying tables for GSBA at various cultural festivals and events so watch out for updates.
- *Silent Sacrifice* screening Thursday at 4:30 PM.
- Intersectionality Week is February 20-27.
- Will be sending out a survey in order to help D&I plan better events and respond better to student needs.

- b. President Athena Sok

- Remember to sign up for 1:1s.
- GSBA Week is February 4-8. There will be fundraising for the Undocumented Students Scholarship, a potential restaurant take-over, a photo booth, and other fun activities to engage the student body.

- Intercultural Awareness Committee is restructuring to utilize a tri-chair system.
- Title IX regulation change commenting period ends today.
- Student body presidents across the nation draft letter of concern over new regulations. Athena signed on with support from the Jesuit Student Governments Alliance (JSGA).

c. Chief of Staff Mr. John Sklut and AVP Eric Baldwin

- Came to discuss the Policy Coordinating and Advisory Committee (PCAC) and the committee's effects on student body experience.
- Mr. Sklut: Board of Trustees obligated to set institutional policies but delegated this task to President McCulloh. President McCulloh established the committee. Committee has crafted a policy development process where institutional policies are reviewed for incorporation.
- For the most part, employment policy is dealt with in the committee, but some policies can intersect with Student Code of Conduct and academics.
- Morgan: Is there any student representation of the PCAC? Mr. Sklut: There is not because the committee largely deals with employment policy, but GSBA is consulted. Policies being considered are available online to be commented on by faculty, staff, students, and the community.
- Current policies under consideration that have potential intersection with student body: Policy on Political Campaign Activities and Policy on Use of University Facilities.
- Policy on Political Campaign Activities is largely geared towards employee political activity. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution, there are restrictions on what employees can say and what Gonzaga can do in regard to political endorsements and campaigning.
- Mr. Baldwin: 501(c)(3) status provides federal tax exemptions. Accordingly, Gonzaga cannot have a political agenda and cannot allow the use of institutional funds or resources for political purposes. This applies to Gonzaga employees as well.
- Mr. Sklut: PCAC engages in consultative, collaborative process. Faculty senate and staff assembly do not vote on individual proposed policies. In the end, President McCulloh must approve. Approval from the Board of Trustees, if necessary.
- Giulianna: What is a policy that would require Board of Trustees approval? Sklut: Events policy, but event policy is not currently up for reapproval.
- Morgan: Gonzaga's pro-life club receives university funds and resources, while there is not a pro-choice club. Would funding to pro-life club be affected? Mr. Sklut: Would not fall under the ramifications of this policy because it is not a political campaign activity. Mr. Baldwin: Unsure of how to best answer this. The restriction has more to do with our mission as a Catholic university and Gonzaga's obligations to the Catholic Church.
- Sophia: Are faculty and staff still allowed to articulate political opinions outside university capacity? Mr. Sklut: Yes. Policy says as such, and it is encouraged, but there are some limits for employees when they are employees

representing Gonzaga than as individuals aside from their university employment.

- Mr. Sklut: Some student feedback voiced confusion regarding how this affects students.
- Students are not regarded as “speaking for the university,” so a lot of these policies do not apply to students. Potential for an indirect affect to club advisors who cannot table in favor of a certain policy.
- Sophia: Is this still applicable to students employed by the university, like work studies? Mr. Sklut: Yes, but only in their employment capacity.
- Allison: Can professors engage in political dialogue in the classroom under this policy? Mr. Sklut: There are no restrictions to professors within the classroom. To take this away would detract from discussion and argumentation within the classroom.
- Mr. Sklut: Gonzaga’s Policy on Political Campaign Activities is similar to most other universities. Reflects the policy of the American Council of Education (ACE), an organization which advises institutions.
- Mr. Baldwin: If GSBA wanted to appoint someone to attend PCAC meetings, they could, and it would be an interesting exercise to involve a student in the conversation. Or, updates on the committee can also be a brief meeting with either himself or Mr. Sklut in order to allow student feedback on policy that raises concern.
- Mr. Sklut: If a policy comes forward that may affect student experience, we would definitely want student input.
- Ines: What is the average amount of comments that come in on the online portal? Mr. Baldwin: Depends. Some policies have garnered more attention than others. Mr. Sklut: Policy on Political Campaign Activities garnered about 5 pages of comments. Each comment was addressed and then the policy was reviewed for refinement based on the comments. Whenever there is a comment, there will be a refinement.
- Mr. Sklut: Policy on Use of University Facilities by and large would not affect student experience. Geared to address compliance issues. Gonzaga cannot present itself as an event center, accordingly university must be specific about who is allowed to rent space. Internal groups, like student clubs, are always allowed to utilize space, when available. For external groups, there must be a relationship between the university and the group and their event. Must provide equal access for political groups if they were to use GU facilities.
- Ines: Any direct effects on students from these policies? Mr. Sklut: No for Policy on Use of University Facilities. Only indirect effect for Policy on Political Campaign Activities. For example, clubs pushing a political message must explicitly state that their opinion is not the opinion of Gonzaga University. Mr. Baldwin: The overall goal is transparency.
- Mr. Sklut: New regulations for Title IX are up for comment. This administration brings significant changes to the original iteration of the 2011 ‘Dear Colleague’ letter. Like all other institutions, Gonzaga is waiting for the final iteration before any Title IX policy at Gonzaga is changed.
- Mr. Baldwin: Language in the new regulations limits jurisdiction of university to address sexual assaults outside campus borders. This does not preclude Gonzaga from bearing responsibility for the actions that occur outside the

boarders of campus. Gonzaga will continue to hold students accountable to the Code of Conduct

- Kevin: Does Gonzaga have an articulated position about the new regulations?
- Mr. Baldwin: Yes and no. Responses to the new regulations have come out through agencies and groups Gonzaga is a part of, like the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and the Independent Colleges of Washington. Gonzaga has asked for community commenting on the policies through, for example, Morning Mail.

## VI. New Business

### a. Senate Ratification Bill

- Zach reads the bill.
- Morgan - moves to make the first reading the last. Sophia - seconds.
- Phoebe - moves to call to question. Liz - seconds.
- The bill passes.

### b. Executive Staff Ratification Bill

- Barnabas reads the bill.
- Braxton - moves to make the first reading the last. Morgan - seconds.
- Liz - moves to call to question. Michael - seconds.
- The bill passes.

### c. Bomb Squad Funding Bill

- Sean reads the bill.
- Morgan: Was this funded last year? Sara (Director of Finance): Yes.
- Kevin - moves to make the first reading the last. Jade - seconds.
- Barnabas - moves to call to question. Ines - seconds.
- The bill passes.

### d. BSU Funding Bill

- Sean reads the bill.
- Liz - moves to make the first reading the last. Michael - seconds.
- Ines - moves to call to question. Sophia - seconds.
- The bill passes.

### e. ISU Funding Bill

- Sean reads bill.
- Braxton: How much do they expect to make? Sara (Director of Finance): \$8-12 per person, 400 people in attendance.
- Allie: Will most of the money be given to the community? Sara: Most of the money will be used for food and décor.

- Braxton: Does it cost them more than they are generating? Or will most of the money we fund get kicked to the community? Sara: Anything made as profit, will be donated.
- Michael: Isn't there a rule that says that money funded to clubs can't go somewhere else? Sean: What they would make would go back to the community as a donation.
- Ines: What does "donate to the community" mean? Sean: It was unspecified.
- Sophia - moves to make the first reading the last. Kevin - seconds.
- Liz - moves to call to question. Sophia - seconds.

## VII. Committee Reports

### a. Finance

- Kevin provides updates.
- Funded Asian American Union Night Market event.
- Funded St. Joan Paul II Fellowship for a talk they organized on campus.
- Funded Men's Ultimate Frisbee participation in a tournament.
- Funded Civil Engineer's Club request for materials.
- Funded Men's Club Volleyball's registration fee for National Champions tournament.
- Funded Spikeball Club's request for Spikeball nets.
- Reflection: Ski and Snow participated in a winter camp. Allowed all who wanted to join the ability to because costs were covered.
- Reflection: Hurdling Club funded for ticket costs which allowed people to attend their game without investing their own money.
- Reflection: Rock Climbing Club was funded for jerseys and they are grateful because it fosters greater team unity.

### b. Governance

- Liz provides updates.
- Set goals for the semesters,
- Set top three priorities: Look into the removal of On- and Off-campus senator positions; look into making voting based on college for academic senator positions; meet with Clubs and Organizations Coordinator about possible name change.

### c. Health and Safety

- Sophia provides updates.
- Set goals for the semester.
- There is a "Walk About" with Campus Security to spot safety issues around campus. Happening at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, January 29.

### d. Student Development

- Shoshana provides updates.

- Reviewed last semester: Free Ride Club approved by Dean Lamsma.
- Last “Be Heard” tabling was about 1887: 21 of 24 students did not buy reusable container; 17 of 24 students found it more convenient to not get reusable containers. Thinking about the potential for expandable, rubber container.
- This week’s “Be Heard” asks students what they know about the provost. Tabling will occur from 11:30-12:30 PM.
- Thomas: Give out reusable container to freshmen instead of water bottle at the beginning of the year.
- Athena: President is in charge of this and works with the Sustainability Chair. Have always done reusable water bottles, but this can change for next year.

e. Academic

- Thomas provides updates.
- Recapped last semester and set goals.
- Working on spreading upper division classes from primarily T./TR. to more M./W./F. sections.
- Working on improving professor grade accountability.

VIII. Announcements

a. Student Technology Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting 1/29 at 3:00pm

- STAC advises on student technological needs and concerns.
- Caroline (IS Manager) will be at meeting which will address academic technology and resources available for students: myGU, Blackboard, etc., WiFi, NextGenTech Bar.
- Looking for Senators to attend.

b. Volunteers for GSBA Gives Week

- Sean: “Be Heard” tabling needs volunteers in order to increase student body knowledge of GSBA activities.

c. Senators and a Slice 2/4 at 12 PM

- Will happen in the SIL Office
- For students interested in Senate and/or elections
- Partnership with elections
- First half of the event will be an informational Senator panel. Giulianianna and Election Commissioners are looking for 7 Senators to volunteer and sign up. Second half of event will be an elections information session.

d. Last Senate meeting tentatively April 29

IX. Adjournment

Michael - moves to adjourn. Liz - seconds.