
Treasurer report

Presentation was done by Shahmeer Patel in the absence of Yasaman Pedari. He stated that budgetary allocations to Senate meetings was moved to support funding requests by GSS recognized clubs since the Senate meetings were held virtually. Clubs sponsored this Fall include ISA (\$800), Women in Stem (\$100), oSTem (\$250) and GSPC (\$100).

Colin Levaunt moved the motion to approve the GSS Budget for Fall 2022. Holly Paige Chaos seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the budget for Fall 2022.

Communications Director Report

Erica Lamkin stated that committees interested in hosting events should coordinate with the Chair of the events committee, Anna Kim and provide information about the date, location, event outline and budget. All advertisement information should be sent to the GSS Comm. Director at least 7-10 days before the event so that it can be posted on social media and GSS newsletter. She also encouraged Committees to send updates that could be included in the weekly newsletter.

Committee reports

- Continue discussions and awareness on the inadequacies of stipends between Masters, and Doctoral students
 - Figure out what paperwork needs to be done to implement the 2023 liveable wage for graduate students
 - Bren highlighted some of the disproportions in wages between CAS and RSENR students and showed a graph of the gap in stipends that continues to spread between Masters, and Doctoral students. The graph was made by the previous Chair, Baxter Worthing.
 - Discussions started with Daniel Munteanu asking if we could acquire the information about the 2022-2023 stipends level and circulate to all senators so that we can further understand the disparity. Baxter Worthing stated that the stipends level for 2022-2023 has been shared by the Graduate College.
 - Dean Forehand stated that the information for the stipends level is available on the Sponsored Project Administration (SPA) website [Develop Budget | Sponsored Project Administration | The University of Vermont \(uvm.edu\)](#) and is determined by the college and schools which uses the same value for all their programs.
 - Dean Forehand also stated that the Vermont Legislature will publish the values of the liveable wage on January 15th, 2023. The Graduate college is committed to setting the wages to reflect the number once the information is published. There are other conversations going on about dental insurance and ways to pay comprehensive fees.
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- Patrick presented the conclusions from the 2021-2022 housing survey stating that 75% of graduate students spent more than 30% of their income on housing and had negative experience with finding housing and dealing with landlords.
 - Key recommendations from the survey
 - I. Ensure that UVM graduate housing is less than 30% of the minimum stipend
 - II. Ensure that UVM provided housing has single occupancy and life partner options

minutes are not necessarily taken at the meetings with the UVM administration, and a document of the administration's priorities is not available. The executive council attends the meeting with an agenda of priorities and Justin has briefed the Senate about the outcome of these meetings.

Holly Paige Chaos moved the motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, it was seconded by Patrick Payne and voting to extend the meeting was approved. Holly asked if the nomination for discussion on Sexual Violence Prevention can include undergraduate students who are excellent advocates. Patrick replied that undergraduates are welcome to join in the conversation.

Shahmeer Patel raised the issues of senators not participating in committee efforts nor attending committee meetings. Ijaz encouraged committee members to synergize and assist each other to meet the committee goals.

Adjournment 9:05pm
