



GSC Executive Team Business Meeting, to be followed by a Workshop Meeting

February 6, 2024, 1:30 PM-2:00 PM

Chestnut Hall, Room 104

Agenda

Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more members of the GSC Executive staff or graduate students may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

REMOTE OPTION:

Notice is hereby given of a Business meeting of the GSC Executive staff, to be followed by a Workshop meeting. Call to Order and certification of a quorum

Discussion items:

1. Discussion and action regarding the proposed increase in funding for ongoing OOCSS programs.

Having no further actionable business to conduct, the Business portion of this meeting is adjourned and the GSC Executive Council will immediately go into a Workshop session with the following items on the agenda:

1. Discussion concerning the GSC Executive Succession protocol and amending the budget approval vote requirements.
2. Discussion concerning the protocol for swearing in newly appointed GSC Senators and processes for helping the GSC Senate remain engaged in GSC programs.

Executive Session

The Graduate Student Council Executive Team reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters posted on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

Reconvene in open session to act, if necessary, on Executive Session items.

Adjourn

Posted on this 2nd day of February 2024, on the Graduate Student Council website.

Lowell Johnson

Lowell Johnson
GSC Parliamentarian
2023-2024 Graduate
Student Council



Memo for discussion

February 2, 2024

Most Esteemed members of the GSC Executive Committee and Directors,

Item #1 posted on the GSC Business section of the January 30th meeting agenda relates to the request by the OCSS and the GSC Advisor to increase the amount of funding the GSC has agreed to provide the OCSS for program related events during the UNT Spring 2024 session.

Specifically, a request was made by Laura Beck, Coordinator of the OCSS for the GSC to increase their funding allocation to the OCSS Fall and Spring Off Campus and Non-Traditional Barbecues. Currently, the GSC has allocated \$750 for each semester event. OCSS Coordinator Beck has requested the allocation be increased by \$250 each semester. The new total allocation of GSC funding would be \$2000 per budget year for the funding of the OCSS barbeques.

The GSC By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, item B, requires "All expenditures not outlined in the budget shall require approval by at least three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Committee." Thus, approval of the increase in funding will require the Executive Committee, i.e., The President and Vice Presidents, to vote on the request.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lowell Johnson".

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Item #1 posted on the February 6, 2024, GSC Workshop agenda requests discussion concerning the establishment of a GSC Executive Succession protocol. The current GSC By-Laws and Constitution provide guidance for a succession of the Vice President of Finance and Administration to the roll of GSC President, should the President be unable or unwilling to perform their role as the Chief Executive Officer of the GSC.

As Parliamentarian of the GSC, I recommend the Executive Council consider adding the remaining two Executives serving on the Council to the succession protocol. Should the situation occur where none of the *elected* Executive Council were able to perform their duties, the succession protocol should also be expanded to include the Parliamentarian. Failing that succession of ranking protocol, the various appointed Directors assuming their positions as Vice President(s) of the vacant Vice President and Parliamentarian positions will serve in the same rank protocol described for the elected Executive Council members. After a proper election is held and new Executive Council officers are seated, the Directors will return to their previously described roles in the GSC Constitution and By-Laws.

As Parliamentarian of the GSC, I also recommend a change in the GSC By-Laws and Constitution concerning any budget amendments that rise to the threshold of an increase of 25% of the current budget line item. I suggest the governing documents be amended to allow for the inclusion of the Parliamentarian in the voting process. Additionally, I recommend the threshold for passage of the amendment be changed to a 2/3rds approval by the Executive Council, *in banc*, as opposed to the current 3/4 approval of the *elected* Executive Council.

Best Regards,

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Item #2 posted on the February 6, 2024, GSC Workshop agenda is a request by the Director of Legislative affairs for discussion concerning establishing a protocol for swearing in newly assigned Senators, as well as the creation of a process that provides ways for the newly assigned Senators to become and remain engaged in GSC programs and events.

Best Regards,

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