

Dec 9th Regular senate meeting minutes

The regular senate meeting starts at 6:40PM with 42 senators and all the executives present in the meeting.

Zhenghao Zhang moves a motion to add the item “Discussion on the constitutional problems in Nov 11th senate meeting” as first item of the agenda for the meeting. Maria proposes a friendly amendment that the new item be added to agenda after friendly remarks by guest, Dr. Lawrence Martin. The amendment is not accepted.

Motion to end the discussion on above motion is made by Christine and it passes unanimously. Voting is taken up on the motion made by Zhang and it fails by in favor 20 oppose 21 and abstain 1.

The item “Discussion on the constitutional problems with regard to voting on the removal of Guofeng as president” is added as the last item in the agenda for the senate meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda is made by Christine. Motion to end discussion on the motion made by Christine is made by Maria and it passes by in favor 25 oppose 17 and abstain 1. Voting is taken up on the motion made by Christine and it passes by in favor 24, oppose 17 and abstain 1.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the minutes is made by Maria. Motion to end discussion on this motion is made by Christine and it passes by in favor 24, oppose 16 and abstain 3. Voting on the motion made by Maria is taken up and it passes by in favor 24 oppose 18 and abstain 2. The minutes are approved

Welcome Remarks by Dean:

Dean says that he is concerned about the clear separation between the Chinese and non-Chinese in the senate, with a large block of the Chinese senators voting together and a large block of non-Chinese senators voting together. He adds that it is his observation after watching the voting pattern in the present senate meeting.

Many senators make a point that they are voting only based upon their judgment and not on the lines of the community they belong to.

He says that he recognized Angeliki (present president) as President after the removal of Guofeng (former President) from office only after speaking to the former speaker, Shawn and in turn paved a way for Guofeng to go for an appeal. He says that this is not the only problem in GSO and it should move on working for the benefit of graduate students. He says that it's a concern when large group of students feel disenfranchised by GSO.

When Masa points out that she didn't find anything in the GSO constitution that facilitates an appeal on the removal of Guofeng, Dean says that if that's the case, then Guofeng should directly appeal to the university council.

Shiva points out that there is a personal clash between Guofeng (Former President) and Angeliki (Present President), so there are concerns about the appeal that may be brought on the constitutional problems in the November 11th senate meeting as Angeliki is in power.

President Angeliki replies saying that she is not a member of grievances council. Dean said that Angeliki should rescue herself from the appeal process.

Question and answer session ends and senate moves on to the Budget Committee reports.

Budget Committee Report by Treasurer, Rong Su:

Spring Festival by SBCSSA: Budget committee recommendation is to fund the event by giving them \$2500. Motion to fund the event by giving them \$2300 is made by Maria and it passes unanimously.

English Department Conference in Manhattan: Budget committee recommendation is to fund the event by giving them \$500. Motion to fund them by giving \$500 is made and it passes unanimously.

Grass Roots Politics by Social justice Alliance: Recommendation by the budget committee is to fund the event by giving \$516.50. Motion to fund Social Justice Alliance for event by giving them \$700 is made and it passes unanimously.

Pongal party by IGSA: No recommendation by Budget committee as the meeting lost quorum by the time the IGSA representative came to the meeting. Motion to fund the event by giving them \$525 is made and it passes unanimously.

Lounge Committee Report by Lounge Committee Chair, Shawn:

Shawn says that he is will send out an email to the senate list high lighting the new accessories at the university café. Ron Willa, C&D agent for GSO points out that they spent \$16,500 out of \$20,000 subsidy allocated in the budget for the university café for the past 5 months and they may need some more subsidies before café can make any profit.

Motion to adjourn meeting after taking up the new business item C (Musician's Alliance for Peace (Ben Robison)) is made and it passes by in favor 14 oppose 2 and abstain 2.

Motion to fund the Musician's Alliance for peace passes by giving them \$527.07 is made and it passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 8:30PM