



## **GSO Senate Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2010**

**Meeting begins at 6:10PM.** 33 Senators in Total Attendance and 4 Executives Present.

**Approval of Agenda (6:12pm)** – A motion was made to amend the following point on the agenda: Change 7:50 to Unfinished Business and change 7:55 to New Business. Unanimous approval

**Approval of February Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made to not read the minutes. Voted and approved. Notice that during March Senate meeting, senate will vote to amend November minutes to reflect RCC presentation. The following corrections were made to February minutes:

- Valentine's Day SARA Event
- Graduate English Society Event requested \$350 amended to \$250, APPROVED.
- Approved "February Agenda and December Minutes"

The February minutes were approved as corrected.

**Presidential Welcoming Remarks and Activities Report (6:33pm)** – Fill the role of speaker, Greg resigned. Will email a guidance document from what he was going to say at the Senate meeting. Tuition increases won't get funneled back into their own department. Proposed straw Poll – On board with supporting a resolution to endorse PHEEIA. Clint – made comment on going line by line through PHEEIA. Dylan yielded the floor to Arthie from NYPIRG. Matt (EE) said TAP is being cut directly for Undergraduate Students. Motion to support writing a resolution in support of PHEEIA. Seconded. Vote Count: 19-0-5. Dylan will circulate graduate student bill of rights and responsibilities.

Motion to let Dante speak now and amend the agenda. Passed unanimously.

**Graduate Student Advocate (7:04pm) Dante Dilimande** – Graduate student advocate. Colloquium in past semester. Organizing a grant writing workshop in the end of April. Issues in the departments. Link on the Grad School Homepage. Can assist any grad students with conflicts. GSEU not involved with GSA.

### **Budget Committee – Funding Requests**

5 Second Audit Report – everything was passed, we're up \$20grand.

1. CARA – Crown Sports in March. Basket Ball, Ping Pong, Party – Total \$780 requested. Decided to fraction into 3 events. Motion to vote on this as one event, unanimous consent. Event funding approved unanimously.
2. Piano Project – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, multiple concerts. Requesting \$375, Approved Unanimously.
3. HERA Group, invited speaker – April 7<sup>th</sup>, Evolution of Human Beings. \$200 requested, Approved Unanimously.

4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Queer Symposium, March 12<sup>th</sup> invited speaker from NYU, \$700 requested. Approved Unanimously.
5. SB Karaoke Club, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Annual activity, 200-300ppl, \$625 requested, approved unanimously.
6. Behavioral Ecology, April 23<sup>rd</sup> speaker from Duke on Chimpanzees in Africa. Requested \$880, Approves unanimously.
7. Philosophy and the Arts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, March 26/27 on SBU Manhattan, Speaker from the New School, participants from 13 countries. \$1000 honorarium. \$2040 requested in total. Approved, 1 abstention.
8. Cinematography Interest Club – Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, \$630 requested, showing from Sundance film festival. Approved Unanimously.
9. Ecology and Evolution – March 24/25 – Invited speaker from Indiana University – Plant speciation and hybridization in evolution. Requested \$700. Department is covering travel and honorarium. Approved Unanimously.
10. Social Welfare (two events) – Annual Career Day March 19th, 3 guest speakers from the Career Center (for free), \$300 funding request. Approved Unanimously.
11. School of Social Welfare – Student Government on the Manhattan Campus. Requested \$150. Approved Unanimously from Miscellaneous Grants.
12. Stony Brooklyn Presents – May 6<sup>th</sup>, free show at U Café. April 8<sup>th</sup> show, the Antlers coming up. Last day before end of classes. Real Estate on line. Requesting \$1500 from miscellaneous grants. Approved Unanimously.
13. IGSA – Spring Ball, 2010, March 21<sup>st</sup>, expect 300 guests, requesting \$2,500 from GSO. Friendly amendment from Joe Ortiz. Reminder to vote for mandatory student activity fee. Approved, one abstention.
14. CS Grad Students – Graduate Research Conference, March 19<sup>th</sup>, CEWIT, Request \$1250 from Speaker Series. Amendment to make \$300 for food, instead of \$250 contingent of re-voting RCC. Approved for \$1,200 unanimously.

**Vice-Presidential Activates Report (7:49pm)** Plans on meeting with Barbara Chernow.

### **RA Union Update (7:55pm)**

**GSEU Update (8pm)** - New Contract was ratified. 6% Raise retroactively for all matriculated students RAs/TAs. Retroactive backpay. 3 events this week. Press Conference GSO Housing Committee/RA Union Housing Committee – Signatures from students on campus to not increase the rent. 2 events going on tomorrow. 2 tomorrow, Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, RALLIES SAC 12:50-1:15pm, CEWIT. Voted o extend by 2 minutes Vote Count: 15-3-1. RAs get lump sum funding from time they were a TA/GA.

### **Unfinished Business**

**NYPIRG (8:08pm)** - Aarti. 20 chapters statewide. Created in the 70s, in SBU since 1979.

### **New Business**

Jose Colmenares– proposed an amendment that acknowledges we voted to Approve the Stony Brook event in November. Voted and unanimously approved.

Michael Greenstein – motioned to withhold \$300 in funding for food until such a time that the RCC could meet to discuss changing the rule. Voted unanimously to table this.

**Speaker Elections** - Both Jose Colmenares and Michael Greenstein run for speaker. 19 Senators present. 10 for Michael, 9 for Jose, no abstentions.

**Motion to adjourn (8:22pm)**