



GSO Senate Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2010

Meeting called to order at 5:30PM

15 Senators and 4 Executives Present.

Approval of Agenda - A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion passes.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes as Corrected - A motion was made to approve the April minutes as corrected. A motion was made to include the PHEEIA Resolution in the minutes. Motion passes. 6-1-0. Motion to approve the April GSO Senate Meeting minutes as corrected, passes, no one opposed.

Presentation from Ombuds Office - Judi Segal - 10 years in the position. Important resource for grad students. www.stonybrook.edu/ombuds. Formal resource works independent from rest of management from the institution. An impartial reference. Academic, employment related, or just university dealings. Extends to everyone who lives, or works within the university. Alternative procedure to formal adjudicative mechanisms. Has the information and resources to help you understand what to do with those conflicts. i.e. continuing successfully in your academic career here. Conflict with advisor. Lots of faculty, staff, administrators and undergraduates use the Ombuds Office. Goal is to facilitate positive outcomes whatever way possible. Collaborate with GSA. Resource for and collaborator with GSA. Dante GSA Advocate - can be a voice to the administration. Pressing issues affecting graduate students. Organized grant writing colloquium. 70 people in attendance

Dean Lawrence Martin Addresses the Senate and Opens the Floor to

Questions (5:44pm) - Q: Faculty furlough days - SUNY has said all state employees are getting furloughed except management. Furlough plan for all of state employees. However, there is no news about GSEU employees being furloughed. Next year goal is to reduce \$36m budget. \$12m of that has been accounted for. Q: Were any adjuncts requested to take furloughs? Yes, post-docs and adjuncts are state employees. To the best of his knowledge, everyone except management and confidential employees are not on the furlough list. Includes university administration. Dramatic increase in number of on-campus housing by graduate students. Current policy - all first year graduate students are guaranteed first year housing by the school. Based on

the number of deposits to date, there is going to be a lot of pressure on the current students living on campus. Q: Do you have a plan to help the students who want to live on campus but you can't currently fit. A: No, we have no plan. There is an off-campus housing office. Chapin and Schomburg have been improved. Ratio of undergraduate:graduate students to determine number of beds allocated for graduate students. We are clearly currently lacking suitable accommodation for couples, and young families, and affordable decent accommodations. Appears beyond our capacity to build single affordable accommodations. Refers to housing survey. A lot of students with higher stipends chose to live off campus. There is a much higher cost - insurance, fuel, car, etc. Rents have declined dramatically, the housing market has softened, not a particularly shortage of off-campus housing. Stony Brook University region is a very expensive area to do construction. Housing task force - problem is easy to solve with money. Need to set up an endowment to subsidize housing.

Motion to table President Stanley's Address to the GSO Senate until he arrives. Motion passes.

Freewheel (6:00pm) - Matt - Secretary of Freewheels. Next fiscal year there will be \$1,500 spent on Freewheel. They buy parts for your bikes and fix them. Service on campus in the basement of the Union, works as a group to do bike advocacy and bike maintenance. Some small number of bikes up for grabs. Cheaper to bike to school. Also give out free helmets (Freewheel granted \$500 by GSO to distribute free helmets and lights) - undergrads have to pay for that stuff. Dean Martin - can organize drop off point, let people in community know, give out to needy students. Thinks we can get hundreds of bikes. Google SUNY Freewheel to check out website.

<http://www.sinc.sunysb.edu/Clubs/frwheel/>

President Samuel Stanley Addresses The GSO Senate - First presentation to the GSO Senate. Just came back from Albany. Either a press conference or rally for the PHEEIA. Governor Patterson, Lt. Governor, Chancellor Zympher, President of U Buffalo, head of SUNY faculty senate, head of SUNY student senate, each asked to say something about PHEEIA. Lots of press there, probably due to the furlough issue. This is an extraordinary far-sighted thing to do, push it forward. Shows a lot of vision. Biggest issue facing SB is the budget. \$34 million budget shortfall coming into next year. Dealing with \$55m in cuts. Receive about \$300m annually in state support. Taking about an 18% cut. Not a trivial cut. How to minimize

that? A lot of burden is being felt by undergraduates. Seen a decline in that based on these budgetary issues. Don't see us resolving it in the near future. Budgets put forward by the Governor - nothing talks about restoring funds for SUNY. Increasing revenue ways of. Tangible outcome - reduced operations at Southampton. Came down to strategy and economics. Cost to educate an undergraduate on West campus costs \$12,000, cost on Southampton costs \$30,000. Can't be run on \$5,000/yr tuition with absence of state support. Very optimistic about Stony Brook and SUNY Strategic Plan. Going to be very helpful with what we want to do in the future. Part of our unique identity, bringing in more federal dollars, better partnerships with industry, great education opportunities, helping the community and the region. Part of the economic revitalization of the state. Drive economic recovery. Graduate students, post-docs are all part of it. Q: Affects on graduate students now? - Departments are having to cut back their support of grad students. Going to work very hard to deliver a number to them. Trying to cut as much as they can. Want departments to have power over their budget. No sector of the university is going to escape. Ability to plan is difficult since the budget is not yet passed. Operating under worst case scenario - no restorations, no PHEEIA - but believes some of those things will occur. Q: If PHEEIA passes, how are you going to guarantee the state's allocation to the SUNY system? Difficult to mandate that. i.e. legislature can easily overcome that. Trend nationally - our percentage of state support is not going to go up. Point out value and innovation. Don't see us getting cut differentially. Average out tuition raise to 7%. Ability to have that money stay on this campus. Help us with planning. Q: If PHEEIA passes and tuition goes up, will PhD students be affected by that? DM: Tuition scholarships would be scaled up. We will have to continue to maintain these scholarships. PSS: Will help build SB in the future. Bringing up the best graduate students we can. Q: A lot of money invested in Southampton - what are we going to do with it? It will not be condominiums, not a casino - not for sale! Only 79 graduate students from east end on the Southampton campus. Not going to make this campus for something else until the business plan is done. Not going to be decided quickly. Uncertainty creates tension. Q: Talked about a slow down of ambitious goals for the university. A: We are trying to look at every program on its individual merit. What's its academic value? That's the first thing we look at. Academic quality. Second thing we look at is the business model. Programs we want to emphasize. i.e. Korea - there are opportunities there. Korean students are some of the best at SBU. Center for Excellence in Wireless Information and Technology, being run by students from Korea. Any new plan cannot lose money. At worst break even - CAN'T lose money.

Haven't said no to S. Korea yet, but not said yes. Q: Even if PHEEIA was passed, not going to close all of our budget gaps. Are there going to be lay offs? PSS: As it stands, there will be a reduction in the number of classes and loss of adjuncts, try to minimize it. Try to have something in the administrative side to help.

Motion to extend time 5minutes. Passed.

Q: Will Stony Brook Manhattan remain operational? A: Stony Brook Manhattan - Basically two buildings - we gave up one of those buildings. Saving about \$1m/yr giving up one of the buildings. Appropriately utilize one building. Losing his office there. The other building in on a long-term lease. Not going to get out of that and have a presence in Manhattan over the next few years. How to optimally use that? Educational mission, generate revenue on that side. 380 Park building will stay and we will continue to use it, the 401 Park building is closing. Q: Process about closing Southampton - why wasn't the public informed? Timing, processing applications. Didn't want people trapped with going there and then closing. Economically it doesn't make any sense to run it. It would scare off students. Want tenure track faculty to come there. Q: Oversight of PHEEIA beyond what we have? A: Tuition is not the right thing to have in the legislature. The SUNY BOT are appointed by the governor and approved by the legislature. They must have some qualifications. Can look dispassionately in what needs to be done for the system. President SS can't raise tuition. They would have to approve/disapprove it. Public-private partnerships - see if it is consistent with academic mission of the university. Is that board any more or less qualified than the legislature? The board has more qualifications to adjust tuition. How has tuition been raised over the past few years? When the state is in an economic downturn, when families are in an economic downturn. Taking it out of the political process. The legislature can undue anything they do. The will of the people can't be completely evaded in this process.

Call for quorum - 27 senators present.

RCC Report

Standing Committee Bylaws

Article III. Rules of Order

Section A: Committee Meetings:

4. Minutes from all official meetings must be posted to the GSO website within a week of **approval of** the minutes. **Minutes from an official meeting must be approved within a week of the meeting and may be done via email. The posted minutes** must include a summary of the agenda, results of votes and **the** committee **chair's** contact information. Advertisements and minutes should not be posted to the listserve unless the Speaker of the Senate deems it absolutely necessary. Relevant documents including the minutes may be available via hard copy at the GSO office, and shall be archived annually.

Article III.A. - Passes, 26-0

Article IV. Specific Committee Bylaws

Section G: Social Concerns Committee

4: The Social Concerns Committee shall maintain a graduate student presence on the Traffic Appeals Board. The chairperson may appoint any GSO member to serve on this committee.

Article IV.G - Passes, 23-0

Article II. Committee Membership Bylaws

Section A: Committee Membership:

4. At the beginning of the **Spring** semester, members who have been deemed consistently inactive may be removed from official Standing Committee membership status upon recommendation of the chair and formal removal as stipulated by the GSO Constitution Article VII.A.5. Unless defined in Specific Committee Bylaws, a member is considered consistently inactive if they attend less than 50% of the meetings during that semester without explanation. As noted in the Constitution, any member may be removed at any time by recommendation of the President and confirmation by a majority of the senators.

Article II.A - Passes, 24-0

Article II. Committee Membership Bylaws

Section A: Committee Membership:

6. Quorum shall consist of a chair and two members of the committee; if the committee does not have a chair, then quorum shall consist of three members of the committee.

7. Unless otherwise specified, the GSO President is a voting member of all GSO committees. However, the GSO President will only count towards quorum for committee meetings in which the chair is present.

Article II.A.6 & 7 - Passes, 24-0

Article II. Committee Membership Bylaws

Section A: Committee Membership:

8. If a committee member who is not the chair feels unable or unwilling to continue to perform their duties as a member of the committee, then they must withdraw from the membership of the committee in a timely fashion. To withdraw from a committee, he or she must submit, in writing, a letter of intent to the committee chair and the vice-president. This resignation is only valid if sent to both the committee chair and vice-president. The committee chair and vice-president shall accept this resignation effective immediately. Upon acceptance of a resignation, a call to fill the position must be sent, within a week, to the senate listserve by the President or designee.

Article II.A.8 - Passes, 26-0

Elections Committee Bylaws

Article I. Elections Committee Bylaws and Elections Procedures

Section 1. Eligibility

D. No member of the Elections Committee (including the Chair) may run as a candidate for office if they have not resigned by **February 15th in accordance with the rules for committee resignation as outlined by Article II section A.8.**

E. The chair of the Elections Committee shall reach out to verify continued membership of the committee during the first week of February.

Section 2. Election Deadlines

A. The elections committee must meet at least once during the spring semester before the call for nominations.

Article I.1.D,E and A - Passes, 22-0

ICP

Appendix A. Memoranda of Understanding

Appendix A.1

a) ... **in one installment**

Appendix A.2

A. ... **in one installment**

Appendix A.3

A. ... **in one installment**

Appendix A.5

A. ... **in one installment**

As will be stated, we are working on a MoU with FSA right now...

Appendix A - MOU - Passes, 28-0

Appendix A.6 University Café Memorandum of Understanding

A. The GSO agrees to sponsor a 2x2x2 Special Offer (2 house beverages and a plate of cheese/fruit/crackers for 2 people for \$2) at University Cafe for the Summer of 2010.

B. The Special Offer would be provided during summer hours that the Cafe is open from June to August, 2010, approximate 50 days, including Wednesday through Friday late afternoons (about 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and **World** Cup days.

C. Only individuals who identify themselves as graduate students will receive the Offer (cost to others about \$5 to \$6). One Special per person per day will be allowed.

D. GSO will receive acknowledgement as the sponsor of this Special Offer for graduate students throughout the summer.

E. GSO will provide a \$1,000 Grant to the FSA University Café account, to be paid by July 15, 2010

Appendix A.6 U. Café - MOU - Passes, 28-0

5.4 Internal GSO Functions

5.4.3 Graduate Student Nights

This line is to pay for campus wide gatherings of graduate students at least once a semester at a venue that serves food and beverages with a capacity of at least 100 people in order to foster social community.

5.4.3 - Graduate Student Nights - Passes, 29-0

5.4.4 GSO Travel

5.4.5 Committee Expenses

5.4.6 NAGPS Membership

6.3.5 Resource Access Project (RAP)

D. If funding is requested to cover partial expenses not paid by another primary funding agency, an official written statement of funds provided and a photocopy of all receipts is required from the agency. Reimbursements for e-tickets will be made only on submission of **proof that you boarded the flight (e.g. the original boarding pass stub, baggage claim check, or frequent flyer reports).**

6.3.5 RAP - Passes, 29-0

Appendix G. Senator Activity

All departments and senators are considered active before the regularly scheduled October GSO Senate meeting of the fiscal year. At the October GSO Senate meeting departments and senators can become inactive through lack of attendance.

A. A senator becomes inactive if they have missed two out of the last three GSO Senate meetings. A department becomes inactive if none of their senators are active.

B. Alternate senators vote in place of primary senators in an instance in which the primary senator does not attend a Senate meeting. If an alternate senator attends a meeting, it counts as primary senator attendance to the meeting.

C. Senators become active upon attending two out of three meetings since losing active status.

D. New senators who are appointed after October become active upon attending their first senate meeting, and may lose activity in the manner described above.


Appendix G.A-D - Passes, 29-0

Motioned to change the agenda so Elections Committee can give its report. Majority passes. 14-1-1

Elections Committee Report

GSO Election Results

President

| Candidates | | Customize Find  | First <input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 of 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Last |
|------------|------------------------|--|---|
| | <u>Name</u> | <u>Total Votes</u> | <u>Total Vote %</u> |
| 1 | | 1 | |
| 2 | Angel Gonzalez | 245 | 36 |
| 3 | Froylan Enciso Higuera | 431 | 63 |
| 4 | ABSTAIN | 2 | |
| 5 | ANYONE ELSE | 1 | |
| 6 | BOYAN DOYTCHINOV | 1 | |
| 7 | EMILIO ESTEVEZ | 1 | |
| 8 | NON | 1 | |
| 9 | RAYMOND CASCIO | 1 | |
| 10 | WENQIAN PAN | 1 | |

Vice President


| Candidates | | Customize Find  | First <input type="checkbox"/> 1-9 of 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Last |
|------------|----------------|--|---|
| | <u>Name</u> | <u>Total Votes</u> | <u>Total Vote %</u> |
| 1 | | 3 | |
| 2 | Joseph Ortiz | 197 | 28 |
| 3 | Kai Wu | 500 | 71 |
| 4 | ABSTAIN | 2 | |
| 5 | LAUREN RAIA | 1 | |
| 6 | NON | 1 | |
| 7 | NONE | 1 | |
| 8 | RAYMOND CASCIO | 1 | |
| 9 | YANKEE DOODLE | 1 | |

Secretary

| Candidates | | Customize Find  | First <input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 of 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Last |
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| | | <u>Name</u> | <u>Total Votes</u> | <u>Total Vote %</u> |
|----|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | | | 1 | |
| 2 | | Matthew Aiello-Lammens | 194 | 29 |
| 3 | | Alberto Herrera-Alcazar | 459 | 69 |
| 4 | ABSTAIN | | 1 | |
| 5 | LEE BROWN | | 1 | |
| 6 | NONE | | 1 | |
| 7 | PETER PAN | | 1 | |
| 8 | RAYMOND CASCIO | | 1 | |
| 9 | SANTA CLAUS | | 1 | |
| 10 | WENQIAN PAN | | 1 | |

Treasurer

| Candidates | | Customize Find  | First <input type="button" value="◀"/> 1-9 of 9 <input type="button" value="▶"/> Last | |
|------------|----------------|--|---|---------------------|
| | | <u>Name</u> | <u>Total Votes</u> | <u>Total Vote %</u> |
| 1 | | | 1 | |
| 2 | | Denise Fillion | 434 | 62 |
| 3 | | Mark Rice | 255 | 37 |
| 4 | ABSTAIN | | 1 | |
| 5 | JOSHUA SEITZ | | 1 | |
| 6 | NONE | | 1 | |
| 7 | RAYMOND CASCIO | | 1 | |
| 8 | WENQIAN PAN | | 1 | |
| 9 | YOGI BERRA | | 1 | |
| | | | | |

Mandatory Student Activity Fee

| | | <u>Name</u> | <u>Total Votes</u> | <u>Total Vote %</u> |
|---|-----|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | NO | | 165 | 22 |
| 2 | YES | | 571 | 78 |

Swearing in of the new officers. Oath of Office administered by Speaker Michael Greenstein.

All new officers signed statement of fiduciary responsibility to be kept on file in the GSO office. Speaker failed to bring copies of the Oath of Office to sign. Oath signatures will be done at a later date.

Call for quorum - 23 senators present (7:44pm)

Resume RCC Report: ICP Changes

6.3.5 Resource Access Project (RAP)

F. RAP funds are directly tied to a department's senator's attendance at GSO Senate meetings. Only active departments can receive RAP funding. **Activity is defined in Appendix G.** Departments represented by GSO employees paid through GSO payroll automatically qualify for RAP.

6.3.5.F - Passes, 29-0

6.3.5.G

G. RAP will not cover lodging requests for overnight stays for conferences taking place on long island or within the five boroughs of New York City.

Motion to amend: add the words "unless it is a multi-day conference". - friendly

Motion to amend: "include unless extenuating circumstances exist". - friendly

Motion to amend: change "unless it is a multi-day conference" to "exceeding the number of days of the conference" - friendly

G. RAP will not cover lodging requests for overnight stays exceeding the number of days of the conference if the conference is taking place on Long Island, or within the five boroughs of New York City, unless documented extenuating circumstances exist.

Motion to approve = 21-0-1 (passes)

6.3.6 Inter-University Doctoral Consortium (IUDC) and Stony Brook Manhattan

The total amount of discount will be determined by the Budget Committee based on the total number of requests and the total amount in the line, **but not to exceed 50% of the student's cost.**

6.3.6 - Passes, 26-2

6.3.1 Student Clubs and Organizations

6.3.1.1 Office of Student Activities (OSA) Recognized Clubs and Organizations

Recognition by the GSO also requires regularly conducting meetings and/or events advertised through the GSO listserve and in various other media every semester. The club allocation will be released in one installment no earlier than after the organization's first general meeting or event of the fiscal year. All meetings and events must be publicized through the GSO listserve/website at least three business days in advance unless guided by a separate Memorandum of Understanding. **The amount of funding a club is eligible to receive is defined in the Annual Operating Budget.**

6.3.1.1 - Passes, 28-0-2

6.3.9 Educational Programming in International Culture (EPIC)

The only events that qualify for this line are SBCSSA Full Moon Festival and Chinese New Year's Celebration, and IGSA Freshers' Party and Spring Ball. Because these are annual cultural events of great significance to a large number of graduate students, it has been deemed necessary to create a specific set of rules for these events independent of the General Cultural and Social Events line.

- A. Approval of requests from this line require a 2/3 vote of senators present.**
- B. No more than 25% of this line may be used on each event.**
- C. No more than 66% of the money granted for each event may be spent on food/drink.**
- D. This line may not be overspent.**
- E. The events funded by this line may not be funded using any other lines that require senate approval.**
- F. Unless otherwise specified, this line follows all rules specified in 6.3.2.**

6.3.9.A-F - Passes, 28-1

6.3.10 Social Concerns Committee Social Events and Entertainment Distribution (SCCSEED)

This line can only be used for events fully programmed and planned by the SCC. This would require budget committee recommendation and EC

approval to allocate. Expenses incurred on this line may be prepaid by the Treasurer using the GSO credit card.

A. No more than 60% of the line may be used in the fall semester.

B. The events funded by this line may not be funded using any lines that require senate approval.

6.3.10 - Passes, 23-2

6.3.11 Concerts

This line will fund a number of concerts for the benefit of graduate students during the academic year. These concerts are to be held at the University Café or at another local venue deemed suitably accessible to graduate students (as determined by the SCC). The specific details of the co-operation of concerts held on campus using this line are detailed in the MOU.

A. Use of this line requires senate approval by a simple majority vote.

B. All concerts in which the plurality of the funding is from the GSO shall be designated as such by "The Stony Brook GSO Presents ____"

C. No more than 60% of this line may be spent per semester.

D. No more than 30% of this line may be spent per concert.

E. This line may not be overspent.

F. The events funded by this line may not be funded using any other lines that require senate approval.

G. Due to the nature of booking performances, checks may be prepared in advance in order to be disbursed immediately following the performance.

H. Unless otherwise specified, this line follows all rules specified in 6.3.2.

6.3.11 - Passes, 28-0-0

6.3.12 University Café Programming

This line can be used to fund events such as Trivia, Karaoke, and Summer Food/Drink specials at the University Café. The specific details of these expenses are outlined in the MOU.

6.3.12 - Passes, 28-0-0

Appendix F. Statement of Fiduciary Responsibility

In order to maintain a responsible and open stewardship of the Student Activity Fee, each member of the Executive Council has a fiduciary obligation to utilize the utmost good faith and act in the best interest of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO).

A member of the Executive Council may not participate in any deliberations or vote on any matter relating to current or proposed Organization or personal business in which s/he has a direct or indirect interest in another entity, and that entity enters into a transaction with GSO. Direct or indirect interest includes any legal, equitable or fiduciary interest or position in such entity. Due to the proscribed nature of the relationship between the GSO and its fiscal agent, FSA, membership on the Board of Directors of the fiscal agent is specifically excluded from this document.

Executive Council members having a direct or indirect financial interest that could create a conflict of interest with any Organization or personal agreement, transaction, or relationship, shall disclose that interest to the Executive Council. The remaining Executive Council members shall determine whether the member may participate in the deliberations or vote on the issue. Any potential conflicts of interest that are disclosed to the Executive Council must be disseminated to the GSO Senate and published along with the minutes from the Executive Council meeting in which the conflicts of interest were raised.

No member of the Executive Council shall accept compensation of any sort from a person, organization, or corporation who has a financial relationship with GSO.

I have read the above policy and agree to abide by its provisions.

Name (print)

(Signature)

Date

Appendix F. statement of Fiduciary Responsibility - Motion to approve. - passes, 21-4-3.

5.2 Payroll

5.2.1 Officer Stipends

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must take an oath of office **and sign the Statement of Fiduciary Responsibility** to be kept on file in the GSO office and on the GSO website before receiving their stipend. This oath will be publicly administered by the Chair of the Senate after their election during the May Senate meeting. Any appointed officers must also take the oath of office from the Chair of the Senate. If there is no Vice President or Speaker officers may administer their own oaths in front of the Senate. In no case can any officer but the Vice President or Speaker administer an oath of office. The Speaker of the Senate must also publicly take an oath of office **and sign the Statement of Fiduciary Responsibility** to be kept on file in front of the Senate right after his or her election. The oath can be found in Appendix C **and the Statement of Fiduciary Responsibility can be found in Appendix F.**

Payroll 5.2.1. - passes, 22-2-2

ECC Proposes Constitution Changes

ARTICLE V - Senate

Section A: Duties and Powers of the GSO Senate.

e. A quorum shall consist of 25% of the total number of currently **active** GSO Senators, or 8 certified Senators, whichever is greater.

Article A.e = can't vote on it.

Motion for Quorum - 29 Senators present. Requires 11 people for Quorum and 32.5 people for a Constitutional Change.

Motion to postpone this until we have enough people to pass a constitutional amendment. Majority votes, passes. Regarding Article V.

ARTICLE X - Conflict of Interest

No officer receiving remuneration from the GSO shall accept any appointment, position, or remuneration which is in conflict of interest with his or her duties as an officer of the GSO. The Board of Appeals shall interpret the specific application of this by-law on a case-by-case basis.

No senator shall cast a vote on any issue in which he or she holds a personal financial Conflict of Interest. The Board of Appeals shall interpret the specific application of this by-law on a case-by-case basis.

Motion to postpone this until we have enough people to pass a constitutional amendment. Majority votes, passes. Regarding Article X.

Budget Report

Proposed Budget for FY10-11.

Motion to Approve. Seconded. 18-0-0.

Quorum count: 8:15pm - 19 Senators present.

Treasurer's Report.

Motion to overspend graduate students line night. Majority approved.

Motion to overspend club allocations. Majority approved.

Budget Requests:

- IGSA - Movie Day, May 23rd, \$750 budget request, expect 50ppl to attend. Majority approves. **Social Event**
- Pharmacology - Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology Annual Student Symposium - Guest Speaker, Weil Cornell Medical College. \$300. Majority approves. **Speaker Series**
- Cat Network, Requesting \$1,350, Majority approves. From **miscellaneous grants.**
- FSA Lounge Committee, Chaired by Bill Wenzel, Requests \$1,000. Majority approves. **Miscellaneous Grant**

President's Report - Bill of Right's and Responsibilities. Motion to take it off the table. Motion to resume discussion of Bill of Rights and Responsibilities. Majority Passes.

NAGPS Report - Discussed Northeast Regional Conference.

GSEU Report - Commented on furloughs. Retroactive pay is on the divisional budget. Don't expect to have that soon. No written confirmation that TAs are not on the furlough list, though they are not expected to be. Call for GSEU Department Mobilizers. Q: Retroactive raise - is there anything we have to do? If you meet the criteria, as soon as they approve the pay bill on the State Senate, you should get it. Q: Is there any chance the pay bill won't

pass? A: This is unheard of, not passing. Wouldn't save much money. Q: What about furloughs? Supposed to take affect after May 21st.

RA Union Report - \$21,000 minimum raise. 2% one time annual raise.

Motion to adjourn - Motion passes, meeting adjourned.