

**GSO senate meeting minutes**  
**March 14, 2002**

General announcements were made.

February minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

**Budget Items:**

1.

Proposed by: Michele Fazio

Title: Racenicity: The Whitewashing of Ethnicity

What: A lecture by Dr. Pepi Leistyna. Viewing of *The Color of Fear*. A discussion.

When: April 19, 2002. 3pm

Where:

Amount requested: \$ 500.

The Budget Committee recommends: \$500.

Category: Speaker Series (medium)

**unanimously approved \$500**

2.

Proposed by: Pegine Walrad

Title: Campus Life Awards

What: Awards to the students and members of the Campus Community.

When: April 23, 2002.

Where: SAC Auditorium

Amount requested: \$270

The Budget Committee recommends: \$ 270

Category: Miscellaneous. (should have been included in the Budget under contributions)

**passed (18 for / 3 against) \$270**

3.

Proposed by: Pegine Walrad

Title: Spring Time Cabaret

What: A Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser + Cabaret Performance.

When: April 19<sup>th</sup> 8-9pm.

Where: The SPOT

Amount requested: \$135

The Budget Committee recommends: \$120

Category: Cultural and Social Events

**unanimously approved for \$120**

4.

Proposed by: UGS (Abigail McKay)

Title: "Women in Prisons and Children in Crisis Symposium"

What: Symposium (additional funding to cover train tickets)

When: March 15, 2002. 9am-3pm

Where: SAC Auditorium

Amount requested: \$ 75

The Budget Committee recommends: \$75

Category: speaker series (LOW)

**unanimously approved for \$75**

5.

Proposed by: UGS (Abigail McKay)

Title: What's Race Got to Do With It?

What: a diversity discourse  
When: April 10, 2002. 5:30-7:30 pm  
Where: SAC 305  
Amount requested: \$ 100  
The Budget Committee recommends: \$100  
Category: speaker series (LOW)  
**unanimously approved for \$100**

6.

Proposed by: UGS (Abigail McKay)  
Title: Fourth Annual Evening of Culture  
What: dining, discourse and dancing end of the year event  
When: April 18, 2002. 7-11pm  
Where: Student Union Ballroom  
Amount requested: \$750  
The Budget Committee recommends: \$500 (suggested to use \$250 from the club allocation for this event)  
Category: Cultural and Social Events (LOW)  
**unanimously approved for \$500**

7.

Proposed by: Jaime Connolly, Chrissy Weston , Pharmacology Graduate Students  
Title: Zickler Lecture Series  
What: Annual Lecture Series  
When: May 2, 2002. 4pm  
Where: Health Science Lecture Hall 3, Level 2  
Amount requested: \$500  
The Budget Committee recommends: \$500  
Category: Lecture Series (medium)  
**unanimously approved for \$500**

8.

Proposed by: Regina Alandy  
Title: Keynote Lecture for Women's Leadership Conference  
What: a lecture  
When: April 25, 2002. 3:30-5:00pm  
Where: SAC  
Amount requested: \$1000  
The Budget Committee recommends: \$1000  
Category: Lecture Series (medium)  
**unanimously approved for \$1000**

9.

Proposed by: SJA (Chad Kautzer)  
Title: A Talk by Professor Betty Joseph "Women and Globalization"  
What: a lecture  
When: April 17, 2002. 5pm  
Where: NA  
Amount requested: \$125  
The Budget Committee recommends: \$ 125  
Category: Cultural and Social Events (LOW)  
**unanimously approved for \$125**

10.

Proposed by: SJA (Chad Kautzer)  
Title: "Latin America Globalization and the FTAA"  
What: handbook  
When: April/May  
Where: lectures and departments

Amount requested: \$300

The Budget Committee recommends: \$300

Category: Publications (none used yet)

**unanimously approved for \$300**

11./12.

Proposed by: SPH (Adelaide Pangemanan)

Title: 2002 Human Rights Campaign (additional funding)

What: lecture, supplemental funding to cover travel expenses and part of the speakers fee

When: 3/18, 2002 at noon and April 11, 2002 at 8pm

Where: SAC Auditorium and Alliance Room

Amount requested: 506.18

The Budget Committee recommends: \$500 (300+200)

Category: lecture series (LOW)

**unanimously approved for \$500**

13.

Proposed by: Nichole Prescott

Title: Indigenous People Symposium

What: symposium (drumming group "Mystic River" fee)

When: April 18, 2002. 4pm

Where: Peace Center (Old Chem)

Amount requested: \$ 700

The Budget Committee recommends: \$ 700

Category: Cultural and Social Events (LOW)

**unanimously approved for \$700**

## **Committee Reports:**

**Housing committee:** Masa Prodanovic (speaker) - Schomburg rent review  
GSO representatives were originally denied access to the rent review meeting. The review committee was reminded of their open door policy.

**Election committee:** Sherrye Glaser (secretary) - April elections  
There will soon be an open call for candidates for the 2002-2003 exec committee. Please notify your departments and recruit nominees. Any GSO member can run.

The online voting system has been completed by the GSO webmaster Bin Xu. A couple days ago, an administrator voiced concerns about security, and requested that the system not be used until it has been reviewed by DoIT. As soon as all concerns have been addressed, a trial run of the system will take place, and the senators will be asked via email to participate.

**Lounge committee:** Pegine Walrad (president) Habitat for Humanity fundraiser at the spot.

## **Special committees:**

**Task force for Habitat for Humanity Fundraising:** Pegine Walrad - There will be a 'Beat the Dean' (L. Martin) and Michael Klein foose ball competition at the spot. There

will also be a race around the pond to 'chase the leprechaun' and a dirty limerick competition. T-shirts and prizes will be distributed.

**CAPRA, University Senate, and Grad Council Reports:** Maureen Shaiman (Grad Advocate) -

1) Registering by snapshot - Every grad must be registered for the correct number of credits prior to the snapshot date or else they may lose their TA lines, tuition scholarship, and immigration status. If you are blocked from registering, correct the problem prior to this date!!!! Also, keep records of all conversations and emails. Get PROOF of registering..... that means you need a printout, even if you register by phone. Occasionally, people can be accidentally 'de-registered'.

2) CAPRA - the budget cuts are not as severe as previously anticipated. There will be a reduction in the number of new faculty hired (but no hiring freeze), and there was a suggested large cuts in TA and GA lines. Dean L. Martin was against those cuts, and the President and Provost agreed.

3) Grad council - External reviews of Technology and Society dept on 3/18, Neurobiology and Behavior on 4/4, Art on 4/9, and Biochemistry and Cell Biology on 4/11. Students should be prepared to meet with reviewers to discuss the grad programs.

Also, a change was made in the grad school's academic probation policy. 'A student who has been on academic probation a total of 3 semesters and whose GPA remains or falls below 3.0 will not be permitted to re-enroll.' (Prior, a student was not allowed to re-enroll following 2 consecutive semesters on probation, which allowed students to go on and off probation multiple times.)

The practice of allowing doctoral students nearing the completion of their dissertations to be hooded at Commencement prior to completing the oral defense has now been eliminated.

4) university senate - Contact Jake Levich about suggestions for the new SBU website (Jacob.Levich@stonybrook.edu).

**Stony Brook Day in Albany** - Pegine Walrad - The day was productive. SBU students met with four state congressmen. The issue of stipend levels being the same at SBU as at other SUNY's, while living expenses on Long Island are drastically higher was brought to their attention.

### **Period of Discussion and Debate:**

**Old business** - new members on committees - Tanya Smith - vice-president - asked for volunteers. Parking appeals board - Pegine Walrad and Amit Vas.  
Budget Committee - New member needed - (Kostas not showing up....) Abhijit Sengupta (economics senator) is the replacement.

**New business** - Campus Life awards - Pegine Walrad - Nominees for awards for students active in the grad community were requested. Anyone can nominate a student. Give nominees to Pegine. The awards will be handed out next month.