

**Resolution on the Lack of Transparency of the Stony Brook Administration
As demonstrated by the Closure of Stony Brook Southampton as a
Four-year Residential College**

Whereas, the closure of Stony Brook Southampton as a four-year residential college happened in an offhand fashion, via executive decision, without student consultation and without following due legal process;

Whereas, many graduate students and students' publications on the main campus have expressed their concern about the possibility that this lack of transparency could be repeated in their own programs and departments;

Whereas, every graduate student should have the right to know, in advance, any decision that could have permanent effects on their academic and life plans and;

Whereas, high rank officials of the State University of New York at Stony Brook have publicly declared that they can use the same clandestine procedures in the future;

Be it resolved that the GSO calls upon the State University of New York at Stony Brook to guarantee that any proposal to transfer, combine, consolidate, divide, or eliminate departments, programs, institutes, schools and colleges should incorporate feedback from the graduate student community in the decision-making process.

Be it resolved that the GSO calls upon the State University of New York at Stony Brook to inform student governments and affected students of any decision that could affect the academic development and plans of graduate students at least one academic year in advance.

Be it resolved that the GSO calls upon the government of New York State to increase its funding for the State University of New York at Stony Brook to an appropriate level, which would adequately allow for the continuation of academic programs.

Be it resolved that the GSO demands a permanent graduate student liaison position with full voting rights on University Council.