

GSO Senate Meeting Minutes from 4/12/01

Attendance: 26 voting senators

General Announcements:

Updated GSO Website w/ message board
News & Blues Issue Delayed til May
ThinkTank session postponed
Springfest postponed to May 12th Will be held on lawn outside of SPOT w/games,
food & refreshments
Revamped senate meeting style in effect

Committee Reports

1. **Rules & Constitution Committee:** (Chair: Andrew Olejniczak)
Following Robert's Rules of Conduct for Meetings from now on
Proposed Constitutional Amendments to run GSO smoother
2. **Election Committee:** (Chair: Pegine Walrad)
Call for nominees with deadline extended to 4/16/01
Call for election committee volunteers:
Sherrye Glaser
Liz Kelly
Charis Ng
Marie Laude
NYPIRG help enlisted
Election to be held 5/1 - 5/3
3. **Housing Committee:** (Chair: Abigail McKay)
Jasmina spoke in Abigail's absence:
Collecting e-mails regarding off-campus discrimination experiences of grad students
New proposed contract to live in Schomberg or Chapin is for 1 year & can only be broken if student drops out or graduates
Schomberg/Chapin petitions discussed regarding their representation of the GSO at large
4. **Budget Committee:** (Chair: David Spears)
6 Budget Items:
 1. Master Fine Arts Club: Request \$\$ for Speaker--Passed Unanimously
 2. UGS Evening of Culture: Request \$750 support held 4/24 in Union Ballroom--Passed (18+, 0 -, 0 Abstain)
 3. Kickball Tournament: Request \$200 event support held 4/21--Passed (16+, 2 -, 0 Abstain)
 4. CARA "Holi" Indian Festival of Color: Request \$800 held 4/21 in Schomberg Commons-- Passed (18+, 1-, 0 Abstain)
 5. Art History Speaker Series: Request: \$650--Passed (20+, 0 -, 0 Abstain)
 6. Program Funding Spreadsheet Proposed allocation alteration: Take \$1000 from Student Publication General Cultural & Social Honorarium
Add to subsidise Speaker Series--Passed (20+, 0 -, 0 Abstain)
5. **Lounge Committee:** (Chair: David Spears)
Spot staying put for next year due to Humanities Bldg renovation Budget

shortcomings

Proposed \$16,800 subsidy for year

Motion to approve w/unanimous consent: Passed

Last Month (March) SPOT PROFITTED \$1,258!!!

Not taking into account:

Hillel never paying dept of \$400 (assumed by SPOT and therefore the GSO)

General Operating Expenses

Payment of Permanent Salaries: Godfrey paid 3X in March to compensate for previous months

Referenda Items:

1) NYPIRG Funding: Passed (20 +, 0, 0)--\$1.50 F/T grad, \$0.75 P/T

2) Grad Cultural & Social Events Increase Activity fees--Passed w/unanimous consent
-No increase in student fees for the last 10 years since 1992 (per Charis Ng)
-Increase \$1.50 F/T grad, \$1.00 P/T per semester

3) Child Care Services Passed w/ Unanimous consent
92 Spaces--25 Grad (GSO contributes \$8,500), 25 Undergrad (Polity contributes \$36,000)
Sliding Pay Scale: Average grad pays \$70/week
- average faculty pays \$210/week

RCC Proposed GSO Constitutional Amendments:

- 1) Passed w/Unanimous Consent
- 2)a. GSEU Liason: Chair Volunteer Chris Billman (Pol Sci)
- 2)b. Social Concerns Committee--Passed (19 +, 2 -, 5 Abstain)
- 3) Passed (21 +, 0 -, 3 Abstain)
- 4) Passed (24 +, 0, 0)
- 5) Passed (22 +, 2 -, 0 Abstain) w/alteration, 3/4 senate vote necessary to overrule a petition-driven proposal
- 6) Passed (13+, 4 -, 5 Abstain)
- 7) Failed (11 +, 7 -, 5 Abstain)

THEREFORE ALL PASSED AMENDMENTS NULL: to be voted on during general election by all GSO members