

GSO Senate Meeting - Minutes for February 8, 2001

Minutes taken by [Geralyn Datz](#), Secretary

Attendance: 24 voting GSO senators
February 2001 Senate Minutes were approved.

Up Coming Event: Liz Kelly, the Grad student on NYPIRG's board of directors spoke of Ed Sullivan's visit scheduled for Friday, 3/16/01 @ 10:30am , 266 SAC. He is the state assembly chair for TAP, fighting for living wage requirements.

Treasurer's Report: David Spears

- Behavioral Ecology Group -Requested \$650 for Dr. Robin Dunbar, primate/cognitive specialist to speak 2/21 & 2/22. Approved.
- Social Welfare Native American Symposium - Not sure if SOCIA fit the "club" definition necessary for GSO to help sponsor event scheduled for 4/12/01. Requested \$2,750, Approved \$500 - more \$\$ pending more specifics & be decided upon at a later date- with instructions to update next meeting when more is known regarding financial commitments of other organisations. Women's Studies and SOCIA will pay for advertising cost. President's office has committed \$1,000 towards event.
- SBCSSA Chinese New Year Requested \$2,000, post party on 1/27/01 \$1,750 was Approved. (Additional \$250 to be issued from club allocation.) Pictures passed around - 500 people attended party - very successful.
- KGSA Spring Welcome Party Requested \$500 post party on 2/3/01- Approved, but actually only \$400 was used. So \$400 Approved instead.
- Women Freedom & Social Movements CARA reps Anna Ortega & Yvette Hubbard organized a speaker series in honor of Women's History Month. Requested \$1,700 for cost of Kathleen Cleaver, keynote speaker. Suggested that minimum/maximum \$\$ amount of requests for funding be standardized.
- New budget for food suggested \$180/meeting due to increase in attendance - Approved.
- Cultural/Social Allocation: \$7,000 with \$200 remaining
- Speaker Series Allocation: \$5,000: \$4,000 remaining
- Ron Willa notes: \$50,000 surplus @ beginning of year RAP increase to \$200/ student = \$46,000 estimated expense

Vice President's Report: Jean Cadet

- Due to Kunal's resignation, Jean is now acting GSO President. He nominated Geralyn Datz as Vice President & Pegine Walrad as Secretary. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Geralyn Datz

- Springfest estimated expense: \$3,000

Speaker's Report: Pegine Walrad

- Spot Planning Committee update: V.P.Dick Mann (per Pres Kenny) has given the OK to renovate Roosevelt Quad - the Spot's current location - into a temporary facility for the soon to be displaced Humanitie's Building administrative staff during their building's renovations. Graduate School Dean Lawrence Martin suggested we should get the EOB as our new Lounge for a proposed Graduate Cultural Center. The caveat being the Grad students are being asked to allow undergrads access to dinner service there and it would be managed under Chartwells. There is great potential for the location, however - and we could book all gig, have room for artwork, decorate it as we see fit, run start a lunch service as well as a coffee shop out of it, and serve alcohol in the presence of those under 21 -as long as we let Chartwells run it. Question is - who do we want to run it if not Chartwells? What alternatives are available? The other alternative is the Color's Café in the Union basement which is too small to have bands play and no food service would be available, but we could potentially get a liquor license. It would need serious work, but it would be ours. The costs are likely to fall upon our shoulders for any renovations. They are trying to push as much cost as possible upon the Grads for having Chartwells, which is Unionized, run the EOB - since EOB's losing money currently.

Annoucement

- New Graduate Student AAdvocate Needed for next year since Chris Nagle got a position @ Western Michigan University!
- Nominations for next year's GSO Exec Committee need to be in by March 30th - pick up forms in GSO Office or at meetings - do NOT need to be a GSO Senator to run!

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