



GSO Senate Meeting Minutes: October 6, 2009

Approval of the Agenda – Greg Sabino found agenda approved with unanimous consent, September meeting minutes approved unanimous consent

Welcoming Remarks, Presidential Report – Dylan Selterman announced faculty student retreat (application process), grad student presence – importance of grad school education, committee spreadsheet will be emailed (is anyone missing? Name/emails), Sam Stanley strategic planning for SBU – comprehensive, thorough, crucial time for impressing importance of grad school education, Dylan is optimistic, SS seems to understand the issues facing grad students and their issues in the future, USG president and University Senate Pres all spoke up in our name, new MS programs on campus, MS students in courses, programs, we need to collect information about the programs, faculty helping with logistics, GSO senators should be collecting information about how they're working, should hold meetings with students and gather opinions in departments, goal is to write a formal report on what is working well/not working well from the grad student perspective

Career Center Presentation by Alfreda James. Job stability, industry vs academia, career fairs in October and January, offer counseling, help with CV, plan job search strategy, applying skills, transition from grad student to professional, what to do with your credentials, where can you apply your knowledge?, connection to alumni and employers, connection with employers, talk with alumni about their career paths, workshops specifically for grad students, job market update – advice for grad students (past September: bnl, opus scientific, national post-doc association) grad students were there not faculty, opportunity to ask questions, next week there will be a speaker on writing and communications, a new way to represent education, from department of labor on Thursday about federal jobs and opportunities. Federal career and internships, hopes to see grad students in the near future and invites us to their programs

CPO – Center for Prevention and Outreach. Covers several topics, this year focusing on the flu to prevent outbreaks here. Identify symptoms, how to prevent it and identifying people who are infected. Stonybrook.edu/flu – working with the academics, ask patients to stay home unless you have fever for over 3 days or pre-existing immune problem, prevention use tissues and wash hands frequently, will make announcement over blackboard when H1N1 flu vaccine is available

Internal Committee Reports. Angel Gonzalez announced SCC met last week, discussed having more general grad student activities, Thursdays at the University Café, possible monthly social events, frequently of trains LIRR and buses, possibility for grad student IDs so we can be differentiated from undergrads, need people for traffic appeals board, meets Wednesday s during campus lifetime

Greg Sabino (Speaker): Announcement. Forms on approving budget requests – why we should fund specific projects, Robert's Rules regarding approval said budget requests, why we should or should not fund specific events, if someone wants to call a vote

Budget Report by Chris Young (Treasurer). GSO funded two big fall social events already. The following presenters described events and asked for funding.

Dan Wolfen – speaker request. Social Justice Alliance. Today is the Day of Action Against Escalating the Afghan War. \$500 honorarium for Dr. Livingstone, approved

Stony Brook Southampton Softball game, Sunday, October 25th, 2009 - \$370 for equipment, transportation and vans and food for 60ppm

7th Annual Ethnography conference – still need to confirm keynote speaker, U. Berkley Anthropology Professor, voted to update ppt, question regarding hotel rooms (3 rooms for one night?), possibly should only be one room for one night, need to update, will vote on to approve at a later date

Ecology Club – Invited speaker, Dr. Michael Rosenzweig, Oct. 21-22, giving two talks Oct. 21 @ 3:30pm on species diversity, Oct. 22, conservation of species, unanimous approval for approving \$500 request, supplied \$750 of their own funding

Graduate Chemical Society – 3 events a year, Halloween Party October 30, 2009 5-7PM on Friday. Room 312 New Chemistry Building (Chem Learning Center), pie eating contest, costume contest, pie eating contest, prizes (gift cards), comes form social events line, \$500 unanimous approved

Stony Brook-lyn – wants to book shows on campus, Thursday 10/19, 11/5, or 11/12 Thursdays after trivia night from 9pm-12am. Yo La Tengo, Vampire Weekend, The Hold Steady – The Drums, exploding in Brooklyn, WUSB support, over the airwaves (street team), possible live broadcast, wants to take this out of miscellaneous grants funding – experimental funding for the year (\$6000 line) last year we only spent <\$5000 for the year from this line – may want to expand the funding in the future. It's a free event, no cover. \$1500 unanimous approved

GSEU Report by Kira Schulman (GSEU Business Agent). Some people may not be getting grad tuition waivers, check SOLAR what do I owe? Check reimbursement.. Friday October 9th @ 8pm Jam Session, need people to sign petition (there's a version online with over 200 signatures), there will be a demonstration on inauguration day. Proposal to send email about GSEU petition over GSO list serv. Dylan does not know if this is allowed needs to do background research.

RA Union Report by Clint Young (Bargaining Committee Member). RA Union Assembly. Non-economic proposals submitted, economic proposals now under discussion. October 23, 2009 RALLY during inaugural week for Sam Stanley.