

**GSO senate meeting minutes**  
**September 12, 2002**

The minutes of the Senate meeting in May 2002 were approved unanimously. The new executives introduced themselves. The senators were introduced. The meeting had 14 confirmed senators. The new GSA, Christine Promin, introduced herself. Bin invited grads to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity house in Bellport. Masha, acting as a Speaker for this meeting only, explained how the meeting and the voting is conducted.

Ron Willa gave an update on the Budget. He said that last year we finished with a surplus of \$1200. Jasmina Sinanovic asked Ron what would be a 'safe' surplus for us to have. Ron replied that it should not fall under \$40-50,000.

Jasmina as a member of the Lounge Committee reported on the Welcome Bash that will be held on October 4th at the SPOT. Graduate students will be admitted for free. The issue of what the distinction will take please was raised, because undergraduate and graduate ids are not distinguished. Jasmina said that the names of the graduate students are loaded in a palm pilot and they will be checked with that. Therefore all graduate students need to bring ids with them.

The Election bylaws that have to be discussed in the RCC Committee were tabled for next meeting.

The Budget items were discussed:

- 1.SBCSSA,CARA and CSGSA will organize the 'Full Moon Festival' and they requested \$1000. It passed unanimously
- 2.IGSA is organizing the 'SWAGAT' welcome party and requested \$720. It passed unanimously.
- 3.The Buddhism Study and Practice Group is organizing a one day meditation workshop and requested \$1000.The request had to go on vote and the results were 5(yes)-8(no)-1(abstain). Tanya Smith suggested that in order GSO to fun the event graduate students should have a \$5 discount of the ticket price. It was put to a vote and the result was 9(yes)-5(no). So \$1000 was approved upon condition that graduate students receive \$5 discount of the original ticket price.
- 5.KGSA is organizing a welcome party 2002. Their request for \$950 passed unanimously with a suggestion from Shawn Pottorf the event to happen later next year so that there will be more time for advertisement.

Masa announced all the positions that were opened in the University and internal committees and volunteers...

New Speaker: Bryan Field (Physics and Astronomy senator) was the only candidate for the position of Speaker and was voted unanimously. Ramon del Castillo from GSEU presented the upcoming referendum. There has been a discussion since because of the delay in processing the membership applications new members will not be allowed to vote, but on the other hand all of

those who were members last semester, are still considered to be members.  
Some senators suggested that the date might have been pushed back, but Ramon explained that it is hard to get referendum to happen as it is and they're happy to get the date at all.

The new NYPIRG coordinators Helen Ho and Melissa Morahan presented themselves and gave contact information (Basement of Student Union, Rm 079, Hours 10-7, ph:632-6457, email:stonybrook@nypirg.org, website:www.nypirg.org.

Meeting adjourned at 8.00pm

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