

## **Minutes of the GSO Senate meeting on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Meeting started at 6:05pm with 13 senators in attendance

Amended minutes from March 12 passed unanimously

Salih Kocer made a motion to limit discussion to 3 minutes per person per item discussed. Motion passed (10 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstaining).

**Elections Committee:** Angeliki gave the report of the elections committee (see attached).

The Senate unanimously approved the procedure and the dates of nominations and voting. The Senate also unanimously accepted Angeliki's resignation from Chair and member of the Election Committee. Angeliki raised the issue of disqualifying members in the case of candidates during their campaign were not following the Student Conduct Code. This came as a concern from some members of the Elections Committee because last year there were some issues of libel and slander of candidates by specific groups. Pegine Walrad said that this is implied and that the Student Conduct Code needs to be followed otherwise the candidates need to be disqualified. Angeliki requested more members to join the Committee since the Committee has to have 4 members (including the Chair) minimum and it also needs a new Chair to be appointed. The people that requested to be added to the Elections Committee were: Pegine Walrad, Bin Tang, Fan Wang and Zenny Zhang. The issue of appointing a new Chair of the Committee was brought up. Bin Tang as a President needs to appoint a Chair of the Committee so that the Committee can run smoothly. Bin Tang said that he does not want to appoint a new chair now but he wants to delay it until the all the new members are added and the elections committee votes on a new chair. Angeliki reminded him that for a committee to run smoothly and properly it has to have a chair otherwise they will not be able to function properly and that the Committee had voted on Jasmina to be the temporary Chair until the Senate approves it. Bin again refused to appoint a new chair of the Committee. Pegine Walrad pointed out that the reason that Bin does not want to appoint Jasmina as a chair (according to the Committee's will) is because he has a personal problem with her.

Chris asked from Angeliki, since Bin was unable to appoint a new Chair at that point, to appoint a temporary chair of the Elections Committee. Angeliki said that she will comply with the decision of the Elections Committee which was to appoint Jasmina Sinanovic as an Interim Chair. Salih Kocer made a motion to approve Jasmina Sinanovic as the new Chair of the Elections Committee and to approve the addition of the new members of the Committee. At this point quorum was lost (11 senators in attendance) so no voting could take place and the meeting adjourned (6:55pm).

Submitted by Angeliki Field-Pollatou

GSO Secretary

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## **Minutes of the Elections Committee meeting on 03/24/03**

Meeting started at 9:10am with quorum present.

After discussion the following were decided:

1. The deadline for submitting nominations for GSO officers for 2003-04 is Friday April 4th at 12:00 (noon) at the GSO office (SAC 227). All GSO members are eligible to run for any office.

The nomination needs to be a form that will be posted in our website and also send to our senate listserv with signatures from 25 GSO members (they do not have to be from your Department) and a statement of no more than 100 words. If a statement is more than 100 words it will be cut. The form is located at our website:

[http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/gso/forms/OFFICER\\_ELECTION.pdf](http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/gso/forms/OFFICER_ELECTION.pdf)

Nominations that are not using this form will NOT be accepted. Also the deadline of April 4th is for the signatures and the statement of 100 words. No nomination or change of nomination will be accepted after the deadline. Note that you can only run for ONE of the four positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer). The position of the Speaker is filled on the September senate meeting. Only senators at that meeting are eligible for the position of Speaker.

2. The form has to be sealed in an envelope and stamped in the back. The candidates need to make sure that the office managers stamp and date the envelope with a GSO stamp (to ensure that it hasn't been tampered with) and put it in the envelope 'elections'.

3. The elections will be online from April 21st at 9:00am to April 25 at 4:00pm.

4. The candidates can not campaign at the GSO website, the GSO office (can not put posters outside or inside the office), can not have paper materials at the GSO senate meetings (except their oral presentation) and can not buy an advertisement at the News and Blues.

The candidates will have time to present themselves orally in the April Senate meeting. The amount of time that the candidates will have will be depended on how many candidates run and will be determined when all the nominations are certified. The GSO office will be available to the candidates in the case they need photocopies for posters for their campaign. The candidates can only make up to 50 copies. One of the two office managers will make the photocopies for them. The Elections Committee unanimously agreed that in the case of a candidate not following the student conduct code of the University, they should be disqualified from the elections. This is an issue though that the Elections Committee alone can not decide. The Senate should decide and give the Elections Committee the authority to act on the issue of candidates not following the Student Conduct Code. Please contact me if you are interested in a copy of the Student Conduct Code.

5. The elections committee members will do the confirmation of signatures after the deadline of April 4th, 12:00 (noon). As soon as the candidates are confirmed the Chair of the Committee has to ensure that they are added at the Senate email listserv, if they are not already.

6. The results will be announced as soon as they are certified by the Elections Committee at the Senate email listserv. They will also be posted on the website and on the May issue of News and Blues.

7. The current chair of the Elections Committee wished to be a candidate for the elections so she will be stepping down as a chair and member of the Elections Committee according to the Elections Committee Bylaws. The Elections committee unanimously agreed that Jasmina Sinanovic ([jsinanov@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:jsinanov@notes.cc.sunysb.edu)) will act as the Chair of the Elections Committee until the GSO President nominates the new chair and is been approved by the next Senate meeting. The Committee will need at least one more member in order to function within our Bylaws.

Please send any questions you have about the elections procedure to Jasmina Sinanovic ([jsinanov@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:jsinanov@notes.cc.sunysb.edu)).

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am

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