



## *Graduate Student Organization*

### **Resolution Supporting Bus Pickup Service for New International Graduate Students**

Whereas in the Fall of 2009, the international student service fee **increased almost 200%** from \$35 to \$100 per semester; and

Whereas the total amount of **additional revenue** that Stony Brook's international graduate students paid in 2009-2010 is approximately **\$210,000** (1600 total international graduate students as of Fall 2009 x \$65 increased fee x 2 semesters); and

Whereas the international graduate students have not seen any improvements in services despite the increased fees and **additional \$210,000 revenue** for 2009-2010; and

Whereas service to the international graduate student population has been cut despite the increased fee and additional revenue, most notably, in July 2010, the pickup service from John F. Kennedy airport for new international Stony Brook graduate students was cancelled for around 600 incoming international graduate students (50% of the incoming class); and

Whereas the bus pickup service has tremendously helped international new students coming to the United States for the first time; and

Whereas the cost for renting the school bus that provides the pickup service is **\$6,000** for four days including two pickups per day, a fraction of the additional \$210,000 in revenue; therefore

Be it resolved that the GSO urges Stony Brook University to restore the bus pickup service for new international graduate students; and also

Be it resolved that the GSO urges Stony Brook University to publicly account for the use of the international student service fee; and also

Be it resolved that the GSO urges Stony Brook University to continue improving upon services for Stony Brook's international graduate student population in order to justify the drastically increased fee.