



### GSO Senate Meeting – September 8, 2009 - Minutes

- 1) New Senator Registration, attendance, and voting card disbursement  
40 New GSO Departmental Senators Elected by petition or election

- 2) Approve the agenda and the May 2009 minutes

The agenda for September 2009 meeting was unanimously approved. A motion was passed to amend the May 2009 minutes.

- 3) Dean Lawrence Martin addresses the GSO Senate

Thank Senators for joining GSO, discusses role of GSO, meeting with University President, reflect quality of education. Opportunity to influence events and hear positions, fill committee positions, bring students together, decision making on issues, bringing information back to departments, represent students in your department, carry information out to students in programs, work on issues important to students, planning document for issues regarding grad student support, number of lines necessary, presidents strategic plan, challenges in public education in NY, enough stipends, amount of stipends, relative cost of living data, what competitors are doing, regular series of talks given by grad students, job style talks before presenting oneself with a job on the table, last week of inauguration, students giving a talk with the president there, help sponsoring this event, start of a dialogue, inviting GSO senators to the reception, willing to come to the senate to explain policy positions

- 4) Appointment of new speaker

Greg Sabino (Biochemistry) voted in as speaker – no one running against him, elected unanimously. Motion to allow Greg to run the meeting passed unanimously.

- 5) GSO Committee nominations

-Idea: put open committee positions in the next newsletter

-Approximately 59 committees were formed. The list of committees and their members were emailed to the GSO Senator List-serv.

-Motion to confirm all these positions, unanimous consent

- 6) Internal Committee Reports

#### *Budget Committee*

- Indian Graduate Student Organization: September 13, 2009, SAC Ballroom A, 7pm-12am, asking for \$2,100, (\$700 for food), general consent
- Linguistic Lecture Series: September 17, Thursday 6-8pm, Humanities 1006, Requesting \$1000, getting some funding from department, general consent
- Cinematography Interest Club (social events line), October Korean Horror Film Series – October 22 and 29 pm, Wang Center Theater, \$700 for screening rights, approved

- SBCSSA, Full Moon Festival (social events line) – Saturday Oct 8, 2009 6:30-10pm. SAC Ballroom B, Request \$1700,

*Social Concerns Committee*

- General grad student events on campus (U.Cafe, meditation group, what events do grad students want to see...)

7) Graduate Student Survival Guide

- Only took in \$1500 in ad revenue instead of \$3000

8) Graduate Student Advocate

- Dante DiIanni - [ddianni@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:ddianni@notes.cc.sunysb.edu)
- <http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/students/advocate.shtml>
- Issues or conflicts with their advisor or department.
- Office hours, phone number, and email on website
- Sidewalk, quality of life issues, stony brook railroad bridge across Nicoll's road (bridge in tandem or next to LIRR to traverse Nicoll's Rd)