

GSO Senate Meeting - Minutes Sept 14, 2000

Minutes taken by [Gerlayn Datz](#), Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

None (Minutes 5-11-00 approved)

NEW BUSINESS

President's Report

- Orientation issues: welcome to new students, introduction of updated student guide
- SPOT issues: K. discussed administration concerns of noise, outside guests, potential mismanagement and operation as a "nightclub". Liquor license issues were also cited as possible liabilities.
 - Documentation of incidents at SPOT was suggested
 - Regarding relocation: EOB was also promised to Hillel organization as a kosher dining hall. Claim to be looked into
 - Invitations to Dick Mann and other FSA personnel to future Senate or Exec Senate mtgs. as way to improve communication
 - Town Hall Mtg. on Oct 6th will address these issues with President, L. Martin & others.
- Clubs and Organizations: K. discussed availability of space for use by graduate clubs and orgs. Administrative needs can also be met within this space. Use of the computer and obtaining an electronic lock for the door was discussed.
 - The senate declined to endorse the plan to obtain a new lock for the Club Room until further use indicated that it was warranted.
- Newspaper: Dee Dee Brower was hired as Editor in chief of the paper. The news paper will be called the Graduate Times. The possibility of creating a newspaper advisory committee was raised.
 - The senate requested that Dee Dee be present at all future GSO mtgs.
- Misc.: A new dept is being formed at SB (Dept of Biological Engineering); new space has been acquired by the Univ. in NYC @ 28th St. & Park Ave. (This may be used as a career planning center.); GSO has moved offices.

Graduate Student Advocate Report (C. Nagle)

- Introduction of self, explanation of role to new students, possibility of colloquia series, discussion of housing crisis and need to invite Housing Committee members to future meetings.

Vice President's Report

- Jean introduced self, discussed the problems he has encountered as a grad student and put forward the idea that he would like to form written guidelines that would help resolve conflicts between advisors and students.

Secretary's Report:

- Gerayln introduced self, discussed housing crisis and need for students to utilize Club Room.

Treasurer's Report

- Approval of \$100 to budget to revisions for Student Guide (passed)
- Approval of RAP maximum to be raised to \$400 (passed)
- KGSA annual budget request--shelved (due to non-attendance)
- Combination lock (\$600)-shelved. (see President's report.)

NYPIRG Report:

- **Introduction of Meagen Reeve:** stressed need for voting registration>/LI>
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