Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Social Concerns Committee (SCC) Report – 04/04/2006 Prepared by Paul Fodor, Graduate Student Organization vice-president and Social Concerns Committee chair.

- 1. The hotel survey results will be presented in the GSO Senate meeting on **April 4th, 5:45–8pm** in Wang Center room 201 (334 students completed the survey). Until GSO Senate meeting in May, Ramona Walls and Paul Fodor will summarize the comments section of the survey.
- 2. Campus security in order to improve security in campus Dan Woulfin will contact the Campus Police in SCC name. We want the installation of better lighting, more visible and widely available security patrols, and an accessible campus escort system. Some of our classes end after dark and the recent safety issues at Roth Quad have made us nervous about being on campus, as well as coming home to our apartments in Chapin at night. Our actions will get GSO involved in a campaign for better campus security and we will propose measures to be taken to improve the safety of students on campus. We will invite Campus Police to keep a presentation about campus safety in the next Graduate Student Organization Senate meeting on May 2nd, 5:45 8pm, in Wang Center 201.
- 3. Bus service schedules Paul Fodor contacted the Director of Resources and Facilities Terence Harrigan for better bus service and schedules in bus stops.

We want to ask for updated routes and bus SCHEDULES posters at campus bus stops. Last semester when we met the Director of Transportation, he promised to have made the updated schedules. Now, after six months, the bus stops (e.g. Chapin or Hospital) still have the routes from September last year and no bus schedules at all. Even on the website: http://www.sunysb.edu/facilities/tps/transportationservices/transportation/bus.shtml the routes are old and outdated and there is no reasonable schedule. We want a clear, up to date and valid schedule and if the bus is supposed to come at an exact time, then it should be there and running at the posted time.

Response from Director Harrigan in March: "We are formulating new bus schedules as we speak. We delayed the new printing of the new maps until we had a finalized and accepted routing and schedule. We will now move quickly to get the new schedules out. Sorry for the delay. Thanks. Terence Harrigan, Director of Facilities and Services, Stony Brook University, Administration Building 221, Stony Brook, NY 11794-1002, 631-632-1945(office).

Paul Fodor invited Director Harrigan to keep a presentation about campus bus system in the next Graduate Student Organization Senate meeting on May 2nd, 5:45 - 8pm, in Wang Center 201.

- 4. The newsletter "The graduate" (http://www.sbgraduate.org/) will be presented in the GSO Senate meeting by the editor Jennifer Doebbler doebbler@pharm.stonybrook.edu and the newspaper website webmaster Shawn Pottorf shawn.pottorf@gmail.com.
- 5. Ryan Soule ryansoule2000@yahoo.com contacted us regarding recycling in campus. We will contact the Director of Campus Residences with the recommendation of installing recycling bins in dorms and close to newspaper stands. Dan Woulfin will address this problem in the Housing Committee to find additional requirements.

Thank you very much, Paul Fodor.