

Minutes - Social Concerns Committee for Tuesday, October 31

In attendance: Voting: Alton Frabetti, Ramona Walls, Leone Brown, Scott Zotto, Sarah Knapp

Non-voting: Miranda Moore, Andrei Antonenko

1) Brief greetings and introductions

Meeting for Social Concerns

I. Approval of Minutes

II. Old business

a) smoking ban counter resolution

- committee for this development. Ramona said three expressed interest but did not get back to her yet when they learned it was a daytime meeting.

b) J building to \$100. 17 were graduate students; the committee agreed to give an extra \$100 to the students with spouses to total the 2200 budgeted

c) James OConnor - meeting to be set up

d) traffic and safety - Little/Forum

Nov. 29 12:30-2 Union Ballroom is available by way of NYPIRG

e) Lindy's taxi - resolved

3) New Business

a) Transportation

bus issues

- Schomburg discussed - the huge noise problem. Miranda noted that West Apartments residents use the bus so it cannot be eliminated

- Ramona suggested parking fees (for P lot etc.) to fund new buses. To be discussed as a possibility with OConnor.

- Ramona asked if funding is waived for parking for TAs then does it get replaced?

- Ramona suggested electric buses as an eventual substitute

- idling buses should be discouraged

- Alton suggested to not have music played on buses, or at best to play National Public Radio

- Alton suggested ads on buses as a source of funding

- Scott noted that the "stand behind white line" as a safety element does not exist.

- Scott asked about electronic billboards - are they still on the buses and how may they be used?

- Chapin bus to P lot

Used principally by hospital personnel. Seems to be used hence only during morning rush and may not be necessary

bicycle use promotion

- Barbara Chernow as contact

- assess bike route- where there are breaks in current route - film it?

- add bike route to hospital garage. The expenses involved will probably make this prohibitive

traffic safety and other safety issues

- forum in development

b) campus climate report

client-server culture under assessment and transformation by the University

- Alton will review and come up with comments

c) Quality of Life survey (annual)

- Ramona & Miranda offered to review it and email questions list

- create by December GSO mtg.

d) GSO excessive use of paper at meetings - Ramona suggested ways of eliminating it.

The meeting was then adjourned.