

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

### ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Jeff Perlman ( President ), Fatima ( Vice President ), Sachin Mamidwar ( Secretary ),

### I. DETERMINATION OF CORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 7.15 PM. Jeff Perlman chairs the meeting.

### II. REPORTS

#### A) Executive Report

Secretary of the GSA, Sachin Mamidwar tabled the minutes of the October meeting. President Jeff Perlman moves the motion to accept the minutes. Vice President Fatima seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

President Jeff Perlman explains the funding problems. We have less money this year than last year. That is why we can not support the new organizations. This is also the reason why we have stooped accepting funding applications temporarily.

As a part of increasing awareness among the graduate students about the GSA, Jeff is visiting different on campus housing. He visited the Starkey apartments in the month of October. He talked with the residents of these apartments about their problems and concerns. They said that the shopping shuttle goes to only one mall, if it can go to different malls, it would be good. They are also concerned about the timings of G and GG bus. If these buses run late in the night, it would be very useful for graduate students. They also talked about payroll deductions for the apartment rents. It is deducted only for 8 weeks and hence they get hardly 100 dollars per paycheck during these 8 weeks. If this deduction period is increased to 10 weeks, students will get more money. Jeff also tells that university can force the on campus students to take a particular long distance service and it is legal.

Jeff also moves the motion to recognize new organizations, minority GSA

and Plant biology GSA. Their representatives explained the aims of their organizations. Sachin seconds the motion. Motion is passed.

## B) PROPOSALS FROM THE FLOOR

Jeff Wayne raises the issue about the phone system in oncampus housing. Jeff moves the motion to pursue 1997 proposal and update it. Fatima seconds the motion. Motion is passed.

Motion is moved to endorse efforts of graduate students of NYU to unionize by Fatima. Jeff seconds the motion. Motion is passed.

## C) REPORTS

### 1) Publications Office Report:

Anand, the chair of this committee, explains that he is constantly updating the website of the GSA.

### 2) TAGARI/ Students affairs:

Jeff Shoane says there is no report.

### 3) Treasurer Report:

Nuri is absent. So Jeff takes care of it. Jeff moves a motion to adopt the report. Sachin seconds the motion. Motion is passed. Anthropology GSA and RULSA representatives raises the question about funding guidelines. Jeff explains their concerns.

### 4) Senate Report:

Jeff explains what happened at the last senate meeting. Senate is considering to stop using the SSNs as the ID. They are also planning to control credit card salutations on the campus. They are also considering to set standards for the winter session.

### 5) International Student Affairs:

Gary gives the report of this committee. He tells that pizza hour was held and there was good response to this event.

## ADJOURNMENT:

At 9.00 PM, the chair moves the adjournment. The motion is unanimously adopted.