



Graduate Student Organization Senate Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2020

Zoom Meeting @ 5-7p.m.

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Michael Lenmark: All right. Hello, everyone. I'm going to call this meeting to order.

Michael Lenmark: So, do I have the motion to open tonight's meeting.

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[Senator from Art seconds move to open meeting]

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Michael Lenmark: Next up, is the adoption of the agenda, you can find that in the email that was sent out by Jose, a couple days ago. Do I have someone who will call in to approve the agenda.

[Senator from History moves to approve agenda]

[Senator from Chemistry seconds move to approve agenda]

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Michael Lenmark: Last thing to get through. Before that. Before we start, is the approval of the meetings of the minutes from the previous segment meeting into like a motion to approve those

[Senator from Chemistry moves to approve previous meeting minutes]

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Michael Lenmark: But thank you for humoring me and our standard way of doing thing. So, hello, everyone. Welcome to our final senate meeting of the year. I hope everyone is doing all right or you know the best they can be given the situation. Hard to believe that it's already under the year especially now that time has lost all meaning. So in any case, like I said, you can find the agenda and tonight's slide deck in the email that Jose send out so you can follow along and then with that I will turn it over to Ching for her presidents report.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Thank you. Okay, so thank you for joining us today after this meeting, I think you should celebrate wildly but preferably a home that we finally got through this semester was recognize our resilience, you know and believe that we are stronger than what we can imagine. Okay, without further ado, I will begin my report. So first of all, some juice or accomplishment think a toll confirm with us, that we will have the commuter Commons as our graduate lounge and we will move our office to the commuter Association office right next to the ground now. The cultural unity center will be renovated as something like multi purpose loud and a bar type thing will be built. Just a will be able to resolve this place weekly or more often as as needed. Special thanks to our secretary. Whoa, that for his effective advocacy sitting on the sack dictating committee and he will continue to work with Jim Barnett to ensure a nice renovation of those places.

On July 10 feed you all got a email from Dean Wertheimer that half of the G five tech fee will be subsidized for the next academic year. And the whole G5 fee will be phased out over the next 24 months. I understand we have a bigger goal, but for those of you who have participated in the GSO all for long enough time, you will

know that it is quite an achievement in the GSO history. As I can remember two years ago, the general EC had one meeting with administration on fees the second year when I was a chatter. We had two fee meetings. This year we requested a third meeting with our senators so that they can hear directly from all of you. And many of you had voice your concerns that would have a long lasting impact on them as they have seen how frustrated. We are I believe your voice finally met administration, consider a list waving the G five take fees for now I would like to thank our vice president Mallesh for his tireless efforts in this course. I just saw survival guide. So it was made available only the semester. If you have seen the previous guide you would notice a huge improvement in terms of a lot more useful content. Content and design. Thanks again to all the Members who contributed to the content, many thanks to our international student advocate Ida who contributed tremendously on proof reading and communicating with a designer. Other reports, can we go to the next slide, please. Yes, thank you.

We need to anticipate a fee increase of \$148 per semester. Just know that GA TA RA is to not pay transportation fee. So the increase for them will be more. However, this proposal will have to be approved by Chancellor Johnson and we will hear an update from Dean Gatteau. Moving forward, in addition to keeping the clothes eyes on how they use a feed and continuing to fight against any random increase. I was thinking if it makes more sense to propose a fee cap, perhaps we can figure out a number for the fee cap based on the living wage in Long Island and many other factors. Or proposed the fee opposed that fee cannot be more than a certain percentage of the stipend for doctoral students, meaning that if they do need to increase the fee. They also should increase the stipend to something to think about. Thank you, Michael.

So just like elections and email was sent out by our election chair Alec, the elections got postponed until September as personally student assembly guidelines. So all the officers were encouraged to serve until then. I also wanted to briefly mention that there were more than 80 students initially register for the online dissertation boot camp and more than 50 students for writing support group. We can clearly see that there's a need for grad students for Dissertation Writing support from grad students. So just a work continue to advocate these initiatives to grad schools and hopefully one day grad school institutionalized these programs.

Finally, I am very pleased to present the GSO awards. Before I begin, I want to apologize in advance if I pronounce some names incorrectly. I will do my best. I will show you the award list right after. The first one is Distinguished Service Award that goes to a student who goes above and beyond in their efforts to improve GSO and these are we're goes to John Klecker assistant to the treasurer and alternate senator for Chemistry Department.

Wherever you are, yeah, giving some kind of applause, then the outstanding leadership award for a student who has accomplished beyond their responsibilities and this award goes to Noele Certain senator of pharmacological sciences. Next is the most dedicated service award presenting to a student who volunteers their time to help our grad student community and this award goes to Chikako Takahashi I hope I'm pronouncing correctly, senator from linguistics, Gagan Somashekar and Sergey Madaminov, both senators from computer science.

Next is the emerging leader. Uh, we're, we're just presented to grad students who takes the initiative and lead committee that is essential to the GSO mission and this award goes to Alec Cali, Senator from sociology and Cristina Mata grad student from computer science.

Next the exceptional service award goes to a person who is exceptionally professional responsive a bit and a pleasure to work with. And this word goes to Kaushik Londhe a student from civil engineering and Matthew Castellana senator from computer science.

Next the outstanding advocates and we're presenting to an administrator, who's contribution and commitment to the GSO has been exceptional and this word, of course goes to the dean of the grad school, Dean Eric Wertheimer. This year the outstanding administrator, award goes to Lauren broodmare director of

the Government Relations Maryanned Reinhart Chief Financial Officer of Faculty Student Association and Denise Eylers bookkeeper and interim fiscal agent for GSO. Last but not least, the outstanding organization award goes to computer science graduate student organization and graduate women in science and engineering. Let's give them a round of applause.

Just, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your contribution to our graduate student community. Thank you so very much. So, towards the end of my report, I would also like to thank our EC members very much for the hard work and great advocacy that they have been doing. This because of all of your efforts that met our goals achieved and our mission advanced thank you to Mallesh, Anand, Jose, Michael, Ida and Jordan. You are the best team members, I have ever had. Thank you. This is the end of my reports.

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Michael Lenmark: All right, thank you Qing and congratulations to all of our award recipients. Does anybody have any questions for Qing about her report.

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Michael Lenmark: Okay. No questions. So in that case, I will turn it over to Malesh for his vice presidents report.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Awesome, thank you everyone.

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Mallesham Dasari: Can you go to the next slide, please. Michael. Hi everyone. I hope you are doing okay. This has been a long semester as Qing said. We are glad that we are finishing of the semester and we have, we have never imagined. So like let me let me report whatever I've been doing over the semester and then move on. Okay, so we since March, we didn't have physical programming physical events. Right. And as you know, it's not a surprise. So we may be moved to virtual programming we returned several events, but unfortunately because of the financial problems with the FSA. We were able to manage to schedule, just one event, which was, I think, in the last week or last couple of weeks or a couple of weeks ago so briefly talk about it. And then the financial issues, but over this coming summer, we are also planning to schedule some virtual events. So please feel free to join. And please suggest if you if you have something in mind to to to connect some virtual programming virtual event or anything. Okay. So that is on the virtual events that is my main focus as vice president role. Okay. And the other thing is G five feet proposal, I think. Every one of you made significant effort over the year to to come up with some news from administration. In the last couple of years in the past history. There was nothing like this happened from that musician that we never listened to graduate student issues that they never cared for us at least this is a somewhat i think is a good news, but when we dig deeper. About the email from President Bernstein, there are again details that can mean bad news. So I wanted to emphasize some of the things, what it means by President burns Bernstein's email. Okay, so we got we assume said regard some some benefit on defy fees and technology fee for the next semester and for the next four months. Okay. But apparently this is not that they are doing some favor for us. Okay, so we have this case fun right and that is supposed to be distributed to all graduate students. So that they're using this case funds to subsidize these fees for my students. So maybe that is a bit of a good news for my students, but it does, but that is a bad news in general for all of your students. Okay, so, um, so that is one thing I think that we can think of another bad news, right. And the other bad news is, it is still a small fraction of GE Fe fees and that the fees that you're paying paying right so we still need to work more on that with we arrange should be more on completely eradicating the entire fees for graduate students. More specifically for defense terms because they're not students. They are providing service to the university. Okay, I just want to motivate whoever is

going to come into the EC. For the future, the next academic year. I just want you guys to know the problems that we faced during this year and I want you guys to remember our focus for the next year. So I'm every one of you. I think made significant contribution in whatever we achieved this semester in tip proposal and I want to give special thanks to a few senators: Alec, Chikako, John and many others who are involved in this. Right. So, that is the fight the proposal. Another thing that we faced during this dynamic was campus residences closure. So there was a certain announcement. I think the graduate students on campus. They had to, they had to leave campus there. They had to move out of campus within a couple of basic. I know some of you might have heard of it. So this was for Chapin and Schomburg apartments. So those two apartments students who are affected about I think eight undergraduate students. A special thanks to our international advocate IDA. So we work hard to communicate the problems that the on campus, students may face if they have to move out within a couple of days with the administration and and and we had to communicate with the several department chairs Dean's for entire university administration had to struggle because of a single silly mistake from from being good job. So I want you guys to remember that Dean that is making several mistakes, one in terms of fees for PhD students. And he's not getting about graduate students are especially PhD students just it just deals with only the graduate students as a vice president and Student Affairs as Vice President of Student Affairs, he has to care for the issues of all the graduate student, not the, not just the undergraduate students. So he also made a mistake in announcing this in a very short notice the campus decision of that the entire universe administration had to deal with it. There was a one week mental pressure on everyone, including students and the entire university items. So I want you guys to remember these mistakes made by being cut out and provide you an aggregate advocacy on how that how the data is dealing with these situations and whether he deserves that kind of position in future, or he has to correct himself and deal with the situations. Okay. So that is another thing, and I want to especially recognize few senators, particularly the reason why I became CST so club or the organization. They'll send out outstanding organization is that they played a key role in helping the students when this can happen. So I want to thank the senators Sergei my domino Mikey Garcia and Kurgan Awesome, great job. Thank you.

The next point social concerns. I know. I think this is a very hard time for everyone. Um, it's really hard. To have social concerns. I guess like to hang out with friends. And so, so there are a lot of concerns you might be going You might be going through these let me know I can definitely help. I have some power to help you. Okay, I'm acknowledging that I'm acknowledging that so just reach out to me or anyone from the EC, we will definitely be able to help you, whether it is if you are financially dealing with problems are mentally are any way that you're dealing with any social way that you're any social media. Okay. We will be there to help you.

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Francesca Polo: Malleesh, I have a question. FRANCESCA from tech and society. Yes, last week, oh sorry last meeting was really important. And, um, it seems like you weren't there. I was just wondering, did you get a chance to listen to the video since you are you did not attend?

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Mallesham Dasari: Yes, I do.

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Francesca Polo: What you saw there what your if you had any comments about that meeting because it was pretty significant. We know there...

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Mallesham Dasari: Um, yes, I, I read the minutes from what secretary Jose has given I listen to the talk and I kind of expected what everything that is there in the video I I expected what the responses, what the

responses that the administration. Good. Because I I met them THE ENTIRE YEAR. IT'S ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT JUST THE ENTIRE YEAR OR THE since the past last couple of years. I think from the beginning. I am the one I'm one of the persons who is there from the beginning in negotiating this peaceful demonstration are talking with this. With this issue with a fish. So I have been continuously monitoring their behavior towards the way we talk to them. So last year we were talking about the entire budget fees and this year we were we're specifically focusing on the different fees. They were a little bit of positive in in waving the fees, but because of the pandemic. I think they just went back and I what I see in the senate meeting last minute meeting is that's not what happened. They did not describe that they were willing to, to think about they're willing to basically think about wearing the fees for G5 students and getting and getting those fees from other students so they were thinking those options, but that is not described that it seems because of pandemics. I didn't want to pursue any means but but but but but because of the senate meeting that happened the last time. Because you guys provided such such aggressive input to the administration. I think that really helped and I really appreciate that, that all the senators who are really very aggressive in giving those comments.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Yeah, so I just want to say because we already have two meetings prior to the other meetings meeting with administration. So yeah, the EC have already communicated with the Administration that we told them, We don't. I mean, we're against the increase and how question these question that. So yeah, the senate meeting last month was primarily for senator is to question the administration to them to voice for for for all the senators avoid or concerns. Thank you.

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Mallesham Dasari: Thank you. Yeah. So as you said yes that meeting was meant for senators, actually. So we've been talking to them or the multiple times. And there was no point in like me being there. But anyway, I was busy at the time, but then I watched the video I kind of expected that the same thing that to be happening. So, and because many of the senators that you gave that aggressive feedback to the administration and as well as we are. We also met with this administration of the senate meeting we and we also met with the President Bernstein after the meeting. So, so all this contributed in some way everything is contributed in some way, we should not give up on anything.

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Mallesham Dasari: Okay, it's from senators from the EC from single individual graduate students, everything is kind of vague they finally were able to add realism to the concern. Which has not happened in the last couple of years. And I'm not saying that we should stop. We should we still have more but to do. Okay. So yeah, that's about the fees. So one final thing on last thing I wanted to tell you guys about GSO finances, is that right now there is a huge control of GSO finances from the FSA as a GSO we're independent organization. I think maybe on and we'll talk more about the. What about it. So we don't have any control and GSO funds, how we do we want to deal with, for example, one of the reasons why we had to cancel. Some of the virtual events that I scheduled was we didn't have enough funds funds in our bank account when you want to when we wanted to schedule when you wanted to have this event. So I had to. I did not know that we have to talk to the FSA in hand before the event, and we have to give them All the event related expenses and then they will verify even, even if the EC verifies these expenses and then they have to load and then we have basically we have to give this documentation before, which is kind of I, I felt weird, which I did not do over the entire year. And it is also very, very extremely hard extremely difficult to give that documentation for the event future event. We don't know what kind of expenses that we have in future, right. So and also not just that for other events for everything else. I think officially has a strong control or G. So accounting and everything. And I want you guys to rethink about it and talk to the FSA for better transparency. We also are kind of live at the end of the acronym each end of each academic year. We have some funds at each of the each year. So that funds. Also, we don't know what those ones where those funds funds are going so we are kind of raising these questions.

This year we've been in communication with the FSA. And we are meeting these days. But I want you guys to just remember that you need to have a closer look at the GSO finances in your next academic year. So I think that's all I wanted to say if you have any questions, I'm happy to answer. Now you can also reach out to me anytime. So thank you very much. I really hope you guys are staying safe and staying at home. I really miss you guys I want to I hope to see you guys in person soon. Thank you.

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Michael Lenmark: Thank you. I saw that John raised his hand. I think we have questions.

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John Klecker: Yeah. Thanks, Michael. I'm so well first of all, thanks for the update Mallesh and Qing both of those were helpful. So I think my questions are directed at you most but more so to the EC board in general. So if, if somebody else on the EC board or someone in the Senate who knows something about this wants to chime in, please feel free. So you mentioned that the tech fee reduction is being funded through the cares act. And my question to the Executive Board is our or anybody who's in this meeting. Are we aware of any sort of oversight of the cares fun money that is happening by graduate students. So a lot of other universities have these boards of people who are overseeing how these funds are being spent, to make sure that they're actually being spent in the best interest of graduate students and I think it would be beneficial for Stony Brook to do the same thing and it seems like GSO is a good conduit to do

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: So, John thanks to you, Dean Wertheimer retweeted about incorporating graduate student feedback in the COVID Response Team basically Eric Wertheimer, Dean of the Graduate School actually reached out to us and said that he thought that was a great idea. And he, I think Ida is in that committee. No, I don't know, but...

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Ida Nikou: Yeah, yeah, me and Anand on the committee now. We're scheduled to have the next meeting.

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John Klecker: So which which committee, are you on because there's a bunch of them.

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Ida Nikou: I gotta check but they essentially we are the graduate students on the board to share whatever decision, they're making. I'm not sure exactly what the name is an online remember better

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Anand Aiyer: Sorry to interrupt. We are on the Graduate Affairs Action Committee. Yeah, I don't, I don't think it has to do with the case one, I think it has to do with the College. Yes. The opening any decision to reopen the university in for...

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Mallesh Dasari: So yeah, I do to your question. Yes, we we we communicated with Eric, what timer. I think a couple of weeks ago how this case phones are being used for graduate students. I think I sent an email to do what He said he will let us know how these funds are well spent. But I think we, none of us know how these funds have been spent on graduates jobs. You're right. I think, yeah, maybe we have to communicate with them.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Yeah, so that's why we have a meeting scheduled for next week we meeting with Dean Wertheimer, we will communicate on that.

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John Klecker: Okay, yeah, I think. Yeah. Cuz I think we want to be a part of the discussions on how the money is spent. We don't want to just be communicated to how the money is being spent, we want to actually be so we can give input.

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John Klecker: I just sent a link to the chat that has all of the different COVID task forces and planning groups. So you can see basically what different types of management confidential are on all of these on planning groups. And my follow up question to this with the cares act is I think it's good that we're on one of these committees, but I honestly think that we should be on a lot more. And the one that personally I'm worried about, in particular as a chemist is the return to research group. So I know right now that's led by rich reader And that they don't have a graduate students sitting on that.

On that group. And I'm really worried about that because graduate students are the ones that are going to be performing most of the research when we're back on campus. And so I don't think it's really fair for them to choose the to make those decisions without at least a liaison from the GSO

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Mallesham Dasari: That's, that's a really good point. As you raise that we need several committees, we need active committees, for example, this is not only active committee that I've seen. Over the entire all the GSO committees that are like five or six committees, I think, I think maybe secretary Jose can list the accomplishments of each of these committees, but I don't see any single feedback or any single outcome from each of any of those committees.

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John Klecker: Those are GSO committees. These are like these are like University committees, so like they're being led by administrators in the university. These are like I'm talking about the ones specifically to deal with Covid. Because all of these decisions are being made, you know, literally right now they've already published reports on return to research guidelines without the input of any graduate students. And so I just am worried that they're going to put people in danger because they haven't thought about for instance. You know, like to, like, we need to coordinate with the sanitation workers to make sure that you know we keep the correct number of people in the building or you know how we do like, you know, there's just lots of questions that I think that administrators might not think to ask that a graduate student would

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Mallesham Dasari: I think, yeah, that's that on and then IDA is involved in Giving this feedback to the Graduate School How to take input from graduate students.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: And, like Qing mentioned earlier, I want to focus on that next week we're meeting with the Dean of grad school, Eric, Wertheimer um this is something that we can make a priority in that meeting to talk on.

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Michael Lenmark: Yeah.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: I don't know if some of you will have filled out the survey. So, that is also one of the thing that to collect opinion from the grad student they know how they are doing and what they need. So then I think that will also be kind of a reference to on how to allocate for funding.

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Anand Aiyer: I want to say that what John said is very important. And he shared a link so I request all senators are to take a look at that link. And if you're interested in serving on any of those committees. I think John can you take the initiative on that on this. So just send your name to John and we can draw like a list of committees and who wants to be on that list. And when we meet Dean Wertheimer next week, we can give him that list and say that these are all the Stony Brook committees. These are all the senators, we would like to represent us on on on these committees, um, and, you know, then they can take it forward from there.

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Michael Lenmark: Awesome, thank you everyone. Next, I see a hand from Noele

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Noele Certain: Yeah, hi. I had a couple of points because John actually brought up a great point about the CARES Act. So something to keep in mind is that the CARES Act is actually from the federal government. So all this money is coming into universities and the way that they're managing it is as actually through FAFSA so you're getting subsidized through FAFSA so everybody should either email the people in their department because there's a certain time that you have to actually get the fast food done. And that's June 1. So I think that's like two weeks from now. So remind people to apply for it because you have to apply for that. I'm pretty sure you don't have to have your taxes done in order to fill out a FAFSA, but they usually will ask for tax information. Just to be clear on the CARES Act. I don't know where all the other money is coming from, but it is supposed to go towards students and the way they're going to you know get us to subsidize RG five fees is through all this money that they got from the federal government as for all the other money because they got a good chunk compared to other universities don't totally know and it's a great point to figure out what they're actually doing with that money. Another point is about return to lab. I've been having a lot of conversations with not only my own PR, but the people that work in my PR. They're not necessarily graduate students. So I think it's a good thing to reach out to the students in your departments and be aware that they have rights. Also when your people are starting to return there should be like a standard operating protocol. Now all PIs are required to submit this before reopening and it has to get approved, the only thing about this is that some PIs don't have certain have the same standards necessarily as another PI. So you need to make sure that you're comfortable with what your PI has setting up for you when you do return supposedly only the Life Sciences are supposed to be going back first before arts and humanities because supposedly were guinea pigs. Which is a little offensive but I just want to make sure that you have everybody should know that they have. Right. You cannot be forced to go back under the governor's law. There's actually a link. I can send everybody if you feel like you're being pressured to go in and you don't feel safe. I will send it and you can report them.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: Can you actually send that

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Noele Certain: I will send it. Absolutely. I definitely will send it because I myself. I don't feel very comfortable going back right now and I've heard this word of essential getting flipped around like oh You get put on the essential list and I've seen that people are using it as a ploy to get people back into lab when not necessarily, it's not really safe, you know, I've had people positive in my building. So I don't necessarily want to go back,

you know, Um, so that's just two points I want to make up and I'm glad that John brought it up so honestly. You need to have that conversation with your PI. Some people may, you know, make sure they have masking your lab. Some people have open space labs.

Are they going to put up any plexiglass or some kind of border to protect us, or there's going to be gloves available. These are things that you need to make sure that are available in your lab. If not, you should not be going back.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: And to add to Noele's point, not only in your lab, but in your shared spaces like if you have to use an autoclave in a different floor, that's an issue if other people that don't have the same standards of safety are using it.

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Noele Certain: Yeah, they, they should be having even hand sanitizer available. They need to separate people's desks. So in my lab, we basically have desk desk desk. He's actually moving people around the lab so that we're not going to be close to each other, staggering schedules. Because in the end, we need to make sure that our health comes first and not just, you know, pushing some paper or pushing our research forward our health is always first. So and if anybody has any issue with one of their p eyes or anything like that. You just need somebody to talk to you. You can always email me. I reached out to people in my department to make sure that people are okay because I know that some people try to take advantage of the situation. I've heard about it on Twitter and such. So just be aware, you can always have somebody to talk to. And I'll definitely send that link through the group chat. Okay.

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Michael Lenmark: Thank you know well I see hands from Chikako. And then, Zared. And then after that we'll need to move on.

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Chikako Takahashi: Hi, I'm not really sure this is the right time to talk about this, but since you guys are talking about the meeting next week with the Dean of graduate school. So I have been talking to graduate director of our department and also Anand to ask the graduate school, or basically school to reimburse A SUMMER tuitions for international students because if they, if we want to evangelize history and wants to work outside of campus down, they have to register for one credit and then they have to pay. I think the tuition annual fee of around one thousand one hundred and seventy dollars for the summer. So, especially in this difficult situation. A lot of people have to kind of, you know, look for internship outside of campus.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: Chikako. That's actually really important to bring up because recently there were. I don't know if it happened or not. But Trump was supposed to eliminate the

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Chikako Takahashi: OPT program or suspended.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: During Covid! so that that will have an impact on international students on campus and we need to figure out what they're gonna do about it.

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Chikako Takahashi: Right, so the graduate director of our department has been talking to the dean of graduate school. I was wondering if you guys can bring it up again, not the meeting next week to you know get the answer and and maybe, you know, ask him to really...

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: I mean, absolutely. Yeah.

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Anand Aiyer: So we sent out an email to Dean Wertheimer and I think, Chikako, you are CC on it. So he said that this is something he is considering. But he hasn't come back with a definitive answer. Right and this fee that they charge for summer. Traditionally, it has been like a like a good source of money because a lot of students in computer science also have have to register for the CPT Right so primarily it's more than 400 500 international students who are affected by this.

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Chikako Takahashi: So I think this is a good time to actually, you know, deal with it. So I think we'll be able to talk about it.

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Mallesham Dasari: Yeah, I think I just said, Anand in conjunction with Dean, whatever. I think we definitely work on that. Yeah.

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Michael Lenmark: Thank you so much. Next we have Zared, and then we'll move on.

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Zared Shawver: Thank you Michael and everybody else for bringing up all these points I'm following up on what Noele was talking about regarding working to the lab in psychology. We have a special circumstance collecting data in which we're actually bringing undergraduates and even sometimes people from the general population into our labs research participants and I have really, I haven't seen any of the specific plans for like social distance and how they University plans to ensure that undergrads are going to be properly socially distance and following the safety procedures and so concerned for me that whoever serves all these committees will be bringing up is that we really need to make sure that places like Starbucks or the stack or wherever undergraduates to be that aren't classroom are properly policed and make sure that they're doing everything necessary because they will be putting me in my lab.

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Anand Aiyer: That I just want to add here that any to GA or RA working in an unsafe or working environment. It's a labor issue. So we definitely can raise this with the GSEU you and the rescue.

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Noele Certain: So, from my understanding know often pharmacology, I thought that Undergraduates we're not going to be allowed back on campus for the summer.

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Anand Aiyer: So they have not taken a decision this year.

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Noele Certain: That's weird, because I was told differently from...

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: The summer courses are for sure online, whether or not people can return to campus will depend on whether or not campus opens and if the plans include that. But I don't, I don't think there's even a plan to reopen campus at this time.

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Francesca Polo: The final decision offer that will be made in Towards middle to later June, a confirmation. And it's partly

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Noele Certain: Francesca, you're talking about fall? Sorry.

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Zared Shawver: I'm talking about fall. Yeah.

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Noele Certain: Okay

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Francesca Polo: In Part of it is they need some approval from Cuomo as well.

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Anand Aiyer: June 30 is what the new president

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Noele Certain: Yeah, they made up.

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Francesca Polo: But I think it's something like the 20th or something where there. I think it's, I don't know if it's the, it's like towards that towards the middle to leader of the month when they will decide.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: Thank you, Francesca for that contribution.

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Michael Lenmark: Wonderful, thank you everybody. So, that case let's keep moving.

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Michael Lenmark: Anand has a lot to talk about tonight we pushed him towards the end. So for now, I think Jose has a couple of announcements.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: Um, yeah, I just wanted to remind senators that if you're returning next year, refer to that email that I sent about confirming that you're gonna return to the Senate, so that in September things run

smooth for the next Secretary. And also I want to concede the rest of my time to Zared, who's going to talk about Stony Brook childcare.

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Zared Shawver: Thanks, Jose. Yeah, so I am I'm serve on as a representative on the stony brook childcare board. It is quite personal for me and you might actually hear my my six month old three me at some point in time during my time here. They like the University are talking about plans for reopening and are taking it very seriously. However, it seems that any kind of plan or solution to reopen the center will be at some kind of diminished capacity and we'll have some will have preference for essential workers. They're really, you know, related to this conversation that that Noele and others just brought up about what it means to be essential. That's actually kind of important for graduate students in this respect, because those of those who have child care needs would need the essential declaration. In some respects for the the childcare center to consider offering services. It's not clear. What the path forward is in any respect, much in the same way, that's not clear with path forward is going to be with respect to opening the university but you know there are a small minority of graduate students who need childcare and that's a child care is an essential service that we love those of us who need it, are going to be super reliable. And so I'm just letting everybody know that I am trying to represent you, as best I can. In that capacity and if you have any specific concerns, let me know.

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Anand Aiyer: Of that. Yeah. So I wanted to follow up saying that the GSO is super committed to child care. I met the director of child care or twice this year.

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Zared Shawver: She loved you and said youre wonderful, by the way.

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Anand Aiyer: So thank you so we are paying like \$18,000 every year to child care. Yeah, so would could there be, like, would it be possible to, like, just get a list of which graduate students are using childcare and like which of them how essential and not essential, and then we can like put put put put an application to make them essential.

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Zared Shawver: Yeah, that seems like a good idea. I will give it to my channel, we might run into a privacy issue. I'm going to be talking to the also another sorry slight tangent that just kind of came to mind. A concern for another concern for me is that all this conversation about reopening is with respect to families and graduate students who already use the center services and it's not clear, there's no path for whitelisted family so graduate students who would be starting their programs in the fall. There's basically no path for those people to get into the center as of now, which is really concerning for me. So that's just another thing that I guess if you could all talk to your departments to see if I guess we're running up against like weird privacy issues where, if any, if any incoming students have child care needs. We should probably communicate that to the center early so that we can fix your some solution for them.

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Anand Aiyer: Yeah, so I don't think the privacy thing is an issue because I remember that the director of the childcare. She was willing to do a survey for us to find out if they need an extra bus to the child care center. So they're willing to do the survey for us.

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Zared Shawver: Yes. And there is a 38 for for students who are already using the child care center. They're running a survey out right now. So that might even, I think, I think the question that you asked might even be obviated but I can try to get that list so that the GSO is aware of how many students are being served in that capacity.

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Michael Lenmark: Awesome. So thank you, Zared for updates. Does anybody have any questions. I don't see any any raise hands, but does anybody have any questions on these matters. Well, none. Okay, thank you all so next I'll see very briefly about my report.

So first up for our clinics, all of our clinics have concluded for the academic year. Over the year we serve 20 students through our legal clinic addressing all sorts of issues, primarily for landlord tenant issues because as we know there's a lot of those issues with all of our legal housing in the lovely show number area but but also some more things other legal issues. So that's been really great to see people benefiting from that service.

We also have all of our tax clinics, we had a 65 students being served by our accountant and he's like all the students that have worked with him all really great things to say about him. So I'm hoping that we can continue to work with in the future. He's also been really generous and giving us a discounted rate at the GSO, because we're students and also for sprint tax. That's the code that you can use to file your federal tax return online if you're an international student, we still have about 89 from around 90 uses left. So if you know are an international student who still needs to follow their federal income tax, please refer to my email, or if you need me to resend it, I can do that as well, just let me know.

And then for this distinguished travel award we were seeing only 12 complete applications this cycle like we do to everything being cancelled for that very unfortunate to see that. You're a lower turnout. We are still working on evaluating those, and I expect them you will announce results during the first week of June. So that's really all I have to update on. Does anybody have any questions for me.

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Francesca Polo: A quick question, if I could, with regard to the taxes if those aren't used if those 90 vouchers aren't US does it get, um, is that money that we haven't. It's that money that gets I'm like wasted. In other words, could we offer to say undergrad students if it's going to be wasted.

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Michael Lenmark: And so the way it works is So we bought an initial order of 500 codes with true exhausted and then we place the second order to expand that by 250 codes, but we're but for out of those 250 we're only paying for the codes that we use.

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Francesca Polo: Oh, good. Okay, good.

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Michael Lenmark: So if any of those codes aren't used to be won't be wasting money on them.

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Anand Aiyer: Good, good. And I predict that there are a lot of people who haven't filed tax because it got extended to July 15 so I think it's better to wait.

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Francesca Polo: Agreed. Okay, thank you. All right.

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Michael Lenmark: Any other questions for me.

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Anand Aiyer: Michael, I just wanted to. I didn't get a chance to check with you. I'm glad that we got a good lawyer and they say or do you think the services would need expansion in the next budget.

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Michael Lenmark: Um, do I think we need extra allocation. I think it is fine. So our legal clinic was underutilized. A few we didn't use them as much we didn't use all the slots. But there is a definitely way more demand for the tax clinics. So, possibly allocating out a little bit more money there would be useful.

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Michael Lenmark: Alright. So thank you everybody for that. So now I'll turn over to Anand who has a pretty monstrous amount of information to share with us tonight. And then after at the conclusion of his presentation. We have a couple of things to vote on. And after that we will conclude the meeting. So here we go.

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Anand Aiyer: Yeah, so a big thank you to John Klecker, who helped me throughout the year, amazing to have you with us. Thank you very much. Also, big shout out to Matthew, who is the new office manager for going above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you so much and big thank you to the members of the Budget Committee and super happy that Noele got the award. And John also have the award. Thank you. So we have a. So this is our biggest the biggest GSO budget to date we have a total budget of 700,000. And finally, we got all the numbers on the enrollment for last year. So far, one of the issues that we're facing is there isn't a clear line of communication with the Bursar, the graduate school and the FSA, who was our fiscal agent or these three organizations in Stony Brook, they are not communicating with each other. So we normally don't get to know what does the exact amount of money that is collected by the Bursar we get to know the total number of students who are registered only in December. So, and then the FSA controls our bank account so how much money is collected, how much is owed and how much actually gets deposited there is a big difference. So, so that that is something that we need to follow up on but based on last year's budget. I'm just a project thing that this year. This is our total income.

We may we may be affected by covert, in which case, these numbers may decrease on a new funding line that we got this year was \$10,000 for the PDF Or this is because we are this year, we got a record number of reimbursements. So this year we cut our 570 checks or 517 checks and last year it was 250 checks and the year before that it was 218 checks, I think.

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Anand Aiyer: Can we go to the next slide. The if anyone has any questions on any line in the budget, please feel free to stop me. Okay, so those are the expenses. Those are the. That was the income statement. And now this is the expenses. So the first item is the year so office. So we are shifting the GSR office from 27 to the old computer lounge.

From fall, and fall of this year. So I've allocated or \$10,000 for purchase of our new couches refrigerator tables. And like other Office Equipment provided how we go in person or telephone as \$800 we should. This is the campus telephone connection. If you guys have a better idea for a cheaper telephone connection for the year, please let me know.

Insurance. We are currently covered against any personal liability to is in case any anybody gets hurt during or any mishap occurs during any productions event. So that's and so that that is the number that our Fiscal agent has ensured, I mean says his insurance. If you have any Feedback on any kind of insurance that we should be taking what we are not currently taking please let me know. As far as payroll. I've increased the allocation for officer stipends and manager on this is to help with the transition. So I want to propose later that the current EC and the old DC. There is a one month overlap, where the new easy can learn from the current DC. So the. This is a challenge that we faced when we took office that there wasn't access to the old PC as much as we'd like. On the office managers this thing I've increased because the office manager has become basically the key person as far as reimbursements goes so we'd like to hire two office managers. This year we have had I think four office managers. So that so that we should have to office managers or any anytime so that if one person quits the other person is like, even when Kobe hit. We lost one of our office managers, they take very quick. And so there was a lot of miscommunication and things just a lot of applications didn't get processed. Productions director. We're going to hire a new productions director in the fall. Yeah, I want to propose a new position, which is the alumni and corporate relations specialist or to do fundraising for the GA. So during the covert crisis different like Dean of Students Dean of grad school, they started their own emergency funds. Were our emergency fund is only \$5,000 right now, which is the GSELF, but that \$5,000 is not enough to, you know, meet the needs of our graduate students. So, and we also don't have a list of our alumni and what they are doing nowadays. So we'd like somebody to take care of that for next piece of this is the accounting budget, which is FSA is our fiscal agent. So this is the amount that they are charging us. Currently we are paying only 10 for 10% of the fiscal agents time. This was okay. In the past, when we had only 255 checks, a year to pay out. But this year because we had increased demand and I foresee increased demand in the future I feel maybe there should be a change to this administrative. This year, we got a discount from the FSA because they messed up on the payroll. One of the employees was getting paid way more than they were supposed to be paid, and we caught that error and so FSA owned up to it and paid us back \$1,000 on the external auditor is the external who coordinates us.

Senate meetings, um, Yeah, these are the internal functions. No real changes here. Only thing I want to change is this campus wine 3500 so that is the software that we use to process vouchers. Our that software is kind of outdated, we may pay for one more year of license, but hopefully next to next year, I would like, on our own Software in place. Because currently, students should track the status of their reimbursements and they cannot. So when you order like a Domino's Pizza. You know exactly when it is in the oven and when it is being delivered to you. So we want to be able to give you that feature and most of most of the time, you know, like, like now, for example, the check was prepared. But then it was stuck in the office and sack was closed because of covert so a lot of checks, where there's lying in tou know, in the sack and then our office manager had to go and he didn't have access, and it was like a big mess.

Yeah, this is contribution and public services. So we're getting \$4,000 from the graduate school to do orientation. This is orientation happens in person. Yeah, we have some clubs that are new here. The Brazilian jujitsu club or they're very active. We want to encourage all our senators and members to join the jujitsu club. We have a new club called the competitive programming club. They organized the very good Hackathon and raised money from Google to conduct their hackathon. So we want to support them. We supported them last year. So we want to continue that this year. We have a MOU with the WUSB 91 90.1 FM. Hopefully next year we'll have broadcast of all GSR event and maybe like a podcast happening on it this year, we couldn't use it effectively. Stony Brook child care center we are sponsoring them \$18,000. We could increase that in the future of we have a new moU with the Office lifelong learning OLLI Which is like a group of lifelong learners and we before code happened we spoke with them and they were eager for graduate students to take courses. Maybe related to research or any topic that you're interested. So you could do like a day long, or three day long, our tutorials and we are partnering with us on this.

And they're willing to like, Share costs. So the student will get paid to teach courses on Campus Recreation. We agreed to basically get one. I think it was one month extra from their side on if you take a yearly membership from Campus Recreation so that Mou, you will go through next year.

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John Klecker: One question on the orientation. Do you want me to wait.

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Anand Aiyer: No, you're good enough.

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John Klecker: So I was just curious what what which orientation specifically this covers and what the money goes towards because I know that like each department kind of holds their own orientation for like their specific class of graduate students. Does this go to help fund those events or does it go to like the one that's held on for like all of the graduate students to attend.

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Anand Aiyer: YEAH, THIS IS THE BIG Ds orientation. Okay, then the big one that are we doing, Zach.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: You know, then quickly because also related to orientation. I remember is 6000, is there a typo.

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Anand Aiyer: No it is 4000 of the money from the Graduate School. Normally 6000 is what we spend, but this year I decreased it to 4000. Normally we give our \$2,000 from GSO as a contribution and then I think it's 3000, 3000 right for each.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Well, we can double check with it. From what I remember the 6000 from grad school.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: If I could continue to ask you one question for the residential support. I remember correctly, it's \$5500 for CARA and \$2300 for SARA So, like, what is the rationale of changing these numbers. Because we're gonna have to approve the budget are we have to discuss here now.

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Anand Aiyer: Yes. Yes, sure.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Yeah, it's 5500 for CARA. And I remember 2300 for SARA.

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Anand Aiyer: Yeah. So yeah, we can we can make that 1300. What does the size of Students at CARA? I think one thousand students who reside in CARA. And SARA is, I think 200 students.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: How many in CARA? I remember 800.

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Anand Aiyer: There are 911 beds. Okay, so it could be proportional, but I'm okay with making it 2500 and 5500

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Xiaoqing Zhang: SARA is 2300 yeah

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Michael Lenmark: Okay, thank you guys will see a hand from Chikako. Yes?

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Chikako Takahashi: Oh, so I have a question or about the fundraising manager. What I'm just not convinced that we need that position. Yeah.

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Chikako Takahashi: Should I, or should there is a slide for that.

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Anand Aiyer: Sure. There is a slide for that.

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Anand Aiyer: Oh, can we go to the next piece. So everybody please mentally note that SARA support is now \$2300.

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Anand Aiyer: So, okay, student clubs and organizations got decreased or because of lack of demand. Yeah, cultural and social events and speaker series of increased on because when we were on the budget committee, we got like a lot of people every month so roughly the same based on like three if we if we approve three every month. Now this is roughly the calculation or RAP this year PDF. We increased and because last year, we saw a lot of PDF applications for the lead code.

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Anand Aiyer: Which is like an interview preparation software. And then we negotiated for \$99 instead of \$155 membership. I feel it's better if we have a separate funding line called PDF lead code. And it may not be lead or it could be for any kind of Interview Preparation but up to \$99. This is to prevent those applications from overwhelming other applications, um, so that's, I want to split PDF into PDF and PDF lead code.

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Anand Aiyer: But, it need not be lit core. It can be anything that is lead code like the rapid I want to propose later that we increase the rap funding from 500 to \$600 Because most conferences, the average. I mean, the average application for rap is normally well over \$1,500 and the app has been \$500 for many years. So that is for your consideration. Or yeah, increase the internship or travel to 6000 because we're seeing a lot of internship applications or here, I just want to point out that if you're getting a relocation fund. From your company like if if you've got a job at Google. Please don't apply for the internship from GSO because I think that is unethical. So we are checking on your offer letters to check if you get like a reimbursement for relocation of broken the recreations or line into recreation fitness and recreation cultural and sports and we've increased the amount available because of high demand for both funding lines.

And I want to say that the fitness line is 15,000 plus 5000 worth of those vouchers from

The Campus Recreation. Ideally 50,000 for productions. This year we decreased it to 50,000 instead of 70,000 last year. This is because of COVID also we foresee that maybe in the first half of the year, there may not be Lavish events, but maybe later it'll pick up but we will still be doing like virtual events, um, Yeah, so there is a \$4,000 because we want to build the web application or either build or purchase on the web application for tracking

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Anand Aiyer: So the way I foresee it, it will be like, we'll have our own web server. We already have our website right so you log in every everybody will have a user account and you'll be able to choose what funding line. You want to apply to fill in the information and submit and then it will give you status of who is currently looking at your application and then they'll be our time clock. Basically, it will send you an email saying that you submitted your application on at this time. If the treasurer. So currently it's like the office manager verifies sends it to the treasure the treasure verifies sends it to this year, we have the vice president and the president of both looking at it. Once they approve it, it goes to the fiscal agent, then the fiscal agent approves it or rejects it and then we have like follow up and then the fiscal agent creates a physical check which is then sent to the office manager so We're doing multiple things to speed up. One of the things is this accountability, where we are tracking how long You know, from the time you send it to the time you receive your reimbursement. The other thing is we are moving to our online payment. So we are changing our bank provider from currently it's teachers federal credit union and then we are moving to chase and we are we're negotiating like a fee with Chase for reimbursements so yeah I think this web application will be very useful and necessary for us in the future.

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Mallesham Dasari: Yes, so the new PDF line. I don't think it makes any sense for all for all the graduates children's Code was something very surreal. It was little artificial that came from only computer science students. And I don't think it is fair to allocate an entire budget for just I think it could kind of Media publications, maybe, I don't know. This is what I'm saying. I think you need to merge those and just follow the previous policies and if you just those of you who doesn't know lead code. What happened at the semester was around 200 computers and students blasted with reimbursements by enrolling into an online interview course.

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Anand Aiyer: 350 applications we selected only 200

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Mallesham Dasari: Oh, entire PDF almost PDF and dad a PDF funds went for computer science students so that we need to avoid right. That is not fair.

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Chikako Takahashi: I think that's, I agree with you, because it seems a little. I don't want to say unfair but like kind of concentrated to certain program, but I think those Interview Preparation programs can be you know purchased or applied for reimbursement through PDF works right. So I think we should we can encourage them to use PDF forks instead of PDF here instead of creating another line.

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Anand Aiyer: PDF works is, is not going to sponsor it because it's a technical. So it is for people with internship. PDF works or doesn't support you for tech because I already spoke to them. And I asked. So I spoke to depart front of it. I said, This is something that every year 400 to 500 students are applying for it and it leads to a direct Job.

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Anand Aiyer: So these are the other students who are paying student activity fees and they will definitely apply for or like this in the open PDF. And in fact, they will apply for this and there is something called the GMC program, which is a Grace Hopper conference. I'm with a lot of people go to Atlanta, Georgia.

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Chikako Takahashi: But if you create a new line for specifically. Does that mean that people who applied for the specific line can also apply for the general

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Anand Aiyer: Yeah, right. No.

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Chikako Takahashi: Well, I think it should be together, don't you think

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Anand Aiyer: Yeah, so it is it is still the professional development fund our but I want to have some rules so that people don't overwhelm our PDF

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Chikako Takahashi: So you're saying it's not really a new line, but you're basically creating some kind of category. Yeah, okay. Okay, so

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Anand Aiyer: It is still called PDF. But then this is like a special caveat that if you apply for the PDF for lead code, then you cannot apply for anything else.

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Okay.

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Chikako Takahashi: If, if the just Interview Preparation link thing which is this number, then other people cannot apply for the same reason for PDF

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Anand Aiyer: Yes. No.

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Anand Aiyer: And this is to limit the, the, I mean, to allow other departments students to be able to apply freely to the PDF

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Chikako Takahashi: Okay.

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Anand Aiyer: And we also have a list of the students who applied for PDF, all of them got internships And full time offers on some of them. So we'll also talk to them and ask them about giving back to GSO hundred dollars

To help another student so that they are positive about so so this money basically pays for itself. And this will enable another set of students more needy students, you know, basically Get PDF

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Michael Lenmark: Anand we are getting close to the end of our time. I see questions from Spencer and Noele, then I think we'll have to skip to your job description for the proposal submission and then we'll move to voting and then closure so first Spencer.

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Spencer Austin: Yes, thank you. So, with this new kind of sub PDF line if we don't get enough applicants to use up all that money. So, so it's not just \$29,000 set aside that can only be used for that if we map out like we use all the rest of the \$50,000 for regular PDF. We could dip into this fun. So it's not so much totally set of. Okay. All right, that was my, my question.

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Anand Aiyer: But what happened this year was on one day we received like close to 350 applications and it basically overwhelmed. Our system. And then we basically didn't process their applications and process everyone else's applications. So then they go

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Mallesham Dasari: I am suggesting we should have this kind of reimbursement. You know this is going to happen again in future, right. The reason why we are giving the subsidized reimbursement is to support students those in need. Not every if anyone wants to apply for reimbursement. This is not going to scale. So I don't know if we are you want to reimburse LEED code. That you need to know

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Anand Aiyer: Okay, so my only counter argument to this is I was able to speak to all of those students and ask them that if they get your will they be willing to contribute to the GSO. So they said yes. So, okay. So, the proof is in the pudding if if we actually get that money back.

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Noele Certain: So I just have one thing, just because the Career Center does offer interviews and such. I don't really know how lead. Lead code is going to like expand to everyone. For like programming, but we do have a career center already that is supposed to help with job placement and such.

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Anand Aiyer: They don't unfortunately

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Noele Certain: I thought they do interviews and they also do resumes, they might not geared towards graduate students. I know they mostly geared towards undergraduates, but Savocca was very upfront about trying to help graduate students.

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Anand Aiyer: I spoke we me and Mallesh. We met her multiple times and also Alfreda James, but unfortunately. So in in the tech industry. And so it's not only computer science, it's computer science applied math electrical engineering And these are for any any jobs with according component. So those jobs, they are

just take questions directly from this collection. And it's, it's like from Google to Like some startup everyone Just prepares for two or three months from this and then gets a job.

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Noele Certain: So how much is this leak code for say somebody wants to apply for it.

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Anand Aiyer: So it's \$155 otherwise. But then we negotiated for \$99 per head and we also have that. So we kept the CAP as 99 per person. So we are not giving a full hundred percent to them. Okay. And if you use your Stony Brook account on some particular week Or they give give \$99

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Mallesham Dasari: So maybe one of the things that you can do is just instead of saying lead code, you can just say maybe a general statement saying like, for all the students, you can reimburse if you focus on interviewing reactor course, something like that.

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Anand Aiyer: Yeah, that's what I'm saying. PDF Interview Preparation

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Mallesham Dasari: Like leed codes sounds very computer sciences specific program and

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Anand Aiyer: So I am saying that it is for computer science applied math Electrical Engineering Physics.

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Anand Aiyer: No work in the tech or finance industry.

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Mallesham Dasari: It should be generic, it should be fun.

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Anand Aiyer: Any, any graduate student who pays 99 and whatever and prepares for it can get a job any high school student, they are willing to hire so to the open to anybody.

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Mallesham Dasari: Yes.

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Anand Aiyer: learning Python programming nowadays so it's not particularly for any but we need...

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Michael Lenmark: We need to move on. I will, I will say very quickly on that point I would support just like doing a plane increase of the PDF 50 accommodate the increased volume or seen if the sensitive so specialized with computer science tech and applied math. Maybe if those academic departments, would you would be willing to sponsor week or memberships for their students.

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Anand Aiyer: When they are not willing to of course not.

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Michael Lenmark: All right, well, in that case, how about we skip ahead to your job description. We can briefly describe...

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Anand Aiyer: Don't skip ahead. Could you just go to the slides. I just want to point out

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Michael Lenmark: Very quickly.

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Anand Aiyer: Now very quickly. So I one one proposal is to increase the student activity fee. So currently, full time students pay \$45 but halftime students pay only \$25 so we want uniform student activity. See, because the reimbursements from the GSO on and the same whether you're a full time or halftime and that increasing that from 25 to 45 will bring in a lot of money to GSO which we can use for program, so and okay, I want to request all senators to so we need like maybe 10 or 15 volunteers and we are willing to pay pay you for your time. We'll pay you like \$15 per hour. We have \$100,000 worth of uncollected checks. So we need to send emails to people, to remind them to collect their checks. And these are checks from from 2011 onwards. So if, if these people don't collect the check this hundred thousand dollars will go to the government. And we'll have to pay some fine. So we have till September or to remind all these people to collect their money. But otherwise, it is debt, which is just lying in our bank account. And Spencer, your question.

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Spencer Austin: Yes, you say they're from 2011 yes

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Spencer Austin: Aren't all checks that are issued like what you have six months to cash it anyway and

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Anand Aiyer: Check is void the physical the paper is void. But then we all that person, the amount on the check.

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Spencer Austin: Okay. So how will they get another

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Anand Aiyer: We have to reissue the check when they when they write to us.

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Anand Aiyer: And they will reassure the check and post it to them. This issue will not happen if we have electronic deposits, but FSA is very moving very slow on this. But thankfully we have record.

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Mallesham Dasari: Visit our concern that if the students did not pick up the check.

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Anand Aiyer: It is our concern because it's basically a liability on our bottom line. And so this money is in our bank account. And we are technically supposed to give this to the government for free. Every year that we did

not. We are actually supposed to pay a penalty but thankfully record that FSA didn't do it so far. So hopefully we'll avoid the penalty or this year, but we need at least 10 or 15 people to join us and then basically email like there are like more than 75 people

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Sorry to interrupt on on. So since we are really getting close to time to finish. I think we could discuss now without a seal, I would ever say to sell something that we can handle within ourselves. I think looking to discuss budget and approve it. So let's go ahead and do that.

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Anand Aiyer: Yeah. OK. So the alumni and corporate relations specialist are the two key responsibilities is one maintain a database of SBU great alumni reach out to them and raise money. So we want to start a GSR emergency fund. For people who like get displaced from housing and supply who need short term loans. And then we also need to basically ensure that we are an independent body. We are independent from the university. So, that is why fundraising is one of our key tasks. And we have been neglecting to do that. Um, Yeah, let's move on. Okay.

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Michael Lenmark: Does anybody have any any brief questions for a non before we start voting.

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Chikako Takahashi: I just wanted to say earlier that if it's really, if you really need this position be, you know, or if he should do something like this, based on the committee or maybe the vice president can, you know, start working on it before creating a position and pay you know solely for this because this is something that we haven't done yet. Right. So I'm not really sure.

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Francesca Polo: Let's support this, I support maybe just putting a temporary hold on it, you know.

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Anand Aiyer: No, I feel so this year I was able to raise money for the year so but then this is like something that it's better if somebody does it full time. Um,

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Francesca Polo: I don't, but I don't. I don't think it's just something you can just get anyone to do right

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Anand Aiyer: Motivated we spoke to other souls and they have like this position. And there are people You know, like who who had the experience to do fundraising and things like that. So we took a look at what kind of material they send out. We also spoke to the alumni affairs office. So the alumni affairs office for example of allows people. I mean, they'll put GSO name on their website so you can make a donation to GSO, things like that.

So this is like something that I think are useful to...

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Mallesham Dasari: Just one small thing. Imagine, like many graduate student graduating, right, we will get good jobs. Because a good school we will be returned. You can think of that way and giving back to the university given back to the students. Yeah, we would be very You back to the US and that is not happening today. Yeah. We can do this year.

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Anand Aiyer: And our alumni office is not focusing on graduate students. So I feel like GSO can focus on graduate students. And I'm personally in touch with so many people who are willing to donate money to do so all we need is somebody to make those phone calls, follow up, things like that. So, it is better. If somebody gets paid to do this. I tried last time to suggest like you know we pay the person a percentage of the money that there is. But then what happens in this case is there may be like a big period where there won't be any money. So then that person will basically be working for free. So this is definitely something that that will lead to Money for the GSO.

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Anand Aiyer: Right more money in your pockets.

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Michael Lenmark: I see hands from [?] and then we'll move to voting.

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Anand Aiyer: Because we have already done two, three months of groundwork on this. So if we can hire a person I have, I mean I have done a lot of free work on this John clicker has done a lot of free work on this.

Anand Aiyer: Yeah but 4500 in one go. So if you don't like this 4500 for the whole year. So every two weeks that person gets paid only like 100 and something dollars. So if you don't like their performance in two, three weeks, we can fire that person. I think it is doable 40 540 500 for the whole year. So in one month if the person doesn't raise money. We have already done two, three months of groundwork on this before. Right, we already spoken to a lot of people. We've already spoken to people willing to pay money. So this 2500 we will get within the first first month itself. If you don't like the person you can find the person. I always put a hold on it because that that is negative to our own interests.

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John Klecker: Yeah, I want to offer a perspective. So I think that the point that anonymous trying to make is that in order to have this position up and functioning so that we're able to collect donations and make money and earn back our investment of 40 \$500 over a year. Someone needs to put in a significant amount of legwork to Develop call scripts and think about ways to reach out to alumni so that we're able to efficiently solicit donations, and I think the fact that a nod mentioned that our current alumni operations doesn't tap into the graduate student alumni network is like a huge potential for us to get money to fund you know any funding line like personally speaking with our and alumni and I was solicited the opportunity to give money to Stony Brook, or give. You know, specific money to send someone to a conference like I would much rather donate to the ladder. And so I think that It's worth trying. Even if only for just a year to see if it functions, but I know you also mentioned that there's other GRADUATE STUDENT BODIES in the SUNY system that you I'm assuming you talk to them at the at the SUNY thing last week or whatever, two weeks ago and they probably have this position up and running. And like these types of jobs. I have a friend that actually does a job like this at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities like his entire job is soliciting donations from alumni from the College of biological sciences, who get the PhDs in genetics and like few other things but

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Francesca Polo: How much money was raised. How much did you raise like I know the only thing I'm asking for is like...

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Anand Aiyer: 1000 on

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Francesca Polo: Me the value. So show me the...

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Anand Aiyer: Thousand dollars.

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Francesca Polo: What was done what was collected of what was You know cuz I think that if that was there, if that existed, one would want to show that one when

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Anand Aiyer: Francesca \$5,000 and that is just casually just talking to somebody saying that hey, I want to do this. So, he said Okay.

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Francesca Polo: Okay. So who was this somebody and we're

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Anand Aiyer: Following MSI it, boom, boom, and What does his organization, Mallesh, he was in there. There is a religious organization or something. He's part of so he basically just wrote a check for \$5,000 and gave it to us for the students who got displaced. In the, what is the when they displace the international students from housing. So he said, okay, whatever you need for them. Here, take \$5,000.

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Mallesham Dasari: This is for GSO right?

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Anand Aiyer: Yes. Oh, yeah. Gso is a tax free organization five or whatever. So I feel this is i mean this is just one person. And then, apart from this one person there were three people who are PhD alumni from Stony Brook, who have their own startups. So they are willing to sponsor internships for

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Francesca Polo: Graduate students internships are not money. I mean,

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Anand Aiyer: I don't know. They're willing to give the money and then they want us to run their advertising. So we, we had to run like a book, so I thought in our Edition of the survival guide.

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Francesca Polo: It's just... talk is cheap. That's all I'm saying is, like, no, no.

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Anand Aiyer: I what I am saying is I'm not talking to you, there is real money. The real dollars behind this, but I don't have the time to fully commit to doing fundraising, because I feel one person who's getting paid to do this is way better. And then I'm, I'm very good at getting that person to get the work done. If month on month, you can check every senate meeting. You can check will pay the guy. Hundred and \$66 every two weeks. So it's

like \$300. And so right per month. If you don't like it, you can fire the person you can take \$300 from my pocket, that is fine.

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Michael Lenmark: Okay.

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Anand Aiyer: But we have done enough work to raise money. And this is something that I feel Gso is losing out on

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Francesca Polo: I know that you feel you feel that way, but I'm just saying. I think most of us like to vote based on data and so

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Anand Aiyer: I gave you a name.

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Anand Aiyer: You can verify this person has Right.

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Anand Aiyer: There is a Person in [?]. [?] also raise money that thousand dollar

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Michael Lenmark: Y'all I'm reclaiming the floor. I will reclaim the floor right now. I think you're both making some excellent

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Anand Aiyer: Could you just go to the previous slide.

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Michael Lenmark: Know we are, we're running out of time. So I have, I have a quick question from one guy who has been patiently waiting and then we'll move to voting and then closure.

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Chuankai Chen: Sure, You can hear me?

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Michael Lenmark: Very quickly, yes

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Anand Aiyer: I'm not able to hear you. Sorry. Could you speak up.

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Chuankai Chen: You mentioned option that instead of hiring one person. I'm doing the budget meeting. We can hire you know multiple persons then know that they, they will pay according to the amount raised

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Anand Aiyer: Yes, but that we can do right now. So first we want to hire one person, that person will first raise money and then that money will use to hire like a call center if needed to do for the fundraising. But for us, we are to demonstrate with one person that you know they can at least raise \$50,000

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Francesca Polo: Empirical data would be great.

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Anand Aiyer: We have empirical data Mallesh himself raise \$5,000 last year.

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Michael Lenmark: All right, thank you everyone for your contributions and questions.

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Michael Lenmark: I'd like to turn everyone's attention to the chat box where I just posted the link to the voting form, it's a Google form to fill it out with your name department and then you vote.

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Michael Lenmark: Yes or no Or other I guess that's what you would use to abstain. If you wish to abstain. There are three motions up for tonight. So the first one I do support motion to pass the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021

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Michael Lenmark: The second one is, do you support a motion to approve the position of corporate relations specialist. That's the position. We've just been Very passionately discussing and then lastly emotion to collect a uniform student activity of \$45 and this would be this is primarily to raise the fee on half time graduates greatest source of revenue.

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Michael Lenmark: So reminder, you can vote yes, no, or use other to abstain.

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Michael Lenmark: And you know what you're supposed to be heard. Because I don't know. I don't know if we're able to do this in real time or food do you need to report back the email what the results are.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: I can do it in real time, but I don't know if Senators, want to do that.

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Michael Lenmark: And to clarify the items are... These are all separate items. So you don't have students that we all the same way for each time you can vote separately, based on what you believe it.

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Francesca Polo: Could be also get a copy of the slides to since

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Michael Lenmark: The slides are sent out. Yep. Thank you.

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Michael Lenmark: Yes, we have like 40 people on the call.

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: So far there's nine responses.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Everyone is voting.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: For the record, um,

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Mallesham Dasari: What would please vote. Come on. You need democracy.

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Chikako Takahashi: Well, I wasn't really sure, because some of us don't have the voting rights. I don't know if we have enough people.

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Anand Aiyer: Everybody board and

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Chikako Takahashi: No, because like I don't like if you know two people from a department are attending the meeting, then, not everybody has it voting like

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Jose Moscoso Nunez: That's a good point. Chikako. I'm gonna have to go verify each vote. So I guess I can't give you results today.

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Michael Lenmark: Okay. In that case, everyone please submit your vote by the end by the end of tonight and then Jose can get get to us with an update via email over the weekend probably

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Yeah.

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Michael Lenmark: Alright, sounds good. So plowing onwards. Is there any old business that we need to address.

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Michael Lenmark: Going once, going twice.

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Michael Lenmark: Is there any new business to bring up

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Oh well, I just want to briefly mention because it does know what saying that the Alumni Association and not full mainly focused on focusing on grad students. But yeah, we are working on that, actually. And this year, if you remember I mean, we are now. So the doctor some alumni summer Fellowship for coming from there. But some of fellowship and also to give like Fellowship to our doctoral students humanities support there's somebody citation. So we're working towards that. So I want to give the credit to the Alumni Association is really how we Get involved, how we advocate for that like this year I'm sitting on the board. So I keep talking about that, then this year, the fellowship. It's available. So we already award one student I reported before You just you.

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Anand Aiyer: I caught I've emailed the alumni affairs director multiple times. But they have ignored us. I even reached out to them through other means and stuff, whether It is we are just not High priority. I feel we can do a lot better job.

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Michael Lenmark: Thank you.

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Mallesham Dasari: One thing for me. So I want to bring this elections in. I don't know if anyone discussed, it's been forced wanted to fall.

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Michael Lenmark: Yeah earlier.

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Mallesham Dasari: Okay, good. Um, so I want to encourage all the senators to to think about it, you know, last time last year the elections was really embarrassing. There was no competition. I really want you guys to think about it to Stanford, one of the positions. It's not that I'm not going to stand for one of those places. I'm going to be there, too. I just want to encourage encourage the Senators to do to have a fair competition and get a proper candidate, you know, okay, all right. Yeah, that's

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Michael Lenmark: All right. So in that case, we have a motion to adjourn.

[Senator from History moves to adjourn]

[Senator from Ecology and Evolution seconds motion to adjourn]

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Michael Lenmark: Yeah.

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Michael Lenmark: Thank you, whoever the fuck that was so it's been a wonderful year it's been great seeing some faces here in some voices I hope everyone is staying staying safe. Everyone is staying the file calm. Have a wonderful rest of your semester and I hope to see y'all at some point in the future. All right, take care.

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Mallesham Dasari: Thank you. Bye.

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Xiaoqing Zhang: Bye everyone to can come to see you.