

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay everyone, it is a few minutes after five. Do I have a motion to begin tonight's meeting.

All right, thank you. William Thomas for the motion and Hannah Waterman for the second

- Do have a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting.

- Thank you Spencer Do I have a second? All right. Thank you, Hannah. All right.

Our minutes are not yet ready for the previous meetings are they still working on those if you weren't in transcription of that meeting minutes can take a long time to write. So we will be patiently waiting on those. Before we begin, I'd like to remind everyone just to remain in some proper decorum for the meeting to so if you'd like to be recognized to speak to use the raise hand function at the bottom of your screen. And I will call on you, then, to join the discussion. In any case, I will now turn it over to Qing for her report.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Thank you, Michael. Yes. Alright so senators. I hope you had a good week. So everyone hears me better I hear me fine. Okay, so, um, here is my president report. By the end of May we started to push for sending representative to join the University related committees this task was delegated to our secretary Jose. But unfortunately I find out just recently that he only send one email to Laura and Laura, I now have sent emails to the chairs of those committees that are of interest to the senators. I heard back from the restart in research group and the International academic program and service group I inform you about these via emails so feel free to ask me if you have any further questions. I want to, I want to clarify, though, that the administration, not only just respond to the GSO president. There were many order emails inquiries and out by other Members and they got responses. So, all he board members had been active in the responses. And for matter of transparency, I think it is important to include the entire EC board in exchanges to prevent tasks being forgotten and so the email that Jose previously like none of us were in the email. So we did not know the process, other like keep sending out the follow up emails and hearing no responses. So we invited the leadership from the campus residences and visa and immigration office to join the GSO town hall meetings to listen to student concerns and answer questions. Regarding campus housing an international student visa or PD and CPD, etc. We heard back from both of them, which is great. The visa office agreed to participate. On the campus residences post, post to have a meeting during the week of July 20 when they finished reviewing the policy with the guidance from SUNY and campus leadership. Will responded by requesting a town hall for them to listen to students concerns before they make decisions. So we will update you on that when I hear back from them. So even if like he doesn't agree. I mean like to join our town hall meetings. We can still host these meetings and compile report to send to the administration. We also would like to host a town hall meeting on work related issues. I think Michael is in contact arrange this meeting. I'm Michael. Can you update our Senate when you present?

- **Michael Lenmark**

I did not reach out. I believe Anand was the one who reached that point.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Okay, so I got it, yeah. So if I'm not gonna update us on that. And we also notice that the undergrad student government aka USG released a statement against the hybrid model and advocates for online classes. I also shared with you the petition for remote instruction and SBU from the you up there just so easy was wondering if you are in support of the same idea. And if we should release a statement in solidarity with the USG

- Okay, so the last thing for my presentation. Unfortunately, I have to do this, but it's been the whole year. I try to maintain the professionalism. Of the EC, you know, but I think,

yeah, especially doing this very difficult, difficult time is extremely important time for GSO to really do some work over the summer. So I have to propose that to remove Jose Moscoso Nunez from GSO Secretary. I do understand the move may not look that wise, given what happened during the last senate meeting, but I finally realized that I am obligated to report to you the performance of the Secretary and let you all make an informed decision. I also understand we have two and half months before the new easy takes over the office, but we all agree that just has extremely important work to do during this few months. So we need people who can fulfill their constitutional duties and work with the EC and the Senate to achieve our goals over the summer to the beginning of the fall semester. So GSO secretary work has been lacking since the fall semester. Can I share the screen. Oh, sorry. Michael, I think my. Go ahead.

- **Jose Moscoso Nunez**

Um, I think that Qing, I'm going to stop you right there and say that if you have any allegations towards me, you need to bring them up towards the board of appeals, but I think it's a waste of time to use the senators, time to go over this again. So the due process... the due process needs to be done. I, excuse me, I'm not done talking. The due process needs to be done and we cannot waste people's time. Okay?

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

I understand, but given this special time we really have to quickly go over your duties because last time we had the same thing and then everyone agree to vote right like we get time off for John to really explain the situation. I think this is the same situation that and actually as a general present I am proposing these to be. I mean, I'm using my presentation, time to talk about these and also our proposed to evolve from the senator, so I think

- **Jose Moscoso Nunez**

Excuse me. Last meeting... the purpose of last meeting was to do that. The purpose of this meeting is not to go over my duties, nor my performance. And I'm not trying to say that it I'm fearful of being scrutinized, I'm just saying this is not the right time.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

But we really don't like. I mean, it's really in the interest of the GSO to work in the continuity, because if we keep postponing days we're kind of bogged down by all those internal affair. And then I mean why are we don't think that you are really doing your duties and I mean it does the GSO just cannot function, you know, at this point, and I'll

- **Mallesham Dasari**

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Let me interrupt you guys please. Michael, can you take this over and ask the Senate to put this in motion or like should we continue this discussion or not, should we postpone to some other venue something. Yeah, something we... can you take over?

- **Michael Lenmark**

Uh, sure, um, let me try to try to think of the the right constitutional language for whatever motion you are discussing. Um, excuse me, I'm going over the Constitution. Right now it is recommended that the Board of appeals should be involved and be able to do an investigation and be able to offer up their findings. So I think we should stop on this discussion point, I believe the correct course of action is for Qing to submit a formal appeal to the Board of appeals and you will be able to go with their process.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
The Constitution?
- **Michael Lenmark**
Yes, Qing, I am looking at the Constitution, Article four Section five point point B. So an officer of the GSO maybe removed from office for misconduct or neglect of duty violation of the GSO constitution, any actions, contrary to the integrity of the graduate community. Board of appeals shall function in an advisory capacity to investigate any allegations brought up for an officer. The officer in question should have the right to know the allegation brought against him or her. The Board of appeals and the officer still have the right to present their evidence before the Senate for a final decision. The Senate shall have the power to remove the officer by two thirds vote the findings and recommendations of the board of appeals must be made into writing it and made public, at least 10 days prior to the Senate votes so... So, so yes, I do. I do believe the correct course of action is to stop this discussion point for you to formally contact the Chair of the Board of appeals with your, with your requests, and then we will proceed from there and that no sort of a voting action in this item should be should take place tonight.
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
Well, but this was exactly the same situation last meeting. But I don't know how come just so could still like john pose his point and then we moved to a vote. And now this is not happening. When I requested that I did not understand, like, why is that a discrimination against female president or I don't know. Like, why this is not happening. I mean, what has happened last meeting. It was allowed to do to happen. And now this was not allowed to happen. These meeting. This doesn't make sense to me. I hope all the senators recall what happened last meeting.
- **Noele Certain**
Qing, okay, I just want to say something, because I think that everything has become very personal and John and everybody who had signed it. We're not trying to make it personal, I regret that we let Francesca say what she did. Last week, however, you also said things to Jose that were inappropriate. We have to remember this is not about I don't like this person. I don't like that person that about moving on. We need to move on. Please, I'm sorry. I understand you may not like what Jose's doing. Please go through the board appeals. Just like everything is going to go for the Board of appeals. What we have requested, right, because that's the right thing to do. But right now we need to focus. I'm still going to lab. I'm still hearing issues. So please let's move on because everybody. It seems like everybody's saying the same thing in the chat. This is nothing against you. This is not us saying you didn't do your job. And never once Jose said you weren't doing your job. He's saying there was inconsistency about the transparency of what was going on with the committee's and that is all. He never once said anything about your character. And I I repeatedly told people. This is not about her character. This is not about attacking her and I'm sorry that you lost your mom in October, and I never want said that you didn't do your job. Okay, so please let's get back to business. Because this is what we're here for. We're not here for anything else. Okay, thank you.
- **Chikako**
Um, if I could add a few points that I mean I support whatever Noele said, but also I think it's obvious that there was a communication issues between secretary and President and I think we're more interested in what you're going to do to resolve these issues. No, not by just simply means removing one person or the other. You know, like, I mean sometimes I mean everybody you know get into a situation where you have communication difficulties with people you're working with, but you have to talk to the

person you know in person to resolve whatever the misunderstanding and, you know, issues that you have to work together, because this is like a professional environment. And I really hope that you know you can do that.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Thank you for your points Noele and Chikako. So again, it's nothing personal. I have never say anything bad about any EC members or hold that never but now it just really came to the point that, you know, I try to maintain the professionalism of EC we never really like talk about these we try to I mean maybe discuss within our EC. But it's really like the secretary is really not doing his duties. I should have who posted earlier. It is somehow, you know, we try to just stand it, you know, put up with all those behavior and try to fall out. Keep sending emails. Many times, you know, so I think I know we're going to discuss important things, but without these being result. I don't know how to so can continue to function with this internal problem. You know, like, like it's really about...

- **Michael Lenmark**

Qing, I hate to interrupt you, but I need to reclaim the floor. Again, I'm going to recommend that all discussion of appeals cease immediately and that if you intend on pursuing this process that you submit a formal appeal to the chair of BOA. I'm not yeah I that that's that's really it. There's nothing more to say to that right now. Okay, so with that being said, do you have any additional items to report?

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

That is the end of the report. Thank you.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay, thank you. Thank you, Qhng. Um, so, with the exception of the last unexpected item does anyone have any questions for the President, again, not concerning the last points that were raised. So Spencer... Spencer?

- **Spencer Austin**

Hi. So I have a question about the petition that you sent around yesterday that was from Nancy Tom's who's the University Senate President and I guess. Do we have any indication of the likelihood of this kind of petition going through the petition to have all the classes moved online for the fall and Just speaking from the perspective of the history department, we have And I know I've emailed you about this. I saw, I guess I'm just telling everybody but we have multiple students in our department who are You know, like many departments, we have international students who are first years who are coming to the department for the first time and they don't know Whether or not they should show up on you know in late August. So, a lot of them haven't even nailed down housing options out there housing yet or they're they're haven't finalized it entirely. And it you know we're getting really late in the cycle and then a lot of us. We don't know if recitations qualify as, like, if we do do the hybrid approach. We don't know if recitations qualify as recitations are usually under 25. But they're part of a larger class or they're going to be held in person or are they not so a lot of us don't know if we're going to TA in person. And therefore, we don't know if we need to be on Long island. So there's a lot of people in my department who have no idea what to do about that and RA assignments aren't usually made until like early August. So that's, that's one month to find a place to live. And if we're not going to need to live on Long Island, and a lot of people would prefer to live somewhere else, since it's so much more expensive here. So my question is, Do we, where do we think we are in this process. Do we have any information about where the administration is or how strongly they're considering things like this is there been really talk about it.Or is this something that's like kind of new and crop up of

nowhere and it kind of wasn't on their radar and will probably take a little while for them to even adjust to the idea of

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Yeah. Thank you for your question. Let me try to clear this because I was trying to listen to all your points. So like what we were communicating communicating last week from the listening session of GSO with the academic working on task force academic affairs Task Force was that the no official Plan has been made. So even though last time, those are what is The and I forgot the name someone from the musicians sent out of plan for the for. So I was kind of surprised, but He already told people, there's going to be a hybrid Model, but there was also what we told they're planning that but they did not have sent out an official decision. They're saying they're waiting for the guidance from the Governor and from the centers For disease prevention. So really like to the GSO knowledge. There's no official decision made And you you talk now the petition and then the USG statement. They're pushing for it. But we're not sure. I mean, until when they will discuss if they will accept the petition on a not like really just, we don't have on the updates in addition. In addition to what we already sent to the senators in the students But there's why we're asking if we also just want to release the same statement pushing for only online instructions.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

Can I, can I add something to that. So, we had a couple of meetings with that session. So the overall summary is the following, like no matter whether it is hybrid or online or in person, the students will be given complete flexibility you can be online. You can be in person can be hybrid whatever the flexibility that But the problem with that approach is one of the things that we discussed, because a Reverse is not the problem is going to be more for the TAs for graduate students because TAs now they have to do more work to do to prepare online and in person assignment, something like that. So for students, we are not seeing any, any kind of problem because they're going to give complete flexibility. So you can plan for But again, this is what we got, like, it's not like I'm going to say, and you follow it, but you can plan on moving somewhere if you don't want to be here because it is up to. You don't have to be on campus. That's what...

- **Spencer Austin**

But unless you're a TA though because because you already did I miss interpret you're saying you think for as as graduate students. And as for undergrads, there will be flexibility but in your role as a TA. If your classes in person. Am I hearing that right?

- **Mallesham Dasari**

Yeah, perfect. I thought we did not think of because da. Now we are thinking in terms of not as a student. So now the way they're planning that we got is that they're going to ask the faculty to coordinate in this hybrid hybrid model. They're going to train the faculty to coordinate with this model. But if they're going to treat it as as students and if they are not going to give the incentive or the training that the faculty. I didn't think that would be fair and from on and that's what I have heard that TA is do not have that kind of control where the stopping the students from entering the building. So these are the issues we've been discussing, but nothing is clear. Yeah.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay. Thank you all. Next, I see a hand from Tristan

- **Tristan**

The class that I would be TA requires students to be on campus. Is there any language

around either Whether or not those classes can even go forth and if they cannot. What is going to be done for the students.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

To continue on. Can you repeat the question. I didn't get it. Sorry.

- **Tristan**

All right on in. In short, if, if it's decided that no classes are going to be held on campus certain classes have to be held in person and therefore will not be able to be it. We won't be able to offer them during an online semester. However, this may cause some issues with students graduation and is there some plan in place to compensate students for that.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

Yeah, these are all corner cases, these are completely corner cases. I don't think the administration has any answers for that, like, You're not even discussing these corner cases you're just discussing the regular like come most common cases, how to deal with that. And the administration is not going to give us any clear answer until they're if they get some sort of idea from the from SUNY and the governor.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Thank you for raising this point would definitely are as the administration about it. This is something we need to ask them for solutions.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Alright, sounds good. Thank you. And our last question would be from John quick before we move on.

- **John Klecker**

To Tristan. Follow up question for you. Are you asking about this from the perspective of someone who's a teaching assistant teaching the class that needs to be in person, are you asking this from the perspective of someone who needs degree credits to graduate with a degree in person.

- **Tristan**

I guess I that question was really phrased in the latter, but also for the prior. What if I don't feel comfortable teaching students in person.

- **John Klecker**

Yeah, okay. So I just wanted to bring this up because like the GST you is starting to think about this issue a little bit to, like, what if, like, there are classes where if they can't be they can't be taught online. So if they're taught in person like this we want people to still keep a TA lines. And so we're, we need to think of alternative scenarios where people can work to maintain their TA lines. And so I think it's difficult because we're on like both sides of this problem is graduate students like we're teaching issue, you know, we're teaching the classes, but we're also have the classes, we need to attend. So I would hope from the academic perspective. The administration can offer leniency for you know courses that are required from the teaching perspective. Hopefully we can push to make sure that if you normally teach a class that needs to be offered in person. And you can't or you or, more importantly, you don't want to even if you don't have a specific underlying health condition, there's an opportunity for you to still work. In a teaching assistant capacity for the university to fulfill duties on your line and I'm going back to Spencer's point with the international student thing. The there's an International Student committee

meeting that the from the GIC that's happening on Monday from two to three. I think everybody should have gotten an email about it so if you're in. I think this is one of the issues that we're going to be discussing in that meeting. So I'd recommend people go there. That's it. Thank you.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay thank you John. Alright, so thank you cheering for your report next will be moving on to the vice presidents report with Mallesh

- **Mallesham Dasari**

Thank you, Michael. So there are three three things that I wanted to discuss one is confirm the boa committee, I think in the last meeting. We were supposed to do that because of the discussions have been discussions we somehow forgot to confirm the committee. And again, this is ideally, this is supposed to be presented by Jose as a secretary, but because he's in the conflict of interest. I was supposed to present last time. And then we doing it this time. So anyway, this is going to be useful for the future, right. We have Christine Sorry, I don't know how to pronounce the last name. We have Allison. Then Christian and Maria. We have five members Aditya is the Chair of the BOA. Any questions. Can we come from this Thank you, um, Can we put this too much.

- Members:

- Aditya Patankar
- Christine Mclsaac
- Allison Zastrow
- Tristan Catalano
- Mariya Mayer

- **Michael Lenmark**

Yeah. So, is there a motion on the floor to approve the membership of the BOA committee. All right, thank you know, while I'm thinking about. Do I have a second? I think the best way to do this is if you could just please post in the chat. Whether you you either right yes, no, or abstain, and then we can quickly count that just so we can move along. So if so now it's up for a vote if you could please post in the chat a yes, no, or abstain. Okay.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

This is a motion to approve right?

- **Michael Lenmark**

Motion to approve.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

Okay.

- **Michael Lenmark**

There are 21 yes, one know and one abstention. The motion passes the committee is confirmed, thank you everyone.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

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Okay, fine. Okay, awesome. And then we have. We did do events when since the current time but I don't see any any interest at all in enrolling in this virtual events, particularly senators. So there were more senators, I think. So I'm thinking of not having any much

events until the end of summer because maybe we should do some other we should focus on more important things like discussing the fall starting and etc but but I'm willing to host events. If you come up with ideas and and if there is enough interest. So just if you have something in your mind just reach out to me send, send an email will do it for sure, but I'm not planning for at least July and August in August in August. We have orientation. But before that, I don't, I'm not planning an event. So yeah, that is all. If you have anything about that, please ask me questions in the chat.

- About fall planning discussion. I think we discuss something when Qing presented. If you have more questions. We can we can talk about it. Anything, anything more unfolding, fall, fall reopening
- So, so I just wanted to say something like, because we are seeing something new since like last couple of days. I think maybe pretty much all of you know that we are now witnessing more cases than ever before. So the question is, it's not even like we are not seeing any decline in the number of cases. Right. So I don't think whatever the decisions that the admin has made so far is not going to stay as ease. Because now the trend is changing. I think they are, they may go for complete online. So that's what I'm thinking. Any, any questions on that.
- Sorry, we did, we will definitely go with the town hall town has to basically address both the the the to listen to the concerns from the students as well as to what to present what that business thinking and yeah so there will be a series of town halls in the upcoming weeks for sure but but involving admin too.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Thank you. Our first question is from John Klecker.

- **John Klecker**

So I added this is a proposition that I've talked about with Anand with respect to orientations in the fall. On we were talking about how it might be beneficial to have like asked g. So, senators you present to their departments, you know, like all at least to my knowledge, the vast majority of departments hold department level orientations, in which they give like you know all the information you need to participate in your graduate program. I think it would be really great if GSO senators were in those departments, giving a 10 minute talk about, hey, I'm a senator, I can bring your in your, you know, needs and interests to the GSO Senate. Like these are the types of funding that you can get from the GSO so that people know how to utilize it. And I think that requiring that would be really beneficial because we want to make sure that people know what types of funding, they can apply for.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

Yeah. I think that's a really good point. Chikako states they do that in the acoustics and we also do that in computer science too, actually we do that every year. So yeah, we're very proud of these meters. So I think other senators. Yeah, it's a good idea to do that. Maybe we can we can all share the same kind of template. Probably to make it easy for the Senate has to put in, that's that that will be a good idea to go I don't know any, any other any other ideas. Questions?

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay thank you John. Our next question is from Spencer.

- **Spencer Austin**

Thank you. We also do that in history and I think that is incredibly useful, but to my actual question or comment. I think a lot of people said it in the chat and it has some kind of connection with but both you've said and what She said earlier, or response. But I do

think me. I personally think as the GSO should support the petition that was put forward by you up. I think that there are too many variables, like you said, they probably will. They might not end up having classes in person. Anyway, in the fall, but I do think since the question was put on the table, we definitely should support the petition wholeheartedly and forcefully.

- **Mallesham Dasari**

Yeah. Yeah, definitely. I mean, like we are, we are already we discussed in the last EC meeting about how we are going to collaborate with USG on communicating with them. I think Yeah, definitely. I think together, we should be able to change the administration's opinion. Their initiations we are inviting some of the admins. I think Tim invited some of the admin, some of them responded, some of them, not for the town hall meetings so that they should be able to answer as well but we are also planning like all of us together like GSO, USG and GSEU. So, all of us together host town hall meeting or something like that to see like a general concern from the student body.

- **Spencer Austin**

A quick follow up, we voted last time to request that the President not only like they try to take part in a town hall, but I think technically we voted that they that we requested, they, they come to the Senate as well. So we could ask them questions. Now, I guess, you know, maybe we don't need them to come twice. But have, have we reached out to the president elect to by, you know, this time three days from now, or four days from now, I guess, she'll become the president, I think, doesn't really focusing on. Yeah. Yeah. So have we reached out to her specifically and has have we heard anything from her, or are we going to leave all of that for town hall and have them come to the senate meeting the next month.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

So send a meeting for next month has not been decided yet. But definitely, I can reach out to her to say yes if she's willing to disobey now send a meeting next time. So this is gonna have to schedule to send a meeting like what what date will be good for everyone for July and August.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Let's do it after July 4 in that that we... Just after July 4 break

- **Michael Lenmark**

Can we can decide on scheduling... can we work that when we have when we're better prepared to do that. But any case other any further questions for Mallesh and his vice presidents report.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Yeah. And we also want to make sure that everyone agree on. So, releasing the statement to advocate for online instructions. Right.

- **Anand Aiyer**

We should vote on it.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Yeah.

- **Spencer Austin**

I propose a motion that we vote on We support the petition. And there's a couple other

things that you wanted, Qing like this... The statement about protests and the... well, there are two statements. The other one is not in my mind right now.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Right, so I will be covering the Statement on the increase of police violence on that. That's for later in the schedule but for right now, I believe there is a motion on the table. Um, what would that be like motions, would be to endorse the up statement. And also, I guess to amend with certain language that Hannah's talking about, um, so, yes. So the motions their second and if you support the GSO making this endorsement. Please type. Yes. If you do not support it on type know or if you abstain type abstain.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay, thank you. Alright. Unanimous support. Thank you, everybody, and thank you much for your report. There are no further questions. So next let's move on to Jose and his secretaries report.

- **Jose Moscoso Nunez**

I can go but I think the treasurer goes before me.

- **Michael Lenmark**

I think we can still keep him at the end; he has a lot on his plate.

- **Jose Moscoso Nunez**

Alright. Hi, everyone. So the last couple of weeks have been pretty interesting with the grad school, so I want to publicly thank Chikako because she really did bring this this issue of international students being on CPT and being financially affected by COVID. Ultimately, they had to pay tuition for them to be able to be on internships this summer. And for some of them, you know, this was the last resort. Some of them have to take pay cuts and Chikako really was very awesome at reaching out to graduate students after the Graduate School failed to identify these students. So I took off topic. I really want to thank you for that. But once Chikako organized the students. I was able to advocate for them. And, you know, talk with the graduate school, the Dean of the Graduate School and the assistant dean, Lori Carron and we were able to get a total of 14 scholarships, one credit hour scholarships this summer. That took a lot of Chikako and I's time so that that's what I've been doing since the previous senate meeting. And I guess I'll take questions now.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Right, first question is from Chikako.

- **Chikako**

I just wanted to say on the record that like I've been working. I started talking about this like back in April, I talked to my professor to, you know, reach out to graduate school and started talking about. But I just wanted to say that without Jose as effective negotiation with the graduate school like it wouldn't have happened like it was it was time consuming but I think it's, you know, I just want to say like It's like, it's not just I raised the concern, but like he was really like Jose's on effective negotiation that got some of the international students tuition credit and I think I hope we can continue working on this issue. So that next year, at least if I have students are interested in can get tuition remission for the summer.

- **Jose Moscoso Nunez**

Absolutely. Um, you know, after this was brought up and we were, we realized that we

were able to get scholarships. We definitely agreed in the board and with you that it's very wrong to charge students tuition for them to be able to earn money to the summer it's totally wrong. So unfortunately, this time the scholarships were only for tuition, they still have to pay fees. So, yeah.

- **Michael Lenmark**

All right, thank you everyone. Are there any further questions for Jose and a secretary secretary report.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Oh, yeah, so I just want to say that they were we found out from the visa office that there were 49 students right who had gotten CPT, but to get that CPT, though, and because they were international students, they had to pay one credit which is thousand something dollars so that we got it weird for some students who have faced financial difficulty. So, that is what we were able to achieve, which was a very big thing, because every year they make at least \$200,000 on just that.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

I would also want to thank you very much Anand for also helping out with this issue. I think you were the first one who brought up this issue to the dean of the Grad school during our meeting with him and then you continue to follow up. Somehow in between we are not in the emails anymore and then suddenly Jose and our email to the EC and maybe by copy to all the student telling them that they got the scholarship. Which is great. So, so, yeah. So in the future, we just hope to keep the communication within the E board and all like suddenly we do not know what happening is always a follow up things. It's kind of complicated. But again, thank you all for your also your advocacy on this issue and another thing. I don't know if there's for the question for Jose that because we had a request from a senator who asked to present her committee work on Tenzin Yangchen. She's sitting on a committee of presidential election planning and coordination committee. So she sent us an email like on June 22 to present at a senate meeting and then I say you're agreeing, and I asked Jose to edit to the meeting agenda so can Tenzin speak at this time,

- **Jose Moscoso Nunez**

Absolutely I don't have an issue with that This is the first time I'm hearing of this, unfortunately, but if I made this mistake. I apologize.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Alright, so in that case, if you could begin your committee presentation.

- **Tenzin Yangchen**

Here, but would you like me to talk a new business because this is like kind of opening the floor for the senators to give me ideas.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Yeah, usually the committee work is like the committee, we wanted to be combined as Secretary and also the committee. We're also be reported during the secretary report time so it's up to you, if you will, for the now or later.

- **Tenzin Yangchen**

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What would be other people's preference. Because I don't want to break the rhythm of the EC people, you know, getting their reports. Right.

- **Michael Lenmark**
I mean, that's, that's my intent and we can come back to your report. During a new business if that's okay with you, of course.
- **Tenzin Yangchen**
Thank you.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Alright, thank you so much. I look forward to hearing about it. All right. So if there are no more further questions for Jose. I will come back on screen and to get my report. So I hope everyone has had a chance to look at the statement that I sent out yesterday. So I, I would like to thank Spencer and new well for providing comments on the draft, as well as members of the EC. And also to thank John and Amy for putting me in the direction of some really great example statements that were very useful and writing this So, so, in any case, I hope you've had a chance to look at it. The main thing that the EC is interested in is seeing if the Senate would like to co sign the statement. So that would be either like in a if you if you would like to do that. That would be through like a resolution to endorse or if that's not you're interested, we could instead open it up for centers to like silent individually. So I just don't have any thoughts about that.
- **Spencer Austin**
I personally have no objection to signing individually, but I don't want to impose that on everybody. And so I'm really saying this because no one is saying something, but I would be happy to to sign it personally.
- **Michael Lenmark**
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Okay, okay.
- **Spencer Austin**
Maybe we vote on it, I don't know, but
- **Anand Aiyer**
Could you repeat that sorry. It wasn't perfectly clear.
- **Spencer Austin**
Well, it seems like the options are to have it just say like endorsed by the Senate. For to have individual senator Sign it
- **Anand Aiyer**
No, I understand. But the purpose of Michael writing the draft was because last time we mentioned that GSO didn't come up with You know, a statement. So I think it is diluting that if we don't either endorse it or reject it individually. I mean, know collecting and then and then people can sign individually do unfulfilled. Okay.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Thank you. And I, and I see agreement from William to Spencer's point and, Sergei, yes it is about the BLM statement that I sent out last night, I see a hand from John Klecker.
- **John Klecker**
I think the the motion like I think the point that we should be starting with is a motion to endorse as a body. I think that the power from the statement would come from all of us agreeing to it and publishing it as the GSO everyone the Senate and the executive board.

If we allow individual people to sign or not sign it, then I don't think we're doing our duty to prepare joint statement that represents everybody on campus. So I'm happy to, I mean, this isn't I'm not facilitating the discussion, but I think having debate about it now would be great. We can create something that is good for everybody.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay thank you John I see agreement from Hannah, and Laura and several other people, Sergey, you say you don't fully understand, could you please clarify.

- **Sergey Madaminov**

Yeah, maybe I'm just like, far away from the politics and whatnot. I don't get the part about... I was a bit confused, where it actually came from and I didn't get the part about police. I thought we have our own police on campus and That we don't cut connection to the other parts of the Suffolk county, New York and whatnot.

- **Michael Lenmark**

You're asking about that specific clause of the statement?

- **Sergey Madaminov**

It's like, it's not just like the first part is perfectly fine. When you say them together and whatnot. But then starts to talk about the values, which I guess is somewhat related to about and then about prison, which I think is less related to that.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay, so thank you for bringing that up. So my response to that would be that, you know, since these protests and you know the you know the culmination of everything that's happening today is it's really focused on police violence and that's why numerous bodies are calling on their universities to disband their relations with local and state police departments to ensure that their students feel safer on campus. And we can see that these, these have happened in a lot of places already is particularly in Minneapolis where George Floyd was murdered is probably the most notable example and also in regards to your question about prison labor. I put that in the statement because, you know, the main labor force for prison labor, you know, that's created by racist over policing policies of disadvantaged communities who are primarily black and brown and also indigenous and so that's why I wanted to bring that up in the context of the end of the statements. I next see a hand Spencer.

- **Spencer Austin**

Well, really, you know, you made all the points I was gonna make it probably better than I was going to make them. But another both elements, of course, real estate and And both have definitely produced a lot of abusive practices, also in regards to the relationship between the Stony Brook's relationship with NOT EVEN THE UNIVERSITY POLICE but with the Suffolk County Police. The bill. The bill that passed in 1998 that created or at least created the modern iteration of the Stony Brook police department, which is the New York State University Police, we have, like, a branch of it is the one we have on campus. It also stipulated that all universities in the SUNY system. Their presidents have to or their, their administrations have to collaborate with a cooperate with local police departments in the area, not just the university police. So that's why there's that slide that that that statement is being made in in the but then the document that we're proposing because they have a relationship. They are. They have a connection and a lot of people fear, even if you get rid of the university police will then the Suffolk County Police will just come in and do the exact same thing. There's a lot of overlap between the two and regards to the prison labor, getting rid of the university police or cutting connections with

the Suffolk County Police will be a long probably a long term process because actually to do it would require technically, ultimately, the New York State Legislature to repeal that on a bill. However, it's much, much easier for us as a short term goal and kind of chipping away at the same racist superstructure to get the university to cut all of its contracts with companies that use prison labor, because that's just a kind of unit. The university's own individual decision that it can make about what kind of contractors that uses so like we don't need to use contractors that sell us desks that are made by prisoners. We don't need to use. Like, have you ever noticed, like on the back of the blue book, all of them are made in Watertown, New York up in upstate in a prison. We don't need to. We don't, we don't and shouldn't, at least in my opinion be supporting contractors who who who make their products that way. Which is essentially a modern form of slavery. Since these as the statement says the prisoners are paid oftentimes as low as 65 cents an hour. So that's, that's the, that's where I think that's the headspace that the people who wrote it and contributed to it were in when they wrote it and it does kind of mesh with. I know a lot of the GSO you sent out a survey. A couple weeks ago and, you know, and part of it related to support on campus and most graduate students for what support was there for getting rid of the police or challenging the police on campus and there was actually significant amount of support more than they expected. At least, that's, that's my interpretation. Perhaps I'm hearing that second hand but yeah, so that's, I think that's, I hope that response.

- **Michael Lenmark**

I hope that's an effective response to what you're saying.

- **Spencer Austin**

I hope that kind of answers your questions.

- **Michael Lenmark**

All right, thank you. Spencer Sergei also asked in the chat about our own police. Yes, they are named as the New York State University Police. Hannah asked in the chat would be helpful to name that connection. The statement, we certainly could be certainly could amend the statement. So then the question would be, do want to endorse the statement as his original want me to go back and make that Edit and then send it out for a virtual vote outside of a meeting. I now see a hand from john

- **John Klecker**

Yeah, so I hate to, you know, introduce another variable of complexity into this but right now, right now, certain people in the GSO like some senators that are probably here and the GSEU are trying to coordinate with the black graduate student organization, the Black Student Union and the African Student Union on campus to like we want like we want to like help or like we want to enable them to like craft a statement and then use the GSEU as a platform to like spread the message and what I was hoping to like I think that the statement that we have right now is really strong and I like it. Um, my question to the people here is like, Are we cool signing this statement and releasing it and then also using our platform as the GSO to endorse another statement, potentially, or do we want to wait and only endorse the one that is written by the BG so the PSU in the ASU or so. Yeah, I'm sorry, it's kind of confusing, but I'm working with a few people right now trying to, like, like we want to amplify their message as well. So I'm fine with either. But yeah, sorry.

- **Michael Lenmark**

No, that's fine. Thank you very much. Bring it out. I appreciate it. But actually, I see a hand from Tristan.

- **Tristan**
In response to John, I think it's important that we have drafted and send out a statement of our own and we can absolutely also endorsed statements from other groups. But I, I think we really should have one specifically from us that that goes out.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, thank you so much Tristan. We welcome to use our communication channels to amplify the, the other statement that John brought up, but does anybody else have any other questions. Does anybody want to motion to vote on to to endorse the statement or you want to instruct me to amend it before floor is yours. Okay, I have emotion from Alex Young to endorse the same as is seconded by John Klecker and Laura. Um, if you to vote to vote to endorse please type yes in the chat box to not endorse type know and or type abstain.
- Okay. Let's give another minute. Okay so overwhelming we vote in support. Let the record show that there are two abstentions on this. Thank you all very much. So I will coordinate with the EC to ensure that this segment is blasted out to the graduate student community. I think, you know, everybody. Does anybody have any further questions for me on anything.
- **Sergey Madaminov**
Question. I don't see how to raise your hand here. Well, I mean, while most of the people are, like my concern is with the statement and I hope it will be clarified. Most of our graduate students are international people. So we have very little idea about like American police system and how it works and the way things are, so basically I'm just like every other students. And I'm just reading the statement on the thing that I'm like you're going to call off the relationship with police. It sounds to me like basic line becoming less safe. While I think most make my other departments or like more local people as an American school more familiar with like the system and the current situation, I think our department in this ways different. Will be great if, I don't know maybe some clarification because given to the students. Not just that we are going to remove this. And now we are all why this is happening. And it's a visual to get to get more education that not just the cutting the music. There's a lot of background and what just Spencer explained, like I have no idea about that. It's American history. It's not my country's history.
- **Michael Lenmark**
But thank you for bringing that up. Sir, sir. Good. It was at hand. Spencer.
- **Spencer Austin**
Maybe there's a section at the top that says that we want the university to promote more Community centric forms of policing, as opposed to, it's in the first paragraph. Maybe that could be shifted to the line like it. Maybe that could be a second sentence directly after the line about policing in the third paragraph, I believe. You can just kind of copy and paste it, move it down. Since it's not a change in the actual wording of the document. Just a moving of one sentence to another part of the document. Perhaps we don't need to vote on it again. Although I'm sure there's linguists out there, he would say, moving it from one part to another fundamentally altering the nature of the document. And i i agree with them. But anyway. Yeah, that might that might resolve some of your concerns because that sentence says, you know, we want to foster long term change the way policing has done and promote new forms of policing that are community based or not. Not policing, per se, but new forms of community safety that are based on Non Carswell non authoritarian models of Community Engagement and policing.

- Michael Lenmark**
 Awesome. Thank you so much. Spencer I see Chikako brought up that possibility of bringing this up in the international students meeting and putting together a resource for international students who may not be as knowledgeable about this. That's a wonderful suggestion to go through. I think that's everything in the chat. So if there are no more questions for me. Then I will pass it along to Anand for his treasurer report
- Sergey Madaminov**
 Um, I guess, working like the community model is fine. It's more thing that they get to Chikako mentioned that the system has different, like for example, in my country, you cannot really cut ties with police and the way policies work all this work is very different. It's actually better than here but like for example, when I see things saying that we will we will need to create a community at least and whatnot. That's actually like from my cultural background, it's it's way worse than police Yeah. So basically, yeah. I guess I'll pull up this Chikako, so we can give more information to international students so they will understand what the matter is related to the American system.
- Spencer Austin**
 Perhaps in addition to the statement. We could also release like some Scott just tons of scholarship on this. So maybe we could you know in the same email like include a link or some, you know, some of the many works of theology and historical scholarship and in many fields that
- Sergey Madaminov**
 Yeah, yeah. Let's move outside of guests or the meeting. Okay, thank you.
- Michael Lenmark**
 Alright, thank you so much Sergei will definitely re evaluate the statement. And what about you said I really appreciate you bringing that up. I will now transition it over to Anand for his Treasurer's Report.
- Anand Aiyer**
 Okay, the first point on my agenda was I wanted to propose that we have a salary for GSO senators because when I was looking at data for a who is using the services from the year so it is basically we are serving the senators either they are senators today or they were Senators, the previous year. So those are the people who are most clued in to the service or the GSO provides so I thought in and I also see in USG they provide they pay their senators a salary. And USG Senators I think they they get paid like \$100 every two weeks. I think that is the salary and they they have office hours with their constituents. So I wanted to propose that we pay our senators a salary and we encourage them to have office hours so that students can directly reach out to senators and I know some of you are super in touch with like, you know, your department people but some of our emails don't get sent out on time, like when we had to close the books early this year. A lot of the communication for that didn't go out in time. So I wanted to propose that from next year onwards, so you won't be voting for your own salary. This year, but if you do decide to continue next year one hour per week that I think One hour per week. So it would be like four or five hours a month.
- Michael Lenmark**
 Anand, Do you want a question on that now or to wait till you're finished with your entire report?

- **Anand Aiyer**
Yeah, okay. Right now. So, or no idea. So we can vote on this. Now, if we can take questions on this particular thing now or should I just go through everything and then come back.
- **Michael Lenmark**
I mean, I'm seeing several hands already. So I think it would be pertinent to answer them now. Yes. Please. So the first hand is from Aditya.
- **Aditya Patankar**
I actually had a question on the previous point. So maybe I'm just...
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, sorry. Okay, yeah, if you, if you could email me your question. I'd be happy to answer it for you. Yeah. Our next one is from John
- **John Klecker**
So I just want to make a statement of support for Anand's proposal, I think that offering senators, a salary means will be able to require more from all of us to do you know and we'll all be hopefully You know, more empowered to do our jobs and you know like I think that theoretically, if we know, like, hey, you're getting paid you have a time commitment of five hours, four hours or five hours a month and like these are the committee's you're working on, hopefully that will push people to. So that we can spread the work out a little bit more equitably because I think what we see right now is. A huge burden of work for the GSO is put on the Executive Council and I think that the more we can decentralize the decision making process to the Senate, the more democratic it will be. So I think this is really a way to give people who are not on the Executive Council, a way to contribute more meaningfully. Um so yeah that's that's my statement.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Thank you. John. Next hands from Spencer.
- **Spencer Austin**
Thank you. I'm a little ambivalent about the salary of thing, but I do definitely agree senators need to be more involved and I definitely think the idea of having senate office hours. One hour week is a definitely a great idea. I really like that one, but what about the thing we raised last week, and it was towards I think that actually might have been after the official meeting I closed, but the idea of making the university give the GSO like direct access to a list serve containing all of their graduate all of their constituents, so that we don't have to ask the Graduate School for permission. Every single time we want to send a blast out to everybody. Is that what that way, you, you, that the Board could speak directly to all of the graduate students and wouldn't have to go through the senators every single time. And therefore, some people will get missed and some people you know, some people get the information. Some people want. So as we've been progress made on pressuring the university to allow graduates to allow yourself to have access to essentially access to the information of its constituents, which you would think would be a no brainer, but which they apparently were dragging their feet on
- **Anand Aiyer**
Yeah, so I think that is harder to do because the graduate school itself doesn't know how many graduate students. There are until December. In this is something that is very strange and surprising. So the register or undergraduate school, they have to talk to each other and figure out exactly how many students have enrolled. I do agree with Spencer

that we can. I mean, you know, we can just tell every grad student we meet, we can say, you know, you're paying \$45. So you're basically a member of this club, which is the GSO and you know, so you can do we have your consent to email you so that you know that because one of the challenges we are facing in CARA, for example, is we are members. We are the Executive Board of CARA, but we don't have emails of anybody because they say it's a violation to give us the emails of everybody who lives in CARA. So we can't email anybody unless we email. That the campus residences and then they will read our email and then forward it to everybody, so I i. So, if we can definitely do something are to do that. But at the same time, we need like suppose we, we, you know, there is an issue like Black Lives Matter and it developed overnight. Right. And we need somebody to write a statement about it. Right, so I feel if we if our all our committees worked efficiently, then you know we have a housing committee, we have a, you know, Again, different committees and people will work. Hopefully, you know, with more seriousness, if they are paid another issue. I wanted to save us, let us eliminate you know this conflict of interest in the sense that. Let us make senators ineligible for reimbursements and instead give give whatever the equivalent money for rap plus PDF plus this thing. I mean DTI we can keep it separate because that is you have to, you know, apply for it separately with your CV and everything. And there is a panel that is choosing you but wrap your Broadway show thing your Fitness reimbursement. All of that totals to around thousand 200 right so we can say that your salary is thousand 200. Good you spread the gospel of Jesus, basically.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay. Thank you. Our next question is from Anastasia. Yes.

- **Anastasia Iorga**

So I just had a question about how that kind of pay schedule would be structured what it start immediately from the beginning, from the beginning of the semester. I'm just because I know my department, some other departments, maybe we come up with like each graduate student has a role and we have a meeting in the beginning of the semester to discuss roles. So as of right now. Because we can't really have these meetings. I'm basically continuing my role as senator until that meeting. Which would probably occur later on in August. So I'm just wondering if there would be like a pay schedule for something like this so that I can send an email out to my department to discuss the matter further if the motion gets past

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yeah, so if the motion gets passed. We will instruct our fiscal agent that we want to amend the budget. To include this. Um, and so, from the next fiscal year. We will then have to collect read there'll be an exercise in which will collect who is going to be on the payroll. So now with this year we have like a new payroll system. So we will add everybody's name and information in that payroll system and things like that. And from that date. That the senate decides and the payroll has its own like cycle. So, so definitely everybody will get paid on a Friday or something like that, every two weeks. So that's another thing we go. So, but, of course, the date and stuff that once we agree on doing it. We can set it in the future, like some day.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Right. Thank you. Next up is Alex.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Alex, yes.

- **Alex Yeung**
Yes, I have two questions. The first one is, how much extra will it cost if this motion is passed, and the second one is, how do you make sure that the senator is doing send out emails or whatever in time will send out emails in time after the update. Thank you.
- **Anand Aiyer**
Yes, that's a very good question. Um, I mean that we have to we are hoping that incentive the salary is an incentive to get, get them to behave and also get others to ensure that they behave like I behave as a treasure, because I'm getting paid. And, you know, so people are like can hold me accountable. And they can say that, you know, you're getting paid so better do your job well. But if suppose I wasn't getting paid, and was doing it for free. People would say, you know, you know, he is not even getting paid to do it. Well, I'm sorry, I forgot your other questions, so sorry about that.
- **Alex Yeung** But how much extra is it gonna cost. So can you just go back to the answer that you gave just now. So you're saying that. So now that they are paid. They will be more so responsible because then they are not also. So in your proposal. They are also not eligible for regular reimbursements so they have to, like, how much do they actually get paid per year. So it's not like a lot of money. And with this little amount of money. So you think that they would be more responsible
- **Anand Aiyer**
Yes, so it's thousand \$200 a year, so it will be like 100 hundred or maybe if thousand 200 is to less than the senate can decide to increase the salary. To, you know, I don't know. Double double that. So if we if we keep it 1200. I don't think we are spending anything extra. Because the people applying for reimbursement otherwise are mainly senators and a few future senators.
- **Alex Yeung**
So that your questions are shy.
- **Michael Lenmark**
No. Please go ahead.
- **Alex Yeung**
So the question is, then you are stripping away their some of benefits for like real so they can do reimbursements and you are paying them. So I do
- **Anand Aiyer**
I want to, I want to rephrase this i'm not stripping away instead I'm giving guaranteed reimbursement. Okay. So right now, if you apply if your paperwork isn't up to mark I I have either treasure. It is my responsibility to reject your application. Right. Or suppose you didn't have something you, you may not get the thousand 200 so I'm giving you more then I'm giving you a guaranteed reimbursement to work for us.
- **Alex Yeung**
Okay.
- **Anand Aiyer**
And and it is hope that with this added impetus like of you know like better senators we become a better deal.

- **Michael Lenmark**
Right.
- **Anand Aiyer**
He's already doing.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, thank you. I not an Alex. Our next question I see three more hands. Next up is Alec
- **Alec Cali**
So my question is, tied to the cost, which just got calculated.
- **Anand Aiyer**
Chat. Yes. I would do to \$700,000. So this is a very small fraction of that.
- **Alec Cali**
Yeah, I'm more worried about or I guess my question is if...
- **Anand Aiyer**
In the face of graduate cuts that are coming
- **Alec Cali**
Most likely in the fall, or the spring. Will this significantly drain our finances to kind of leave us screwed over in the next year or the year after
- **Anand Aiyer**
Right, so I wouldn't, but it comes directly from student activity fees, which is \$45 and this year. I think we raised the motion in the previous one of the previous the same so that full time and half time students both have to pay \$45 for the year so membership. And our income has only been increasing every year. In fact, we are not spending all the money that you know that we are getting in every year. So this can be improved if senators do their job better in spreading the information. So this so compared to previous years where we had to 55 checks. Or this year we had 570 checks, which kind of messed up the whole thing, because now everything is delayed but next year. We are going to digital payments. So with digital payments and a paid Senator workforce, along with the EC, I believe that, you know, we are but and also next year we may not have events or events will be all virtual so the expense in conducting events and those kinds of things, you know, will free up a lot of resources.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay thank you Alec and next is Tristan.
- **Tristan**
I'm two things. First, I think, to clarify what or not and has been saying Is that the the cost of this is partially offset by the fact that we would no longer allow senators to apply for reimbursement so we wouldn't be spending that money which we are already spending quite a lot in that area because senators are making up the majority of people who who apply for that. Though I suppose the counter argument. There's also if senators are doing their job more effectively, more people should be applying for our various reimbursements. Um, the other question I have this. This salary would be for voting members of the Senate or would alternate senators also have the ability to do this, assuming that they took on all of the responsibilities.

- **Anand Aiyer**
I think me in an alternate can be considered and the, the, there is one more category right the, what are the the standby the understudy kind of senators. So they may not call it so only me in an alternate because I think there is no distinction between main an alternate senators otherwise. Okay.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, thank you. Tristan. Next up is Allison.
- **Allison Zastrow**
So I do not feel comfortable voting on whether or not we should be paying ourselves without first asking the grad students my department. Not having had the opportunity to do so, I would like to not vote on this until we've been able to do that.
- **Anand Aiyer**
Okay, sure. But you are not paying yourself. You're paying the next senator from your department
- **Allison Zastrow**
Yes, essentially, right.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, thank you. Allison Anand I see a lot of people are interested in this discussion. So if you'd like to continue will you'll probably have to waive the rest of your discussion points.
- **Anand Aiyer**
Are you okay with that. Or no, so the then
- **Michael Lenmark**
Let us move on in that case. I will just briefly say so I pulled just everybody else in the in wine. I think we have to move on. But my recommendation to a non is that if you'd like to pursue this further to come up with a formalized job description. As well as an amendment to put in the Constitution, so that we can solidify. These are foundational documents and also to rewrite next year's budget if needed to look for this.
- **Anand Aiyer**
Next year's budget. Anyway, I think we should read it, because once we get clarity on how fall is going to happen but yes, I agree. Let's move on. Sorry. So USG statement, what is our respond, do we stand by the USG statement. Has everyone got a chance to look at the USG statement.
- **Michael Lenmark**
But, can you clarify which statement, you're talking about
- **Anand Aiyer**
The USG had a statement where they want to have fall to move completely online. It kind of is. I guess the up statement is kind of maybe I'll email it to all the senators and then we can have a digital vote on it or something, right.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, thank you. Please proceed.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yeah, we voted on the up statement. Okay, the next one is so the grad school did a survey. It's currently confidential. Um, But I think we need to discuss that. Okay. We'll move to the next one. So town hall for workplace reopening um we want to coordinate with GSEU. And I think Richard reader, right, the law, some senators had replied to be on that. Okay, the next one is for campus housing. So our campus housing any surely when we reached out to them from Cara. They said that they were very busy and they didn't have time but then send an email to them. Recently, and they said that Dallas Bowman, and Catherine Mary Riviera, who are assistant director and assistant vice president, they are willing to reach out to us, but only on July. 21 week after everything is decided. So that is kind of concerning because they are not taking any student voices into account and I've heard that from July 1 they are moving new students or returning students into double rooms in shaping. So I think that that could without any quarantine or any pre screening. So I think that that is a potential health risk also till we met. President McInnis president elect making his arm in the easy when they see met Bernstein and McInnis. The campus wasn't being transparent about how many students on campus were affected by COVID only after we met mechanism we have told her that you know that we expect administration to send more emails and be more communicative, Gatteau emailed me the next day saying that. Oh. Here, there are less than 10 cases of students. The 120 cases that are reported on this Suffolk County Health GIS app. Those majority are from the Long Island veterans home. So I also emailed a Long Island veterans, not the Suffolk County Health commissioner's office and found out that they confirm this. There are known at that from Long Island veterans. Okay. So yeah, so campus housing. It's like a very big issue and we haven't properly been able to discuss it and also they have increased campus housing rent by 5% so that is a potential thing and a lot of graduate student families were forced to so there is an issue of whether students who live on campus our tenants are not tenants so that we need to clarify, somehow, I don't know. We need the housing committee to look into that. That's a very big issue. Okay, second okay Town Hall. I think Qing already mentioned that we had this dialogue on structural racism and probably the Center for Civic justice, they kind of made watered it down in a, in a way that by making on each breakout group first. First of all, the divided everybody into breakout groups and each breakout group can only 10 the 10 breakout groups and each breakout room can only like three or four people, and each group could only come up with one topic, but they didn't answer any other questions. So we're looking forward to the Follow up meeting, which is next week. To find out more about that. I want to put a motion that Cara and Sara, which are clubs. I mean, the Schaumburg apartments. Residents Association and Chapin apartment. Residents Association, they have an election every year and this election is conducted by campus resident the LA of each department via Google Form instead of that I feel we should conduct it as D. So since we are sponsoring both CARA and SARA every year with budget. This will make the elections more impartial. I feel so I wanted to propose that we conduct that also we're trying to organize the residents of CARA and SARA by having a Residents Association. So if any of you live either in Chapin or Schaumburg please reach out to me. Can, can I put forth that motion, Michael?

- **Michael Lenmark**

The motion to...

- **Anand Aiyer**

SARA and CARA elections be held by the GSO Elections Committee.

- **Michael Lenmark**
Um, I mean, sure. I mean, does the chair of the elections and everything to weigh in on this. Alec?
- **Alec Cali**
Sorry, my cat was doing something stupid and had to step away. Can you repeat that?
- **Anand Aiyer**
So cheap in apartments. Residents Association and Schaumburg apartments. Residents Association and is for recognized clubs, but they're basically residents associations for graduate students living on campus. They have. So these are two bodies they they advocate for graduate students living on campus and currently the elections happen for these two bodies. So we want to ensure that these elections are held fairly currently those elections are held via Google Form and also in the in the CARA and SARA constitution, it says that GSO decides the elections, but currently the elections are not being held by the so, yes, we are. So has the authority because we recognize those clubs.
- **Alec Cali**
So who travel in here as we are trying to figure out how to hold them in this
- **Anand Aiyer**
Kind of
- **Alec Cali**
Weird time is a Google form. Okay.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, Anand I think now with wit the information that you just told us about Mike we kind of, we do have the right to that. I don't think we need to discuss with any further. I'm or or emotion on it. Later.
- **Alec Cali**
Will email me and we'll get on on it.
- **Anand Aiyer**
Okay. All right.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Thank you. Please, move along
- **Anand Aiyer**
Yeah, so the next important thing is so if every year year so rents a lot of checks. Right. But many of these checks are not collected and they expire. But the money. That they represent that is like a depth on year so budget. So from 2011 to today, we have like more than like 200 300 checks on collected. I think I'm sorry I it's closer to 500 and collected checks. So we need to we would like to hire like somebody temporary to basically phone, the people who have, you know, over the years, not collected their checks to tell us that, yes, they want the money or no they don't want the money. And if they say yes. They want the money we have to you know reissue the check and send it to them, because if we don't do that. This whole It's, it's, I think, some \$200,000 in our bank account which we cannot use which we have to legally actually give it to New York State. So, Yeah, so can we get senate approval to hire a few volunteers who will pay \$15 an

hour so that we can get all these checks. You know, to the respectful owners by September, because we don't do it by September, we have to pay a big fine. So we have amnesty till September.

- **Michael Lenmark**

There is a question that chat from know well asking can you office manager, do they are they still getting paid during the summer.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yeah office manager is getting paid during the summer but office manager is currently you know, driving to the fiscal agent every day getting the checks mailing the check. So if the office manager starts phoning people, then you know all of you are already so mad at me for like your check has not come for, like, I don't know, three months or whatever. So then you will never get your check because this 500 people is like another exercise in itself.

- **Michael Lenmark**

So, and just to piggyback on that I was the previous office manager last year, and there was not enough time to do that on top of everything else. I had to do. Yes, yeah.

- **Anand Aiyer**

And we actually had to office managers one office manager quit because of COVID so now we are we have only one office manager.

- **Spencer Austin**

The thing that you'd have this person will be doing is calling up everybody who has a outstanding check and I mean I have one literally on my desk right here. And you'd be calling them up and then saying, hey, we have a check for you. And then be reissuing it because, like most of the checks are like expired at this.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yeah, because it'll take some 2011 2012 2013, things like that.

- **Spencer Austin**

And it is something that wouldn't or shouldn't be done via email, and we do most of the other stuff that we do relating to the checks is done via

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yeah, you can do it over email also Yes, sure. Okay, but it. But what happens is you send an email and if there is no response. We want this person to basically phone that person and you know, find out where they are and like there is a lot of like bounty hunting in a way with the killing people. Okay.

- **Michael Lenmark**

So I see a question from Anastasia

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yes.

- **Anastasia Iorga**

I just wanted to reiterate, so this these reimbursements that came from our student activity fee if they don't get collected, they have to go to New York State. Yes, which

means we would be giving what \$200,000 to New York State, because nobody emailed us back.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yes 300,000 roughly so

- **Anastasia Iorga**

Just want to reiterate that before we start voting and debating because that's a lot of money to give to a state that we already paid yeah.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Okay, um. And just a quick question from 10s and 10s be done remotely.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Yes, yes.

- **Michael Lenmark**

Everything is remote okay okay so Chikako has motion to approve this position is there. Is there a second thank you. Spencer for the second to vote to go to approve type yes to disprove techno or abstain. Everyone's type in yes okay so overwhelming. Overwhelming unit and the support, however, Noel is requesting a formal job description. Yes.

- **Anand Aiyer**

Indeed out

- **Michael Lenmark**

OK. So the motion is approved. But, but, yes, and I please send that out to all of us. OK.

- **Michael Lenmark**

OK, so do you have anything further because we do need to continue on with our attention.

- **Anand Aiyer**

And other I am a time Francesca has a question that before the Studio code we obtain a full budget report categorically, how many students have been benefiting from GSO differentiating if they have a position within GSO so title and student without so I so. To do this, I would like, I would love to do this and actually make it open, but I don't know who are senator last year who are senator last year last year and things because we have data from 2011 so this is like a whole like a research task. I can't promise that I can do it by the end of this fiscal because that's like next week, but definitely I mean either me or the next treasure will definitely have have this information out soon.

- **Michael Lenmark**

All right. Okay. Thank you so much, Anand. Now I'd like to turn the floor over to Tenzin for her committee report.

- **Tenzin Yangchen**

Hi everyone, my name is tendon and I serve on the university 2020 presidential election planning and coordination committee. Will had one meeting as a group and then I've also had another one on one with the committee chair. So the committee chairs, Steve. He particularly was interested in knowing how GSO can help civic engagement with the voting for coming election. So I did tell them that, you know, other ways I've been here just so y'all know I'm a two year master students. So this is my first year second

semester. So I just told him that, you know, there we have or GSO president who sends out email. We can send out email and I asked if she'd be willing to or the next president would. And she said, this can be done, but what we're interested in knowing that there are other ways that we can engage some level of civic civic engagement among our GSO students in terms of, you know, voting location voting registration or basically giving the tools or students to like map it out and schedule. So yeah, I mean I'm basically just collecting ideas.

- **Michael Lenmark**

All right. Wonderful. Thank you so much, times and thank you for volunteering to serve on that committee. I see a hand from Hannah.

- **Hannah Waterman**

Hi. Yeah. And the one thing that just popped into my mind was, I'm wondering if it would be possible for the GSO to have some sort of voting registration drive and specifically with that goal and sharing resources on how to find your voting location because I know for me specifically like with this recent primary on the actual New York State website that's supposed to like tell you where you can vote given changes due to the virus was basically completely glitch out no matter what address I typed in, it wouldn't show me what the polling location was which was really frustrating, but just anything related to that sort of transparency in addition to a voting registration drive. I think could be really helpful.

- **Tenzin Yangchen**

Thank you. I'm gonna make sure to pass it to the Committee.

- **Michael Lenmark**

01:45:24

Wonderful. Thank you, Hannah. And also I see enthusiastic support from Spencer other any other contributions to send it would like to make to send a question.

- **Tenzin Yangchen**

Something that also came up in the committee meeting was if we could do some sort of a grad student Lecture Series, like, you know, we can have some students share their experiences or their ideas on, let's say, climate change and then like do something like that virtually... What are your thoughts on this?

- **Michael Lenmark**

Is that Chikako Oh, sorry. Okay, nevermind. Um, Does anybody have any thoughts. Okay. Good.

- **Tenzin Yangchen**

One more question, more, more like a question is that, so I don't know. I'm sure most of you know that for state employees. So you have a right to take some time off to, like, on the day of working. So I was thinking, is there a way that you know I could or GSO can collaborate with GSEU regarding this drive anything on that lines. Like I don't know who the person would be for me to like seek guidance on this will be sent it will be EC.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**

Really seem to me that the EC. You could be the one who pushed for these. You mean like if those student go to vote, they should be allowed to take some time off. Right. It's really like We are work issues. Um, yeah, Jesse. You could do that. And if they think just okay help, then we can discuss to like muscle ending on request representing GSO

- **Michael Lenmark**
 Okay, so thank you Qing. I've seen in the comments here on a Sunday is recommending partnership with the Center for Civic justice. Um, I see a suggestion from Maura, seeing that prep strategy so orientation we could talk about voting rights for our new students. I think this would be especially important for students who have just coming in from out of state or out of the country. Well actually no other country. I don't think they can vote. But please correct me on that. But any case all great suggestions and also yes we do have a committee two ways between Jesse and Jesse, you. Yes, thank you. Spencer and I think everyone else in the chat. Um, are there any other contributions to make. Oh, I see. John has a hand.
- **John Klecker**
 Yeah Tenzin on The GSEU of you have a message that you want us to send to our members about how they have a right to take time off to vote like you can just email that to me whenever you want, and send it out, you know, the day before or however you want to distribute it we can absolutely do that.
- **Tenzin Yangchen**
 Oh, okay. Thank you.
- **John Klecker**
 Thank you.
- **Michael Lenmark**
 Wonderful, thank you john and thank you. All right. Awesome, thank you so much times in. Um, alright, so moving on. Um. Next up is, is there any unfinished business that we need to attend to Hannah.
- **Hannah Waterman**
 Hey, I just wanted to follow up on what we heard discussed in the last meeting about creating a shared email account for the EC, I was wondering if any further discussion has taken place on that or if that's still something that is being looked into, or otherwise sort of transparency, accountability action.
- **Michael Lenmark**
 Right. Thank you. Hello. Can anyone else from the EC jump in on this.
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
 So we, we haven't got to discuss days in the east, the movie, but it's absolutely something we can work onThe SBGSO.ORG is a domain that we can always create a another email address, you know, and be accessible for every you see members. So, yet I think as far as all the senators thing that is a good idea. I don't think he has a problem, right, creating just an email address accessible to everyone in the EC make it available. I mean, somehow, like the administration know that they should also send the email to this address, you know, Yeah. Does that answer your question.
- **Hannah Waterman**
 Oh yeah, I was just trying to see what had happened on that or like when we can expect hearing about that. I'm just given the effort of my continuing conflicts with transparency and communication. It just seems like something that would be really important and in the chat that it was passed in a resolution, but I was just specifically not necessarily asking if we're going to do that, but just kind of raising a reminder, because we didn't hear about it this weekend. Just curious.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
Yeah.
- **Hannah Waterman**
I'm not trying to start anything
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
01:50:54
Okay, good, good. So, so we'll, you know, we'll get it done. You know the past week we like kind of handling all the business, but this is one of the agenda thing that we need to get done.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Thank you for bringing that up. Hannah. I saw Chikako. I think you put your head down other any other points for unfinished business. John
- **John Klecker**
So this is also going back to last meeting. We talked about creating a position on the EC That's a non voting member that's the GSEU liaison that would, you know, like have roles that are similar to other EC members, but would not have voting rights. I want to try to write up some responsibilities for that role, maybe, so we can, like, so I can post them to you. And we can propose it as an amendment to the Constitution in our next meeting. I just, if people have discussion on that or if people want to work with me on that. Let me know.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Alright, sounds good. Thank you very much. John next Chikako
- **Chikako**
I was just wondering whether or not I should say yes, but I just wanted to ask all the EC members to and I just hope that any you know you work together to resolve any existing communication issues. And I think it's it's really obvious in the emails and here and and i don't think it's helpful. And that, I think if there's any misunderstanding about, you know, what should be included in the duties and stuff, I think, do you think should be or could be resolved, you know, in discussions. If you talk to each other in person, like it if you just, you know, type in emails or chat taxes. It makes it things is really difficult. You have to, you know, like interpret those messages and i think it's i am just really hoping that you can resolve this within.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Right. Thank you very much. Chikako for saying that I appreciate that. So now moving on. Is there any new business to attend to tonight.
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
01:53:04
Ah yes, quickly, because I just saw the email response from Rick Gatteau. We asked to send representatives to the student affairs and health and safety task forces. Right. So they actually propose that to send a few representative to discuss their draft copy like they seem to have already addressed about some policies and they're scheduling a meeting on Thursday, July 3 of your zoom so that they invite like GSO representative to join and then to look at the plan per post

- And see if its reasonable and if there's any other additional issues from the student perspective that still need to be considered. So yeah, so I guess I'm going to send out a call like to see who have you want to attend the meeting being the DSL representative for the student affairs and then the health and safety task forces. Yeah, to say that. I mean, it just copy and send it to the chat. These two Task Force One is student fair and the other one is health and safety task forces. This, this sounds. Sounds good. Because what we got for now.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay. All right. Thank you so much. Oh, sorry.
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
Well, yeah, we do have a volunteer senator, so maybe one or two for each student of fair answer does it they're having a preference, but we we allow a few general representatives, which is good. So we can send as many as possible. Don't have more perspectives.
- **Michael Lenmark**
All right, awesome. Thank you so much, Qing
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
Hello. Oh, yes, sorry to interrupt. I also would like to propose here, you know, just now there's kind of a disagreement about this but I have to propose here that like Jose at go through the senator and committee list on our website because those lists or first uploaded on March 2020 but we still received complaint from Senator saying that their names are not on a website, even though they have reminded him like couple multiple times is less for so, and as a university committee list was not updated because Jose has been invited to see on more committees things for semester. So it looks like the Senate really don't know what other committees that we are sitting on in the university. So I think, you know, on the secretary whenever we have new people joining. Well, yeah, it's on a Google Drive for the committee list was not updated. Yeah, of course, we do have the list on and then the minute from the September 2019 to 2020 needs to be updated because they are I think their agendas only I'm sorry I have to say here because I felt that like as a supervising Officer Because I felt like, neither did here so easy to meet able to really Know that this is getting done.
- **Michael Lenmark**
01:56:19
Okay. Okay. Thank you, Qing. For have asked if you could please forward that email from Dean Gatteau to the rest of us. And now I see a new item from Noele.
- **Noele Certain**
So I'm just posting right now what the two committees that change just said what they're actually about so because it's like student affairs. What is that The Student Affairs is about housing residential life, just to remind you, and then health and safety group involves environmental health and safety and again compliance, making sure people have PPE and everything else like that. So, I'm just putting that on there so people actually know what the groups are about. Right, so I'm sorry Qing. I think I missed it. In the beginning, but did you mention about the restarting research. Was there any confirmation or any communication with them.

- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
Yeah, I say no other names I received Look at my long list, maybe about eight or nine. Yeah. haven't heard that. Yes. Absolutely.
- **Noele Certain**
All right, that's all I really had to say was the groups are actually involved in so people actually know if they want to respond.
- **Michael Lenmark**
All right. Wonderful. Thank you so much Noele for bringing that up and posted in the chat. Any other new business or announcements.
- **Anand Aiyer**
01:58:05
I did we announced that me and Qing, we are on a committee for meeting the new president
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
The committee, like I did. It was, what was it can. Can you say that again.
- **Anand Aiyer**
Qing you and me. We were invited on we are we are invited next month to meet President
- **Xiaoqing Zhang**
Yeah, there's a meet and greet. I was also kind of surprised. I only saw you and me. But yeah, but I don't know if they invite other people in the USA, besides share here. Yeah, I can double check if other members to join if they are now know, and I don't even have to call it is like a meet and greet meeting. That's why I say it doesn't even say any agenda items so
- **Michael Lenmark**
Okay, so it seems like it's more of a social event. But thank you for bringing that up. And on. If there are no further items. Do I have a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.
- **Michael Lenmark**
Motion from William Thomas seconded by a lot of people. So thank you all very much for attending. Tonight's meeting and for participating in a lively discussion about all of the very exciting things going on at Stony Brook and in the in the GSO. So we do not yet have a meeting time or date for the next meeting, but we will get to that we'll, we'll, we'll figure that out as soon as possible. And what y'all know thank you all very much and have a good night.