

Minutes for the April 28 GSU Meeting

The meeting was called to order at ~7:05 pm by Roberto Lint-Sagarena, the presiding officer.

Item 1: The attendance sheet circulated and the assembly approved the minutes of the March 24 meeting.

Kyle Morrison was acknowledged for his excellent efforts in preparing the minutes for the previous meeting when the recording secretary was out of town. Kyle agreed to this with scarcely 24 hours notice.

Item 2: Committee and Project Reports

- CPUC: In attendance was Ted Nemeroff, next year's U - council Chair from the USG. Amanda Tao, chair of the undergraduate U - council, also was present at the meeting.
- Housing Committee: Few developments were noted. A meeting on Thursday, May 6 was mentioned.
- Postenrollment Committee: Kyle and Eszter attended a meeting with Dr. Ostriker and Dean Montero. In the meeting, it became evident that altering the status of postenrolled students is more difficult than it initially seemed. However, there are some comforting facts.
 - International students have less trouble with visas than we supposed. Evidently, international students usually are able to extend their visas for one year after enrollment status has elapsed. Afterward, the student can use his/her practical training or make the necessary arrangements with an RA or TA position.
 - Funding in the quantitative fields evidently isn't as much of an issue as in the humanities. Dean Montero has

- supplied the names of politics students to speak with.
 - Library privileges continue for five years after the student has sustained the general exam.
 - For the purposes of maintaining/acquiring fellowships, those postenrolled are still considered students.
 - One thing that makes altering the postenrollment status a challenge is the fact that the departments of postenrolled students don't pay tuition. If the postenrolled students were to become enrolled, their departments would then be required to pay the \$21,000 in tuition.
- USG Liasons: Two meetings of the USG have convened. One goal of the USG is to have FOX included in the basic cable package.
- Another issue occupying the USG is the renovation of the interior of the Blair Arch. A strong component of the university population argues against the renovation for the sake of tradition. Others argue that traditions sometimes outlive the spirit behind them and are best retired.
- The Credit Union: The National Credit Union administration appears to have approved our becoming members.
 - A meeting has been called with Dean Wilson and GSU representatives to discuss the matter in greater detail.
 - Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Dave Baker
- Library Committee: The library committee has convened. The present objective is to assemble a master plan for the library.

Item 3: Correspondence

- The evening shuttle: We have learned that the evening shuttle doesn't always stop at designated stops. The omission of some stops has altered the scheduling of the van. Thus, even stops that the shuttle makes are rarely on time.
- The founder and previous chair of the GSU expressed jubilation at the current health and vigor of the organization. He

evidently met with considerable skepticism when establishing the GSU in 1989.

Item 4: Projects and Committees—Revisited

This item concerns the appointment of GSU members to staff the projects and committees which the GSU pursues. This section summarizes the new appointments.

- One member of the assembly made the statement “Never underestimate the power of consistent grumbling”. By vigorously maintaining the committees, we hope to wield this power.
- Health Insurance: Olgica and Mike Buchanan have volunteered. One suggestion to consider is whether graduate students might join the staff plan.
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- CIT Policies: Steve Miller has agreed to collaborate with Ulli Struve on CIT policies. In particular, Steve plans to serve as a GSU liaison to CIT, a post which will no doubt be very important to us.
- Transportation/Parking: Don joined the recently created Transportation/Parking committee.
- Review Committee: Jon Cline proposed the Review Committee to help update the web information. The review committee will also monitor the GSU project endeavors. Eszter suggested that the review committee also compile an archive of the activities of the GSU for future reference. This measure could save us time and effort.
- Eye Care Committee: Eric will take the helm on the eye care committee.

Item 5: Funding Requests

The treasurer relayed a funding request for the Canadian Film Festival. The request was for between \$100 and \$200. The request seemed reasonable, and the assembly voted to supply \$150

for the event.

Item 6: Report of the Press Secretary

One difficulty with the Grad-Events list is the scarcity of subscribers. The problem may be due to a failure to successfully communicate the availability of the list to arriving first years and returning students.

Eszter is contemplating a mailing via the global list to advertise the existence of the Grad - Events list.

Item 7: Report of the Social Chair

It is evident that the event was a success. The first 50-60 graduate students in attendance stripped Whig Hall of food.

It was suggested that music be provided at next year's event.

Item 8: Announcements

- It has been revealed that Stevenson may be closing shortly. The reason for this is that the new Campus Center is expected to fulfill the same needs Stevenson now does.
 - However, a vocal component of the University has argued that Stevenson is a vital campus institution.

The next GSU meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, May 19th. The meeting adjourned jovially at 8:32pm

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