

Minutes for the August 25 GSU Meeting

Eszter called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. Twelve representatives were in attendance.

Item 1: After a correction suggested by Kyle Morrison, the assembly approved the minutes for the July 20 meeting. The revision should eliminate some murky language from the remarks about postdoctoral researchers made under the heading "New Business". The section on postdocs should have stated that the GSU itself might provide a swifter means of identifying the postdoctoral students than the administration.

Item 2: Announcements

The welcoming barbecue for incoming students was held at the Graduate College at 5:30pm on September 9 and 11. Both events were well attended, though the September 9 barbecue was located indoors. The GSU provided a portion of the funding for the September 11 event.

Item 3: Committees and Projects

The Dental Project: The information concerning the Dental Plan has been updated recently. In particular, current figures for coverage on the Healthplex enrollment form are now available on the GSU web page.

The Credit Union Project: Treasure David Baker stated that the pizza picnic and Credit Union information session at the Graduate College was successful. Two "very enthusiastic" Credit Union representatives came to answer questions and provide informative brochures.

CIT Policies: Ulli Struve has learned that the installation of computer clusters at the Lawrence and Butler apartment complexes has been approved. The hope is for both clusters to be completed by the end of September.

Postdoctoral Fellow Outreach: Eszter announced that she was able to obtain a list of all post-docs in the

Electrical Engineering Department. Thus, the outreach effort has been launched.

Item 4: Correspondence

The GSU received a letter of thanks from a graduate student. The student pledged to volunteer his/her services to assist with the efforts of the GSU.

An individual outside of Princeton University requested details on how the University supports student travel.

Item 5: Officer Reports

Report of the Treasurer: No new funding requests have been received by the treasurer.

Report of the Press Secretary: Eszter would like send a message to all Directors of Graduate Study informing them about the GSU and its role in the University.

Item 6: New Business

Eszter spoke with all incoming Graduate students for 5 minutes at the Graduate Student Orientation.

A table was set up at registration with information about the GSU. David Baker, Scott Harper, Tracey Holloway, and Nathan Marsh volunteered to sit and answer questions.

The remnants of the sundae toppings from the summer Ice Cream Social were donated to the Graduate College House Committee for use in preparing milkshakes during the Friday social hours.

Item 7: Adjournment and postscript

At what was most likely a rather comfortable hour, the meeting was adjourned.

Finally, the recording secretary notes that these minutes could not have been prepared without the aid of Scott Harper, the social chair. Scott not only took notes from the August meeting, but he also typed them up and sent them to me via email. My efforts have thus been minimal, consisting only of paraphrasing Scott's notes and submitting them for approval.