

GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 16, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the presiding officer, Roberto Lint-Sagarena.

Item 1: The attendance sheet was distributed. The assembly approved the minutes of the November 18 GSU meeting.

Item 2: Committee and Project Reports

- The CPUC Meeting: Roberto brought back news from the CPUC
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- meeting. Several issues were discussed at the meeting.
 - There interest in declaring a resolution preventing the University Logo from being used on products of sweatshop labor.
 - The Blair Arch debate continued. Some members argued that converting rooms in the Blair Arch into classrooms would be a departure from Princeton tradition.
- Housing Committee: The Butler renovation was expected to happen on January 12.
- Campus Center Committee:
 - Since a permanent USG liaison has been appointed for the Campus Center, it has been suggested that an ongoing liaison be

appointed for the GSU.

- One concern is that cubicles in the new Campus Center will be assigned on a yearly basis. Experiences has shown that the activity of the GSU fluctuates from year to year. The fear is that the GSU might be marginalized in cubicle assignments after leaner years.
- Credit Union: Word is expected on the matter of the Credit Unions in about a month. (2 months after the last meeting)
- Postenrollment:
- Eszter asked the Dean about the Visa matter. The Graduate School extends the visa status of international students on the F Visa for up to one year past the regular enrollment period. The extension is designed to allow time for the oral PhD defense. The extension lasts a year or until the oral defense, whichever is sooner. During the extension, international students are permitted up to 20 hours of on campus employment.
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- After the extension has elapsed, international students must obtain financial support via the one year practical training allotment. (The U.S. grants 12 months of practical training to people who have studied in the United States. Practical training permits one to perform work related to one's field of study. The year is the maximum

permitted, regardless of how many degrees one has obtained in the U.S.)

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- Thus, international students must rely on personal funds to complete their degrees two years beyond regular enrollment.
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- The Web Page Administrator: There is effort to set up an Events Page. This may include a graduate student calendar similar in design to the one maintained by Ulli Struve.
- CIT Policies:
 - Ulli checked on the matter of computer clusters at Hibben-Maggee. Encouraging responses have been received from the Housing and CIT offices. However, installing the cluster will require \$20,000 - \$25,000 from Housing. It may also be necessary to take some of the apartments offline.
 - Unfortunately, it is likely that the G18 cluster may disappear at 118 Prospect Street.

Item 3: Announcements

- The graduate student strike in the University of California system has been resolved. The 17,000 students striking did so for the right to unionize.
- The Dec. 19 NYC trip proved to be popular. It sold out in a single day!
- The PAW (Princeton Alumni Weekly) continues to encourage graduate students to submit

articles. The magazine may pay as much as \$1200 for large articles. The PAW will pay on the order of \$50 for smaller specific contributions.

- The CIGS film series was a tremendous success in the fall semester. 785 students have attended the movies so far.

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Item 4: Report of the Treasurer

The lone cosponsorship request came from Margarita Mooney, intern of the Women's Center. As Margarita explained, a wide variety of lunches, seminars, and workshops are planned for the spring semester. The Assembly voted to provide the Women's Center with \$700.

Instead of a smaller \$100 fee, it seems we must pay \$300 to remain in the NAGPS. Scott Harper suggested we support

the NAGPS primarily on the basis of the general good it has

accomplished as a lobbying organization. The assembly

will invite a NAGPS representative to speak on the merits of being in the organization.

David reminded us that \$1800 still remains in the cosponsorship budget

Item 5: Presentation from Mo Johnson - Laird (We also were joined by Beverly Chandler)

- The Career Services office presently assists primarily those pursuing nonacademic directions.
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- The office currently has funds for a graduate student intern.
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- Several Career Services Workshops are planned for the spring. The workshops will include a resume writing workshop, a career transfer workshop, and a "mock interview" workshop.
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- Mo will conduct a survey of graduate students who have received degrees 5, and possibly 10 years ago.
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Item 6: Report of the Press Secretary

- The idea surfaced that we publish the Grad - Events list in the Daily Princetonian. However, it was mentioned that graduate readership of the Prince is rather limited.

Item 8: Report of the Social Chair

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- The Chancellor Green evidently isn't a suitable place for the wine and cheese party. The difficulty is that alcohol cannot be served at locations where undergraduates are present.

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- An alternative has been proposed: Scott will aim for a date in February in the Professor's Lounge in the top floor of Fine Hall.

Item 9: New Business

- Jim Vere mentioned that copies in the University Library system are quite expensive. Although copies only cost the University 3.5 cents, students are charged 10 cents per copy in the library.
- Jim's suggestion is to combine the copier services of CIT and the library system to form a more efficient unit. The result, it is expected, will be cheaper copies for library patrons.
- The next meeting is this Wednesday, Jan 27.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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