

GSU MINUTES, DECEMBER 7TH., 1988

Facilitator: Tad

In Attendance: Emily, Tama, Graham, (Sarah), (Rae)

The minutes from the meeting of December 1st., were accepted, and Tad directed those present to old business

Precepting: (Tama) The Precepting Committee (including Eve, Kelly, Tama, Jenny) met with Deans Redman and Montero. It turned out that Dean Redman shares the concerns of the Precepting Committee, and feels that the following issues should be addressed:

1. Faculty believe that Grad. students teach too much
2. Undergrads believe that many foreign students are not able to teach, because of language problems
3. An AI Orientation programme is needed
4. An AI Handbook is needed
5. Meetings need to be organised to discuss these issues
6. The GSU Survey should be distributed.

(Some trial surveys were distributed in English, with pleasing results. Nassau Hall is to employ someone to compile the AI Handbook. There is a lot happening for this Committee at the moment)

Rotunda: (Tad) Dean Montero is trying to get a DFS assessment of the cost of keeping the Rotunda open for longer periods of time. There will be more news soon. (NB. Point of information: Pat Naylor was hired as programme director for the Rotunda and "sold" to DFS.)

Reappointment: (Emily) At the second meeting, President Shapiro didn't want to talk specifically about Dean Z., but rather about areas which are (or could be) affected by the Graduate Deans. There is a need for philosophical suggestions (e.g. a suggestion to whomever is the Dean of Graduate Students that Grad. Students want a reciprocal working relationship...) Shapiro is worried about breaches of confidentiality about these meetings - we need to be careful in this respect, in order to ensure that (i) no statements are attributed to him, and (ii) no correspondence is published. The idea of a letter soliciting opinions from

Grad. Students has been abandoned. (Thought for the week: "There is a need for the Graduate Deans to interact more with their constituency".)

Trustees: (Tad) Christian is to dine with the nominal owners of PU later in the semester. Bon appetit!

Social Committee: (Sarah) The "Basement Cafe" plan has been given approval, and will kick off during the January reading period. (A purchase order for buttons will be placed with Anne McGrath?)

And, really, that was about it. (Tad did also note the following points:

1. The GWA has received PU funding
2. We need to find a Deprep for Germanic Studies
3. Tonight's meeting overlapped with a meeting on Campus space
4. There is/was a Coalition meeting scheduled for Thursday night
5. If Tad ever forms a punk rock band, he will call it Christian and the Trustees
6. There is never any post-meeting drunken revelry....)

Submitted by
Graham Oppy.