

GSU MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1ST., 1989

Facilitator: Tom

In Attendance: Simone, Tom, Alan, Tama, Cindy, Emily, Graham, Christian

Tad's minutes from last week's meeting were approved, and the meeting turned its attention to old business:

Campus Life and Student Services: (Tom) DFS claims that it would cost them

\$460 per day to keep the Rotunda open with full service -- and it is not prepared to open without full service. It was agreed that the GSU attempt to extend the opening hours of the Rotunda should be given low priority, and that efforts should be focussed on the Murray-Dodge cafe. (Perhaps at a later date, we can petition the Graduate School to provide funds.) (One question: Is DFS an external agency?)

Social: (Cindy) 500 buttons are on the way. (Sarah has resigned temporarily, due to generals; Tama is (temporarily?) acting as GSU Treasurer.)

Accounts: (Simone) There has been some trouble with copy cards == but our new Treasurer will soon have it sorted out ...

Public Relations: (Cindy) GSU has been having some trouble with its media image. (Dean Z. seems convinced that it is primarily a social organisation.) Also, we need to produce CONSISTENT stories for the press. Christian was elected press officer, and agreed to act as a "delegate" to NW and PWB. (Perhaps two articles should be produced, one on the "process of creation" of the constitution, and the other on the "process of ratification".) (There was also a call for "I was misquoted by the Prince" -- buttons.) It was agreed that it was more important to perform positive actions than to wage a media campaign against misleading media attributions .....

Dental Insurance: (Tama) The Insurance Committee (i.e. Amy) has looked into the possibility of organising dental insurance with CIGNA. The main question concerns the method of billing. (There is also a question whether the insurance should be optional.) It should cost considerably less than \$95 p.a. (but would require visits to a dentist in Trenton). The natural idea is to let PU charge a premium. (PU contacts will most likely be: Dean Montero and Dr. Lou Pyle.)

Constitution: (Alan) The committee meeting with Montero, Wright and Ziolkowski isolated to main areas of concern: (1) who are the members of the GSU? (what is the status of ETDCC's?); and (2) how are fees to be organised? (it would be too much of a burden on our super efficient administration to ask them to implement a system which allowed for the refund of fees to those who don't want to pay them).

Ratification: (Tom) We need to act quickly, to produce the following: (i) a cover letter to send to all GS's (we need to "sell" the GSU); (ii) a summary of the constitution to send to all GS's ; and (iii) a schedule for ratification. The tentative schedule is for a party on March 31st. (There are further details, less important.)

And that was about it. We start next week at 6:30; Tom will facilitate. We hope to make contact with the Chinese Association of Graduate Students. (I bet that isn't their real name). Ciao.

Graham Oppy