

MINUTES, GSU STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 22ND.,1989

Facilitator: Christian

In Attendance: Alan, Emily, Tama, Cindy, Jenny, Simone, Graham, Christian.

The following items of business were discussed:

Campus Centre: (Alan/Emily) As a result of suspicion about "behind the scene" Administrative decisions, the USG has decided to make a big push to raise funds for a Campus Centre. (At the Executive Committee meeting, a decision was made to raise \$5 million. [Have I got this right?]) The GSU will not take an official position on the matter (it can't until after ratification), but it will help with the dissemination of information. (It is doubtful that the fund-raising project is realistic, and petitions are rarely effective with the PU Administration -- but the NOISE and public debate should have a useful effect.)

Budget Cuts: (Tad) President Shapiro's letter about proposed budget cuts was sent to some members of the GSU Steering Committee. (Recognition at last!)

March 1st. Meeting: (Tama) Two main questions to be discussed in preparing for the meeting: (i) what should we say at the meeting? (ii) what should we hand out? Re (ii): We shall have (a) a Draft of the Constitution (b) a Draft of a Summary of the Constitution. Anything else? Re (i): We should mention things we've done (Murray-Dodge/ Teaching Seminars/ Teaching Surveys/ Buttons (?)) and things we want to do (Campus Centre/ Dental Insurance/ change the world). Also, we should emphasise that we need volunteers. (We should advertise the meeting in the Prince.) An extraordinary meeting of the Steering Committee will take place at Tama's house, 11 Monroe Rd., Princeton. (497 0236), on Monday 27th., Feb. at 7:00 p.m., to discuss these plans further.

Constitution: (Alan) A decision has been reached: NO REFUNDS!! (The choice was between (a) a PU grant of \$4,000 p.a. for three years; and (b) \$5 with no refund. We'll go with (b). [Unanimous decision.] Draft 10 of the Constitution will be available on Friday.

Cover Letter: (Christian) The cover letter for the Cliff Notes came in for some severe (?) editing.

Nassau Hall Sit-In: (Christian) Christian's decision that the GSU could not get involved was unanimously approved. (General -- but not universal -- feeling: many of the demands are legitimate, but the protest probably was a mistake ...)

Teaching In The Sciences: (Simone) Only about 7 people turned up to the meeting (probably a venue problem). Various different sorts of problems were raised/discussed. (Many students want guidance in connection with precepting and grading. Perhaps there should be a separate seminar for science students on this topic.)

Endnotes: It's Engineering Week. Graduate Students would have been invited, but no-one had a list!! PU is going to make a high-profile appointment to the Teacher Preparation Programme -- so we should press for resources for Graduate Students and Faculty. (We need to find out who is in charge of the hiring.) Chemistry does NOT want it's later year students to do anything but research (i.e. no teaching). Outside pressure needs to be levied by someone ....

(After the meeting we adjourned to Murray-Dodge, to listen to traditional Irish and American folk music, and to drink herbal tea. About 40 people showed up -- so this project is still going well.)

Graham Oppy