

# Minutes for the January 27 GSU Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by the presiding officer, Roberto Lint-Sagarena.

**Item 1: The attendance sheet circulated and the assembly approved the minutes of the December 16 meeting.**

**Item 2: Committee and Project Reports**

- The CPUC Meeting: Diversity and the Blair Arch were prominent issues during the most recent (as of Jan 27) CPUC meeting. Jim and Eszter were in attendance.
  - The dominant concern was diversity at Princeton. In a variety of Diversity indices, Princeton was found to be wanting. A meager source of consolation proved to be the fact that Old Nassau is evidently better off in this regard in than Dartmouth and the statement “All these schools are doing all, they can, [though none is actually doing great]”.
  - More discussion surfaced on Blair Arch. A need was felt to tone down the language in the resolution concerning the Arch.
  - The new USG chair, Spencer Merriweather, was introduced during the meeting.
- The Housing Committee: No developments were reported by the Housing Committee at the Jan. 27 meeting.
- Campus Center Committee: There is strong hope that we will be

- given a graduate liaison.
- Credit Union: Dean Wilson is optimistic we'll be able to join the Credit Union by this summer.
  - CIT Policies: Lawrence Apartments is deemed to have sufficient space for the computer cluster.
    - In the case of Butler, the computer cluster will be placed somewhere in the middle of the apartment complex. It is expected to contain 5 computers.
    - Lawrence's cluster will be established in Room 116. It will consist of 10 computers.
  - Copier Issue: Jim Vere has continued to work very hard to secure improvements on this front. A promise was made by an authority at the library to study the situation. Jim felt it would be wise to return later with additional ideas with the hope of prompting more rapid action.
  - Unstaffed Committees:
    - The Health Care and Eye Care committees both lack volunteers.

### **Item 3: Announcements**

- APGA Meeting: The APGA is a splendid organization motivated largely by the desire to support graduate students and their endeavors. Regrettably, the recently distributed APGA survey received only four replies.
  - Rob stressed the importance of the APGA as an ally and mentioned the example of the APGA's willingness to write a letter of concern on the Health Care matter.
  - Another benefit of the APGA's presence has emerged. Tigernet is becoming available. There are 2100 graduate alumni between New York City and Philadelphia. Tigernet is expected to forge a powerful link between these and other graduate alumni. It has been touted by the APGA as a very convenient alumni network.

- Graduate Student Dinner with Trustees:
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- Several topics arose during the dinner
  - The trustees were interested in graduate attitudes towards tenure. All graduate student attendees appeared to be in favor of the institution of tenure.
  - The Harvard Chemistry student suicide was brought up. The consensus seemed to be that harmful pressure that may have contributed to the suicide isn't present at Princeton.
  - The trustees were concerned about graduate drinking habits.
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- One of the students present had tended the D-Bar. She commented that she felt graduate student drinking isn't as much a difficulty because the graduate students have "Less to prove."
- The East Asian Studies Department has sponsored a series of free Chinese films.
- The graduate career workshop series has been heavily subscribed.
- It happens that, contrary to earlier reports, the Wine and Cheese party can be held in the Chancellor Green Rotunda. The Woodrow Wilson Center evidently secured the space for a party last fall.

## **Item 4: Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received during the previous month.

## **Item 5: Funding Requests**

Although no funding requests were presented formerly, the matter of the NAGPS did come up. While the assembly leaned heavily toward agreeing to pay the \$300 in dues, the absence of a quorum prevented a vote on the issue.

The assembly did decide to inform the NAGPS that sending a representative isn't necessary. Bolstering this sentiment, Eszter remarked that the travel cost to the NAGPS for sending a representative is likely comparable to the \$300 membership fee.

### **Item 5: Report of the Press Secretary**

We've not yet done a mass mailing. Information appropriate for inclusion in the mailing should be sent to Eszter.

### **Item 6: Report of the Web Page**

#### **Administrator**

Jon is continuing an effort to streamline the GSU web page.

### **Item 7: New Business**

The next GSU meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, Feb. 24. It is important to note that the meeting will be in McCosh Room 4 instead of the usual location.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

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Recording Secretary