

GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes

June 25, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by presiding officer, Robert Weiner.

Present: 19 reps. 1 non-rep. Sign-in sheet attached.

Item 1: Evan Haefeli (Press Secretary) announced that the May meeting minutes had been distributed over email earlier that day. Since some reps. might not have had a chance to review them, a motion to approve the minutes was tabled until the July meeting.

Item 2: Report of Rep Secretary. Jill Reiss announced that she is working to determine which seats that are listed as active are in fact not active. Vacant seats now include Architecture, Classics, East Asian Studies, English, Geosciences, Music, Philosophy, Romance Languages, Millstone Apartments, and the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars. There are currently 35 active seats, so the 60% quorum needed to conduct business is 21. Welcome to new rep. John Ochsendorf (Civil Eng.).

N.B. Although technically a quorum was not present, there was unanimous agreement that the Assembly as a practical matter needed to proceed with the evening's agenda.

Item 3: The Co-Chairs then reported on developments since the last meeting.

- The vote over email to approve two new listservers did not achieve a quorum, so we must consider the topic again tonight.
- Robert spoke at the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni

(APGA) board meeting. Board members encouraged grad students to pressure CIT to improve conditions regarding repetitive stress injuries by reporting such injuries to McCosh. The APGA also asked us to present them with a wish list of the top 3 issues we would like their support in working on for the coming year.

- Peter Park noted that Tony Lutkus has been elected president of the APGA. At the July meeting, the Assembly should sign a note of congratulations as well as a note of thanks to outgoing APGA President Dan Peter Kopple.

Item 4: Evan Haefeli (Press Sec.) read a letter of thanks to the GC Housing Committee which the Assembly approved by unanimous consent and signed.

Item 5: Following upon discussion at the May meeting, the Assembly approved unanimously the creation of two new email lists. One would broadcast important information to all graduate students (except those who choose not to subscribe) and another, to be voluntarily subscribed to, would periodically summarize upcoming events of interest to graduate students.

Item 6: Celina Mikolajczak (MAE) reported on her efforts to have graduate students officially included in the Baccalaureate service. She and the co-chairs will be meeting with the Administration on Friday to present our case to them, which she had written up in a letter. Celina read the letter to the Assembly, which unanimously approved the letter for presentation to the Administration.

Item 7: Scott Harper (Web Page Administrator) invited reps to examine the GSU Welcome Guide now on the GSU Web Page and encouraged them to add information and comments to it. Everyone is asked to please submit URL links for subjects mentioned in the text.

Item 8: Robert Weiner reported on the recent tax debates in

Congress which threaten to pass a proposal to tax graduate student tuition waivers in addition to the tax we already pay on our stipends. Tax proposals are being put together by the House and the Senate. The House's proposal includes the tax on graduate student tuition waivers, under the guise of taxing the allegedly privileged members of the university community. The Senate's proposal does not include such a proposal and in fact includes several proposals to defend and improve graduate student benefits. More information is available from the NAGPS. After much discussion, there was a consensus that the Assembly should continue to pass along updates on the tax situation to their constituents.

Item 9: Robert Weiner opened discussion on the possible need to reorganize the Assembly through Constitutional changes and announced the need to find new executive officers to replace the current officers in the fall as well as the need to fill vacant Assembly seats.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.