

# Minutes for the March 24<sup>th</sup> GSU Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by the presiding officer, Roberto Lint-Sagarena.

## ***Item 1: Attendance***

The attendance sheet was circulated. Two new representatives were present (see Announcements), as well as CPUC member Steven Garcia and several potential CPUC members for '99-'00.

## ***Item 2: Approval of the Minutes***

Due to the tentative nature of the minutes from the February 24<sup>th</sup> GSU meeting, the Assembly decided to defer approval of the minutes until they could be finalized.

## ***Item 3: Committee and Project Developments***

CPUC Committee Meeting Report:

- New libraries are being planned/constructed on campus, including the new Social Science Library behind the eating clubs north of Prospect Ave. and the East Asian Library. The Woodrow Wilson School Library will be moved and merged into another existing collection.
- Construction of the Social Science Library will cost 50 parking spaces on the NE side of campus, and to compensate, a parking garage that should provide a net 570 spaces is planned to be constructed somewhere between the Dinky station and the Housing department (MacMillian) in roughly 2 years.

Housing Committee Meeting Report:

- There was no Housing Committee meeting this month.

Post Enrollment Committee Report:

- Members of the Post Enrollment Committee met with members of the English Department Focus Group, who brought the GSU members up to speed on the English Department's efforts to ameliorate the situation. Subsequently, two members of the Post Enrollment Committee met with Dean Wilson to learn more about the reasons behind and the nature of the Post Enrollment policy. Following an information search of other Graduate Schools, the Post Enrollment

Committee plans to identify the best means of communicating its suggestions to the Administration.

#### Undergraduate Student Government Liasons Report:

- At the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Undergraduate Student Government, Assistant Provost Georgia Nugent and Jeremy (Jerry) Brown presented their efforts to solicit information for the Trustees about the effectiveness of Internet resources on teaching. Undergraduates had been surveyed by email, and several USG members gave personal accounts. The Trustees hope to assess how best to allocate resources for promoting the benefits of the Internet to instruction. Ulrich Struve (Graduate College RLC) noted that Graduate students are soon to email surveyed as well regarding this issue.

ADDITION: Though it wasn't mentioned at the meeting (my apologies), it should be noted that the USG is in the process of updating its funding policy, and events that do not expect to have a majority attendance of Princeton Undergrads will not be funded. This could mean that somewhat expensive events such as Moon Festivals primarily attended by Grad Students that the USG has been supporting will come to the GSU and the Dean of Student Life for more support in the future.

#### Library Committee Meeting Report:

- There was no Library Committee meeting this month.

#### Credit Union Committee Report:

- There has been no activity to report.

#### Health Insurance Committee Report:

- There are no members currently on the Health Insurance Committee.

### ***Item 4: Announcements***

#### Graduate Student Appreciation Week:

- APGA is attempting to secure a well known WWS supporter to give a talk.
- APGA is preparing a Career Alternatives Workshop featuring local Princeton grad alumni to illustrate to graduate students possibilities outside of academics. Ulrich Struve noted that the Science Workshop is planned for April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Engineering Workshop is planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Scott Harper (GSU Social Chair) remarked that the Graduate School will sponsor an Ice Cream Social in Whig Hall on the Thursday or Friday of Graduate Student Appreciation Week, to which he is planning to invite a speaker. He also asked the Assembly for suggestions for local businesses to ask about arranging discounts for that week.

New Representatives:

- Bradford Bailey introduced himself as the new Woodrow Wilson School representative.
- Steven Miller welcomed the new WWS representative, and introduced himself as the new Mathematics representative.

### ***Item 5: Correspondence***

Georgetown GSO:

- A graduate student group from Georgetown emailed the GSU about Princeton University's new IMAP mail server. Jon Cline (Webpage Administrator) plans to inform the Georgetown GSO.

Campus Shuttle:

- The GSU also received an email from students doing an informal study of the punctuality and reliability of the Campus Shuttle. Several GSU members remarked that the Shuttle was rather unreliable, especially on weekends. The sentiments will be sent along.

### ***Item 6: GSU Appointments to the CPUC***

After landmark new procedures instituted by the officers for handling the selection process, members Bradford Bailey, Alexei Ditter, and Hellene Muller-Landau were selected by secret ballot as the GSU Appointments to the CPUC. The candidates not selected—Elbert Chiang, Eszter Hargittai, Dean Jens, and Jim Vere—will be passed along to Dean Holliday for graduate-student-wide elections.

### ***Item 7: Report of the Treasurer***

Original Allocation Already Used

Co-Sponsorship \$3000 ~\$2100

GSU events \$3000 -

Operating Expenses \$2000 ~\$600

There were three funding requests. The Butler Cinco De Mayo festivities were funded for the requested \$250, a Reggae Concert to be held in McCosh 10 April 17<sup>th</sup> was funded for \$150 in the absence of a requested amount, and the decision on the Canadian Film Festival event was deferred until the April 28<sup>th</sup> GSU meeting, so more information on the event could be obtained.

***Item 8: Report of the Webpage Administrator***

A more advanced means of posting the minutes is being developed by Don Priour (Recording Secretary) and Jon Cline. A major overhaul of the Webpage structure is being postponed because it's a real pain.

Item 9: Report of the Representative Secretary

The next meeting is planned for the 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Item 10: New Business

No new business.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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on behalf of

Don Priour,

Recording Secretary