

Minutes for the May 19 GSU Meeting

The meeting was called to order at ~7:00pm by Roberto Lint-Sagarena, the presiding officer.

Item 1: The attendance sheet circulated and the April 28 minutes (with changes) were approved.

Item 2: The Election of the new GSU Chair Eszter Hargittai was elected unanimously to the position of GSU Chair.

Her enthusiasm for the GSU will help continue the tradition of excellent leadership within the GSU.

Item 3: Committee and Project Reports

- Housing Committee: The committee convened and several developments were reported.
 - Students whose roommates depart suddenly face a difficulty: They find that their rent has suddenly doubled. There is now an effort to provide reduced rates for students whose roommates tenants leave abruptly.
 - An apartment draw has been proposed for students switching apartment systems. The draw will give the arriving tenants some freedom in choosing their residence instead of leaving them subject to the whim of random assignment.
 - It is likely that there will be an increase in the number on the wait list looking for apartments for themselves.
 - As Scott mentioned, some of the Lawrence and Butler units are being upgraded with the installation of full size refrigerators. A slight increase in rent will defray the cost of the improvements.
- CPUC Committee: Several topics surfaced at the most recent CPUC meeting.

- The childcare situation evidently is improving.
- The Dillon gymnasium will soon be greatly improved. The floor space will be expanded by 50% and additional exercise equipment will be purchased.
- The future of the Stevenson Club was debated. In response to the potential loss of the present Stevenson dining hall, Dr. Ostriker has said the other Stevenson building will be converted in a dining hall to compensate for the loss.
- The Postenrollment, Transportation, and Healthcare committees had no new developments to report.
- The Credit Union: The executive board of the Credit Union has convened. Regrettably, the admission of graduate students as members was NOT approved during the last meeting. Nevertheless, Dave felt that the decision was due to a minor technicality and expressed confidence that graduate students will soon be able to become Credit Union members. It is possible that the name of the Credit Union will be altered to the Princeton Credit Union.

Item 4: Announcements/Events

- Scott informed us of the Spring furniture drive, in which GSU has an active role. Volunteers typically work for an hour or two and are then rewarded for their efforts by being able to set aside one or two pieces of furniture. Excellent furniture was contributed at the drive. However, many excellent items were left behind or were not even taken to the site. This difficulty may be partially remedied if we are given access to a cart to bring furniture to the collection sites.

Item 5: Funding Requests

- A request was made for assistance in funding the GC barbecues. Although the GSU has typically given \$500 to the event, general enthusiasm for barbecues, a fiscal surplus, and a mild

dose of silliness prompted the assembly to opt for \$652.14 instead of the \$500 usually provided by the GSU.

- It was noted that the new budget begins this September.

The May 19 GSU meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. The next meeting of the GSU will be held this Wednesday, June 16, at 7:00pm.

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