

Minutes for the November 17 GSG Meeting

Eszter Hargittai, GSG Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Again, the agenda was packed and the assembly dealt with many important issues.

Item 1: Attendance and approval of the minutes

The attendance sheet circulated and the assembly approved the minutes for the September meeting.

Item 2: Committees and Projects

CPUC

A variety of developments arose in connection with the CPUC. Eszter, present at the meeting, brought us word of the CPUC events.

% 8am classes for the undergraduates may eventually come into being.

% Stevenson will continue to function as a dining hall throughout the 2000 - 2001 academic year.

Health Care

Olgica Bakajin has developed a health care survey. The question of how to distribute the survey was discussed. Three methods proposed were a web - based survey, a survey distributed on the global email list, and the use of departmental representatives to disseminate the surveys to their constituents. The assembly appeared to favor the web based approach.

Dental Care

No developments were reported on the dental care committee.

Eye Care

Margarita Mooney has compiled a preliminary chart with data on student discounts at local eyecare facilities. She invited members of the assembly to provide a critique of her chart, and

a few volunteers surfaced. Nonetheless, anyone interested in looking over the eyecare data should contact Margarita Mooney.

CIT Policies

No news was reported in connection with CIT policies.

Transportation

New and important developments were reported. A meeting with the assistant director of public safety provided a much needed dialogue on the issue of campus shuttles.

% Evidently a scarcity of funds prevents a shuttle from servicing the Lawrence Apartments.

% The absence of shuttles to key locations during the morning is particularly galling given that the University staff benefit from shuttles throughout the day.

% The administration expressed surprise that the evening service has been poor. Nonetheless, the irregularity of the evening service was a familiar fact to several in the assembly. Margarita Mooney provided an account of standing in the cold for a lengthy interval awaiting the arrival of an evening shuttle.

% Sinclair Hill is the person to contact in the event of spotty shuttle service.

% After 11:00pm, one can contact Public Safety for a lift in the "Dial - a - Ride" program. The number to call is 258 - 3134.

Post - Enrollment

The Post - Enrollment committee had no news to report at the November meeting.

Housing

There will be a housing meeting within the next several weeks

% Kyle Morrison has decided to join the Housing Committee. He can be reached at kylem@princeton.edu

% The Millstone units definitely are NOT for sale, at least at present.

Dining Services

No developments arose in the Dining Services committee.

Undergraduate Student Government Outreach

No USG events were reported to the assembly.

APGA Relations

Ezster brought news from the meeting of the Graduate Student subcommittee of the APGA.

% In the subcommittee, interest was expressed in setting up a variant of the "free wheels" program for Princeton students. The idea is to provide cycles to graduate students at no or greatly reduced cost. However, though bicycles are in high demand in the graduate student community, the chief difficulties in establishing the program will be acquiring and distributing the bicycles.

% Also discussed in the meeting is the matter of Dormnet access in the graduate apartments. We are fortunate to have APGA interest in this issue.

% It was remarked that the APGA web site is awkward and could benefit from revision.

In a separate subcommittee of the APGA, the Reunions Subcommittee, plans began to take shape for the reunions of 2000. Since this year's reunions coincide with the Centennial Celebration of the Graduate School, the hope is to make the graduate component of the reunions a unique and

special event.

% A lawn concert is being planned for the Graduate College.

% Reunions jackets will be beyond the financial reach of the APGA. However, the hope is to prepare an emblem that can be purchased at a relatively low cost and be fixed to dark jackets.

% Another idea to cast greater light on the graduate students is to have the graduates march next to President Shapiro. Given Shapiro's status

as a graduate alumnus (*64), it is evident that he will be in especially high demand during the Princeton reunions this year.

Item 3: Correspondence

10 year GSG anniversary
Chris Kearny, founder of the GSG in 1989 (then the GSU),
has sent us a letter of congratulation. Chris is surprised and elated that we continue to exist and flourish.

the NAGPS Job Bank web page has been launched.

Status of the Debasement Bar
As of February 1, 2000, stricter enforcement of the rule allowing access to the bar only by Graduate College residents and their guests is anticipated. After announcement of the possible tightening of D-Bar restrictions, general discussion on how to handle the situation began.

% The difficulty revolves around the New Jersey law controlling club liquor licenses. Club licenses permit only members of the club to be served ethanol. Thus, only Graduate College members and guests can enter the D-Bar.

% One proposal for solving the problem was to

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continue to charge Graduate College residents the \$46 in membership dues, but to collect a much smaller (~\$5) fee from the remaining

students. Unfortunately, the state law doesn't permit a multi - tiered membership system.

% Another suggestion was to alter the club license, making all graduate students members and thus eligible to attend D-Bar functions. The difficulty here is the fact that the alteration of the license requires a year, and February is too close. There is, furthermore, the fact that the GSG would have to administer a liquor license.

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% With the multi - tiered solution unavailable as an option, it seems that there is no choice but to require that students interested in visiting the Debasement Bar become members of the Graduate College. Members of the assembly suggested to Jason Brownlee that GC residents be offered \$46 in free drinks at the D-Bar. The

is that the discount will provide an incentive to non GC residents to pay house committee dues.

% Needless to say, the issue with non GC residents is a thorny one and will need careful consideration to prevent difficulties in the near future.

Item 4: Report of the Treasurer

Greg Bedard reiterated his budget proposal, in which the cosponsorship budget had been increased by \$750 from last year's co - sponsorship budget. Greg's proposal was unanimously approved, and it appears below.

Co - Sponsorship: \$3750

GSG Events: \$3000

Operating Expenses: \$2000

Total Budget: \$8750

After the vote approving the budget, the assembly considered a single funding request. The Butler Apartments requested \$200 for the Chinese "Year of the Dragon" New Year party. The assembly readily voted to provide the \$200 requested by the Butlerites.

Item 5: Report of the Press Secretary

Again, Beverley urged her colleagues in the assembly to supply her with information on upcoming events.

Beverley, noting the arrival of the 10 year anniversary of the Graduate Student Government, suggested that we hold an "information session", an event designed to serve jointly as a social occasion and as a means of advertising the GSG to graduate students present at the celebration.

Uncertain of the precise amount required, the assembly voted to supply \$400 for the anniversary celebration. Lauren Hale will determine the best manner in which to apply the funds.

In addition to refreshments, the GSG committees will provide posters to explain their function to those present at the jamboree.

Item 6: New Business

As a matter of convenience, a change in the GSG meeting time has been suggested. The assembly voted to convene at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm for the monthly meetings.

The location of the meetings also has been altered.

Meetings will now be held in the Office of

Population Research. The hope is that the circular seating arrangement will facilitate discussion.

Item 7: Discussion on the "Mini - Minutes"

The recording secretary requested that he be contacted at [djpriour@princeton.edu] if anyone finds that the brevity of the "mini - minutes" compromises crucial content.

Item 8: The Constitutional Committee

It has become apparent through the years that the GSG constitution is inadequate for a variety of reasons.

Thus, a constitutional committee has been formed to convert the present constitution into a more useful and relevant guiding document.

The constitutional committee consists of the members listed below.

Eric Adelizzi Scott Harper
Steve Miller Kyle Morrison
Jim Vere

Item 9: Representation on CPUC and other Campus committees

A recent event has prompted great concern about representation of graduate students on the CPUC committees and other campus committees in which graduate representatives are present.

The University has determined to expand the size of the undergraduate population substantially over the next several years. The consequence of the expansion will be a need for additional housing.

The remarkable fact is that briefly considered was the prospect of housing the additional undergraduate in the Graduate College, displacing the graduate students for whom the dormitory was originally intended.

Preventing measures similar to the one mentioned above will require that we populate the CPUC and campus committees with graduate student representatives in a systematic fashion.

One way to insure that graduate students are

well represented on the CPUC is to set up a system in which graduate students themselves, via the GSG, elect representatives to the CPUC.

At present, Dean Montero has the duty of selecting graduate student representatives to the CPUC.

One approach that provides a compromise between the two methods is for the GSG to vote on CPUC representatives. However, in the event that the GSG is unable to fill all of the graduate positions in the CPUC, Dean Montero will supply the remaining CPUC representatives.

After an interval of discussion, the assembly passed a resolution to develop a petition requesting that the GSG be permitted to take over appointments of graduate representatives to campus committees.

The November 17 GSG meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Reminder!!!

The next GSG meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14 in the Office of Population Research, located at 21 Prospect Street. Please note as well that we shall meet at 6:00 pm instead of the usual 7:00pm.
