

GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

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

Item 1: The attendance sheet circulated and the minutes from the October 21 meeting were approved.

Item 2: Committee and Project Reports

- Roberto attended a CPUC meeting. Several issues were raised at the
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- meeting.
- Undergraduates are disturbed that some of the dormitory rooms are being converted into academic rooms. The consequence is more crowded conditions for the residents of the altered dorms.
- An attempt was made to garner support for an initiative that would help eliminate U - Store products manufactured with the aid of "sweat-shop" labor. Disagreement on fundamental principals of economics stalled the discussion.
- Stuart has joined the Dental/Eye Insurance Committee.
- The Housing Committee was to meet on December 2 regarding the Butler units. Since the subject of the meeting was to be the possible elimination or renovation of some of the Butler units, Butler residents were strongly urged to attend.
- CIT Policies: Jon Cline is concerned about the remote access issue. A heartening developmnt is that a remote cluster at the Hibben-Maggee complex almost came through.
- Employment Committee: Career services evidently needs assistance, and is encouraging interested graduate students to contact them.
- Campus Center Committee: Jon Cline attended the meeting and provided us with a summary of what was discussed.

- Opening Date has been discussed. It is expected to be either May 1 or August 15 of the year 2000.
- Due to the similar size and proximity of the USG and GSU offices, the two organizations will be able to interact more frequently. The two will also be on a more equal footing. Interestingly, if the words USG and GSU are juxtaposed, a palindrome is formed.
- The undergraduate members of the committee were reportedly pleased about the corporate atmosphere that is expected to exist in the new campus center.
- There is some hope that parts of the Campus Center will be open 24 hours a day.
- Another ambition is to permit diners at the Campus Center to use meal plan credit. The beverage lab will serve beer, tea, and wine. In Jon's words, "It looks pretty swanky".

Item 3: Correspondence

- There wasn't anything to report about the Credit Union
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- Dave brought up the 1 FUNDING REQUEST. Paula Chow requested \$200 to fund the performance of traditional Indian dances by Swati Bhise. The dances are indigenous to Southern India. After some discussion, the assembly voted to fund the event at the level of \$200

Item 4: Address from the President of the APGA

Tony Letkus, president of the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni, came to inform us of the APGA's efforts in connection with the Centennial celebration of the Graduate School.

Sandy Sussman also was present.

- Although there are 18,000 living graduate alumni, only 2,000 of those are active members.
- As mentioned above, the centennial of the Graduate School is quickly approaching. December 13 (2000?) is the official day of the centennial.
- Tony urged the members of the GSU to become involved in the preparations.
- The APGA President also suggested that GSU members consider making contributions to the Princeton Alumni Weekly Magazine

(PAW).

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- As mentioned in the previous set of minutes, compensation for contributed articles is generous (\$500 - \$700).
- Tony also suggested that departmental representatives act as a source of information for an upcoming section in the PAW called the "Departmental Insert"

Item 5: Address by Mary, Chari of the Graduate Student Life Committee.

Mary's goal is the expansion of programs for graduate students.

- GSU members are encouraged to supply Mary with ideas for activities/programs and to provide evaluations of the programs that already exist. It was mentioned that early fall is the best time to contact students.

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- Several ideas for a unique event surfaced.

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- A poetry reading is one possibility.
- Someone suggested that, given the latent musical talent, a piano recital would be a good idea. Indeed, one has already been scheduled for April 17!

Item 6: A funding request was presented by Amanda.

The idea is to have a conference discussing opportunities for hispanic women.

- Several undergraduates also are involved in the planning.
- A 45 minute key-note speech will be followed by a round table discussion.
- Principal expenses are the transportation costs of the invited speakers.
- The assembly appeared to deem the event worthwhile, but suggested that Amanda return again with more details.

Item 7: Report of the Press Secretary

The main issue was what things might be reasonable to send to all of the graduate students. Eszter made several suggestions:

- Information on how to obtain dental/health care
 - A list of departments lacking representatives
 - A mention of the generous payment provided for graduate PAW articles.
- Eszter also mentioned that she was compiling a Grad-Events list. The list was expected to mention
- The 100 Blues-Travelers tickets and where to obtain them
 - The trip to NYC on December 19 (partially subsidized)
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Item 8: Report of the Social Chair

The main concern was the planning of the Wine and Cheese party. The party is expected to occur either in the Chancellor Green or Whig Hall at around 5:30pm/6:00pm on December 18.

Item 9: A possible letter to the CPC was presented.

Uli Struve felt that the letter was too strongly worded. The assembly also agreed that the letter would need to be rewritten in a more tactful manner. Several important points are raised in the letter.

- There is demand for a grocery shuttle. Unfortunately, Public Safety wishes to withdraw completely from the business of transporting students.
- Post - enrollment is an issue. Compounding the problems associated with post enrollment is the recent decrease in teaching assistanceships in the humanities for post - enrolled graduate students.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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