

GSU MINUTES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th., 1988

Facilitator: Tama

In Attendance: Doug, Tad, Sarah, Alan, Simone, Kelli, Graham, Tom

The minutes from the meeting of November 16th. were read and approved. The first items on the agenda were the Committee and Officer reports:

Reappointment Committee: (Alan). Breakfast with Shapiro was a success: he was willing to listen, and seemed sympathetic. Since Faculty have no strong feelings about Dean Z., it is likely that he will be reappointed - unless the GSU acts. (The concensus assessment of those who attended the breakfast is that the GSU voice could make a difference.) A further breakfast has been scheduled, at which Shapiro expects detailed comments which are germane to the Graduate School. (Alan, Tad, Emily, Christian, Joe, Joan, and Cindy have already met to discuss strategy for this second breakfast.) It was unanimously agreed that we should support Shapiro's suggestion to send a letter to solicit comments from Graduate Students.

Stipends and Teaching Committee: (Tom, Kelli, Simone). Several different issues for which this committee has responsibility were discussed.

(i) Loans: (Kelli) It was unanimously agreed that the GSU should encourage PU to divulge the details of the mechanism by which it calculates the size of the student loans to which Graduate students are entitled - and, furthermore, that the GSU should also encourage the production and dissemination of a decent informational document by PU. Kelli and Tom will continue to work on this project.

(ii) Dean Turk: (Tom) Dean Turk has responded to the GSU questions about stipend levels, etc. Tom has the answers, together with some information on stipend levels. (The GSU will not be receiving a copy of the Annual Report to the President.)

(iii) AI Orientation: (Tom) The Teaching Committee will meet with Deans Montero and Redman to discuss a programme of AI orientation which will be established next year. They want input on what we think is important. (Sarah reported that the WWS subcommittee on the problems of TA-ing met again. Only a small number of people were present, but the discussion was very fruitful. One important issue seems to involve the standards of grading set work..)

(iv) Stipend Levels: (Simone) Further evidence of inequities and unfairness have been brought to our attention. We look forward to the

results of Tama's survey.

(FN: The GSU (or Alan at least) should take credit for the PU production of a newsletter about student billing. The document could be improved for its next incarnation ..)

Constitution Committee: (Doug) The deadline for the Constitution is February 1st., 1989. It will be ready. The only worry is that the Constitution may hamstring action. (Doug contacted the Harvard Graduate Student Council. It seems to be a one man show, but he does have a decent budget to work with. In many respects, Harvard is worse off than Princeton. Doug plans to contact both Yale and Michigan.)

Depreps Committee: (Tama) There are some worries about Deprep contacts. Various people agreed to check up on some of the Depreps. (Tama also told the story of Nancy Pratt (Ecology and Environmental Biology). The GSU must get information and give support in these sorts of cases...)

Surveys Committee: (Graham) The Survey Report is out! Publicity is now very important. (The Disenrolled GS Survey has hit a snag - no-one has a list of these people. We may need to go to the departments.)

The next part of the meeting was given over to old business:

Community Service: (Sarah) Several questions: (i) Should the GSU aim to produce a bi-annual community service newsletter? (ii) Should the GSU refrain from tying this committee too closely to the U-Grad groups (Chaplain's group)? (iii) What should the GSU do in connection with the 20th. Anniversary of U-Grad women at Princeton? ("Graduate women lead the way"? A press release/article?)

Meeting Halls: (Tama) The GSU can give up on trying to get a list. (NO computer records...)

Butler Committee Meeting: (Tad) Butler Committee is enthusiastic about the GSU. The GSU should encourage them to help to put together a housing agenda.

Parking: (Doug) What action should the GSU take on parking? (Doug spoke to Charlie Novell (?), Assistant Director Of Public Safety.) (Marion White has written a letter to the Office of Public Safety about the Shuttle.)

Rotunda: (Tad) Meeting with Dean Montero next week.

And that was about it. (Errors and omissions excepted.)

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Submitted (in a hurry) by Graham