

GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 21, 1998

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

Item 1: Minutes from the September 30 meeting approved.

Item 2: Committee and Project Developments

- David Baker's efforts on the Credit Union have borne fruit. There is now very little to inhibit the expansion of credit unions to include graduate students. Word was expected in a matter of a few weeks.
- Item 3: The Recruitment of Volunteers for committees and

Projects

The following endeavors are in need of persons to staff them:

- Dental and Eye Insurance
- Housing Committee
- CIT Policies Committee There have been some recent causes for discontent:
 - # Dorment fees will increase by \$25 a year.
 - # It is still not possible to dial in from the Graduate College when Dormnet is not subscribed to.
- Post Enrollment Committee: One recent difficulty is the fact that AI funding has been seriously scaled down.
- The Inspection Appeals Committee is now fully now fully staffed. Eszter Hargittai has agreed to serve on the committee.

Item 4: Correspondence

- The APGA would like to augment the GS (Graduate Student) section of the PAW <Princeton Alumni Weekly> Magazine.

The APGA also calls for graduate student volunteers to write articles for the magazine. Compensation is considerable (\$500 - \$700). Those interested should send email to rlevine@miami.edu.

Item 5: A Discussion and Vote on the GSU's membership in the NAGPS [National Association of Graduate and Professional Students]

- Robert announced that our yearly dues for membership in the NAGPS were needed.
- Several different membership packages, ranging from \$100 to \$400, were discussed.
- After some discussion and voting, the assembly finally chose the \$100 package. The \$100 category permits us to continue to vote in the national assembly of the NAGPS and allows us to retain most of the benefits we held during the previous year when we selected the \$400 option.

Item 6: The Report of the Treasurer: Proposing the budget for the 1998/99 academic year.

- David reminded us that each graduate student enrolled at Princeton pays \$5 in GSU dues every year. David then presented the prospective budget. The assembly approved the budget with a unanimous vote of 17-0.

The Proposed Budget:

\$2000 for Operating Expenses

\$3000 for GSU events

\$3000 for Co-Sponsorship

Item 7: Report of the Web Page Administrator

- Jon Cline has taken the helm as Web Page Administrator. He is determined to maintain a convenient and streamlined page by "keeping it simple".

Item 8: Report of the Press Secretary, Eszter Hargittai

- The Events List will be issued every two weeks on Thursdays. The main list is used monthly to send general information.
- Eszter has agreed to send out information on jobs to representatives.

Item 9: Report of the Social Chair

- Scott suggested that we begin to think about a holiday wine and cheese party. After discussion, the assembly opted for a relatively early time (5:30pm - 6:00pm).
- The Chancellor Green will be pursued as a location for the party.

Item 10: Report of the Representative Secretary

Jim Vere revealed that many departments currently lack representatives. A list of these departments follows:

Anthropology

Architecture

Astrophysical Sciences

Chemistry

Classics

Comparitive Literature

Computer Science

Chinese Scholars/Students

Germanic Languages and Literature

History

Millstone Apartments

Mathematics

Music

Politics

Romance Languages and Literature

Women's Center

Item 11: New Business

- Steve Garcia of the CPUC asked the assembly for suggestions on ways to improve life at Princeton. Several ideas surfaced.

One item mentioned is the acute need for parking on campus. It was suggested that the University purchase commuter parking spaced from the borough.

Another idea proposed is the publication of an Undergraduate Facebook to aid preceptors and lab instructors in learning their student's names.

The shuttle service at the Lawrence Apartments is an issue. Although an evening shuttle travels from campus locations to Lawrence, there is no morning shuttle. The current arrangement is inconvenient for those unwilling to walk 2 miles each day.

Finally, the suggestion was made that an effort be made to expand career services to spouses of graduate students. Although officials at career services are reluctant to deal regularly with non students, it may still be possible to secure limited services for graduate student spouses. Craig is looking into the matter.

- On a lighter note, the proposal was made that there be a campus wide snow fight shortly after the second snow of the year. In the battle, undergraduates would be pitted against graduate students. The icy war might promote greater warmth among all Princeton students.

Another suggestion to increase graduate student visibility at Princeton is a graduate student Mardis Gras parade across campus.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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