

## Minutes for the October 21 GSG Meeting

The GSG chair, Eszter Hargittai, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The assembly faced an agenda that led to vigorous and useful discussion.

### Item 1: Remarks about the GSG and introduction of new members

Eszter reminded us that the October meetings was the first meeting of the Princeton Graduate Student Government. Afterward, six new representatives were introduced to the assembly. Names and departments of the six appear below.

Meredith Kleykamp	Population Research
Amy	Black Graduate Caucus
Matt Moore	Economics
Jenny	History
Dan Novak	English
Seth Abelsom	Comparative Literature

### Item 2: Approval of the September Minutes

After brief discussion, the assembly voted to approve the minutes of the September GSU meeting.

### Item 3: Committees and Projects

#### # CPUC

Eszter was unfortunately ill and unable to attend. However, we were told that little of consequence was discussed beyond the fate of the Stevenson dining hall.

#### # Campus Center Committee

We received no news from or concerning the Campus Center.

#### # Health Care

Although no new developments were reported in the

Health Care Committee, Olgica Bahrain remarked that the committee would be meeting on Oct. 22. It was also emphasized that the APGA stands ready to assist us on Health Care issues.

A fortuitous development external to the Health Care committee is the fact that the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) is conducting a health care survey. The Health Care Committee will provide the GSG's response to the survey.

#### # Dental Care

Olgica stated that she has copies of the Northeast Dental Plan for those interested.

#### # Eye Care

Margarita Mooney provided the report for the Eyecare committee. In procuring eyeglasses for herself, she discovered that some of the optical shops are willing to provide student discounts even in the absence of a student advantage card.

It was also remarked that the "Tiger Pages", evidently published in a newspaper format at the beginning of the academic year, have data on student discounts.

#### # CIT Policies

Greg Huey, standing in for Steve Miller, had nothing to report concerning CIT.

#### # Transportation

As noted in the previous month's minutes, Beverly McKeon heads the Transportation Committee. Some discussion on transportation issues produced two suggestions.

% The first idea is to collaborate with the APGA on the matter of the absence of a daytime shuttle from some of the apartments to campus. Evidently, some alumni remember the presence of a daytime shuttle.

% The second suggestion, raised by a member of the assembly, was to have the two shuttles move in opposite directions on the campus loop.

This prevents a delay of 30 minutes in reaching a location which really is only one or two stops away.

#### # Post-Enrollment

No developments were reported on the Post-Enrollment Committee.

#### # Housing

The fate of the Millstone Apartment Units came up for discussion. Evidently, the University has tried (without success) to sell the apartment system. Matt Moore may be able to glean some information on this subject.

The fact that many faculty reside at Millstone suggests that it may be possible to lobby against the selling of the Millstone units.

#### # Dining Services

No new developments surfaced on the Dining Committee.

#### # Undergraduate Student Government Outreach

The USG Outreach committee is still unstaffed. Given the potential value of alliances between the GSG and the USG, it is hoped that someone will assume this post.

Robert attended a few of the GSU meetings. He described the meetings as surprinsingly formal. Relative to the GSG, the USG is quite well budgeted. The members evidently have on the order of \$99,000.00 at their disposal.

At at least one of the meetings attended by Robert, the primary topic was the concern for the existance of a "shared experience" among the undergraduates.

Of greater relevance to the GSG, however, is the possibility of having an event jointly sponsored by the GSG and the USG. The USG reportedly has access to funds earmarked solely for endeavors funded jointly by the USG and other campus organizations. It could be greatly to our advantage, then, for the GSG to collaborate with the USG in sponsoring some events.

# APGA Relations

APGA Relations is a new committee. Eszter reported to us that the APGA has thought about ways to improve the PAW.

Within the APGA there was sentiment favoring splitting the Princeton Alumni Weekly magazine into graduate and undergraduate editions. However, many among the APGA board members felt that dividing the PAW would result in a skimpier graduate edition, possibly conveying the notion that graduate alumni are of a lesser status.

# Outreach to Postdoctoral Fellows

No news was reported in the postdoc committee.

Item 4: Correspondence

# The time has come to renew our membership in the NAGPS. There was discussion about the benefits of membership. Mentioned primarily were the Job Bank access and lobbying benefits.

The Job Bank provides an online listing of job, and it is available only to NAGPS members.

The lobbying benefits may well be the greatest motivation for renewing our membership. With an office in Washington D.C., the NAGPS is constantly watching for legislation that may harm or help graduate and professional students.

Item 5: Report of the Treasurer

# Treasurer-elect Greg Bedard furnished the report. His report consisted principally of a budget proposal. Discussion on Greg's proposal was vigorous. The budget, as originally proposed by Greg, appears below.

Co - Sponsorship     -- \$3750

Social Events         -- \$3000

Operating Expenses -- \$2000

Total                ---- \$8750

Greg's suggested budget leaves us with a surplus of \$3231.34. Discussion then began on what to do with the considerable surplus.

% Some recommended saving the surplus in anticipation of heavy purchases at the opening of the Frist Campus Center. However, it was noted that furniture (even computers) can be obtained at no cost to the GSU.

% With concerns about the new GSG office somewhat mollified, the suggestion was made that we graft \$500 to the Social Events budget from either the surplus or the Operating Expenses Budget.

% Ultimately, however, strong sentiment arose that we adhere consistently to a balanced budget and make changes when they are needed.

Finally, the assembly appeared to have returned to Greg's original budget. However, despite the apparent consensus, the recording secretary has no memory of any vote on the budget.

# Although the agenda provided for it, no funding requests were discussed.

Item 6: Report of the Press Secretary

Beverly urged that we supply her with information about campus events.

Item 7: Report of the Representative Secretary

With Jim Vere absent, we received no report.

Item 8: Report of the Social Chair

Lauren Hale, the new Social Chair, provided the report. Since it was too early for the current administration to have planned any social events, Lauren's report consisted primarily of ideas for the future. She spoke very energetically of many possibilities for the social calendar of the GSG.

# Lauren, reminded of the rapid consumption of Chinese food at last spring's GSU social event, recommended we supply enough funds for the food to

last longer.

# Events at the Triumph bar also are envisioned. Graduate students will be able to interact socially in a casual setting.

# Some assembly members suggested that events not centering around alcohol be planned as well. Lauren agreed to consider this recommendation.

#### Item 9: Report of the Web Page Administrator

Relatively few developments have surfaced. The GSG's new email address is gsg@princeton.edu. Again there is ever the process of streamlining the links on the web page.

#### Item 10: New Business

# The rededication ceremony for the Cleveland Tower will be held this Thursday from 4:30pm until 6:00pm. Food, drinks, and jazz will be available as the tower is finally liberated from the scaffolding and the surrounding debris. The event is pitched at current and former Graduate College residents.

# Eszter made the suggestion that we arrange the seats in a circular pattern to facilitate dialogue during the meetings.

# The topic of Graduate Student Outreach was raised again. Many students still have little awareness of the GSG and its endeavors. Therefore, some changes will be made.

% Instead of two days BEFORE a the next meeting, the GSG minutes will be issued two days AFTER the meeting to which they correspond.

% The representatives are urged to be more aggressive in interacting with their constituents. An example is sending a copy or summary of the minutes to the constituents.

% The suggestion was made that we be more vigorous in publicizing our existence. One idea that came from the assembly is the posting of notices of meetings throughout

campus. The notices needn't be made in as great a quantity as the paper newsletter, so Operating Expenses won't be greatly taxed.

At C.A. 8:45pm, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is slated for November 17 at 7pm in McCosh 60.