

# **GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**October 22, 1997**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by presiding officer, Scott Harper.  
Present: 20 reps, 3 non-reps, some proxy voters.

**Item 1:** Introduction of new GSU officers.

Chair:	Scott Harper (AOS)
Treasurer:	John Stewart (MAE)
Rep. Secretary:	Benjamin Gum (CS)
Press Secretary:	Eszter Hargittai (SOC)
Recording Secretary:	Roberto Lint-Sagarena (REL)
Web Administrator:	Mike Blanton (AST)
Social Chair:	Eric Paul (CHE)

**Item 2:** Minutes from last meeting approved 22-0.

**Item 3:** Scott Harper reported on developments since the last meeting.

- Scott Harper reported on APGA meeting at the Graduate College.
- A letter from Tom Wright denying the request for graduate student participation in the baccalaureate ceremony was circulated.
- A letter from Dean Redman regarding an engineering and science internship program was circulated.
- Brief committee reports were made by Rights and Rules Committee, which this semester will be exploring appropriate

rules concerning computer use, and the CPUC, which discussed the upcoming NCAA validation of Princeton.

- A draft of a letter of complaint regarding the removal of Lawrence Apartments' T.V. Antenna was circulated for consideration.
- Scott Harper announced that the Graduate Student Association of the University of Nevada Reno has won the NAGPS award for Graduate/Professional Student Organization of the Year. The Princeton GSU was one of the nominees for this prestigious award.

**Item 4:** Report of Eszter Hargittai the Press Secretary. She is currently at work on contacting student organizations on campus so that their activities can be included on the grad-events email list.

**Item 5:** Scott Harper brought up the issue of constitution concerns. The constitution will be considered next month (Nov 19th) -- we will be discussing whether the problems are worth the work of a campus wide ballot to support any changes.

**Item 6:** Report of John Stewart the Treasurer. The 1997-1998 GSU budget proposal was distributed and considered by reps. Scott Harper and John Stewart explained that money could be moved from the operating expenses category to the GSU or Co-sponsorship Event categories if there is, as expected, a surplus in operating expense budget.

The proposed budget:

\$3000 for Co-sponsorship of events  
\$2500 for GSU events  
\$2500 for operating expenses

\$8000 total  
(conservative estimate of funds available for this year)

A motion to accept the proposed budget was made and seconded. Budget passed 22 in favor, 0 against.

In addition:

There was discussion of the use of co-sponsorship funds for academic events -- preferably ones with wide appeal to graduate students across disciplinary boundaries.

John Stewart explained that co-sponsorship funding requests under \$250 would be put to vote over e-mail and those greater than \$250 would only be considered at a monthly meeting. Budget passed 22 in favor, 0 against.

**Item 7:** Two funding requests were put to a vote while a third was postponed until the November meeting.

- LGBA requested \$300.00 for a week-long event entitled "Out in Left Field." Funding was approved 22-0 with a reminder to the group to ask for funding ahead of time to be sure that the GSU can be included in publicity.
- CIGS requested \$500.00 to support their movie series. The funding include both the fall and spring semesters, and was approved 22-0.
- The Women's Center made a request for funding for the entire year. A vote on this request was postponed until the next meeting, so that information could be forwarded to all reps.

**Item 8:** Report of Eric Paul the Social Chair.

- Karen Lipton Dentler proposed a co-sponsored trip for graduate students to the Yale - Princeton football game that would take place in Giant's Stadium. Proposal to fund a van trip for \$50.00 with a commitment to spend up to \$150.00 for a bus if there is enough interest in the trip was approved 18-1.
- Eric Paul proposed that the annual wine and cheese party take place Friday Nov. 21 at 10pm in Procter Hall with a budget of \$750. The merits of holding the event at different venues

and times were discussed, but it was decided to we should go ahead with the initial proposal.

**Item 9:** Discussion of projects and committees. Three reps volunteered for service: Matt Niednagel for the CIT policies project, David Baker for the Credit Union project, and Brian Steensland for the Post-Enrollment project.

**Item 10:** Status of projects.

- Scott Harper told assembly that a proposed letter is being drafted by Nico Janberg concerning the recent decision to drop the self-supported A/I tuition waver. It should be ready in time for the November meeting.
- The text of a letter from the Lawrence Apts. Committee, also signed by the GSU, protesting the removal of the building's television antenna was approved with no opposition. It will be sent out to the appropriate administrators.

**Item 11:** New Business. Reps were reminded that the vote on the Women's Center funding had been deferred until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberto Lint-Sagarena  
Recording Secretary