

GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 23, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by presiding officer, Robert Weiner.

Present: 20 reps. (19 voting) 2 non-reps. Sign-in sheet attached.

First order of business - minutes of 9/25/96 Assembly meeting read by Press Secretary Evan Haefeli and approved with one revision.

Next item: Co-Chair/Treasurer Peter Park reviewed outcome of funding votes.

1) Hong Kong Conference: \$100 (3); no funding (18). Motion for \$100 failed 3-18. GSU will not co-sponsor event.

2) CIGS: \$300 (18); less \$ (3); no \$ (0). Motion for \$300 approved 18-3.

3) Assoc. of Chinese Students and Scholars: \$350 (1); \$250 (2); \$200 (7); \$150 (11); no \$ (0). Motion for \$350 failed 1-20. Motion for \$250 failed 3-18. Motion for \$200 failed 10-11. Motion for \$150 approved 21-0.

Next item: Co-Chair/Project Coordinator Robert Weiner discussed first meeting of new Executive Committee held on October 8. Robert also reported that he and Peter met with out-going chair Greg Godfrey to review GSU Constitution. They determined that 9/25 election of officers was valid. Stressed need to fill more Assembly seats (46 are authorized, 29 are now active).

Item: Peter Park and Robert Weiner accepted ex-officio positions on the Board of Directors of the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni (APGA) to improve GSU-APGA communication.

Item: Announced reopening of GSU office at 48 University Place, Room 414!

Item: Discussed co-chairs' October 15 meeting with Dean Joy Montero. Importance of relationship with Dean Montero in GSU-University community relations stressed.

Item: Representative Secretary Jill Reiss' report: GSU email list now updated; 6 new reps.: Anthropology (Xiuyuan Lu), Classics (Paolo Asso), East Asian Studies (JD Ulrich), CIGS (Kapil Agrawal), LGBA (Nico Janberg), Hibben/Maggie (Heather Van Buskirk), Lawrence Housing promised to send a rep. to next meeting; currently 16 vacancies, with some reps. being lost in transition; outlined recruiting efforts and urged other reps to help fill vacancies (Architecture, Comp. Lit., English, Germanic Languages, Religion, Slavic Languages, Millstone Apts., Ethnic Coalition, Astrophysical Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences, Music, Romance Languages, Woodrow Wilson, Off-Campus, Grad Women's Alliance).

Jill reviewed rep. duties:

- 1) Maintain active communication between GSU Assembly & your constituency (department or group).
 - A. Attend all GSU Assembly meetings (or designate a proxy when unable to attend).
 - B. Keep current on GSU projects and operating procedures.
 - C. Distribute/post GSU information and materials to your constituents (e.g. newsletters, surveys, petitions).
 - D. Bring issues and concerns from your constituents to the Assembly.
 - E. Notify the Representative Secretary of any changes in your contact information (phone, mail, email, etc.) listed on the GSU Assembly roster.

2) Participate in Assembly voting process. GSU Representatives may make motions both at meetings and during specified email discussions. The Assembly operates under the principle of one person, one vote. Each representative has one vote on any motion being considered by the assembly.

3) Serve on at least one GSU committee (i.e. serve in one of the following four ways)

- A. Serve as an elected GSU officer (Executive Committee)
- B. Participate on one GSU project team (ad hoc committee)
- C. Serve as a GSU liaison to a University committee (e.g. Housing Policy Committee, Dining Services Committee...)
- D. Serve as the contact for the GSU Dental Plan

Item: unanimous consent approval to have list of duties sent out to all reps. over email list.

Item: Health Care Survey. Princeton Survey Center has offered their assistance. Survey will be distributed at next Assembly meeting.

Item: Treasurer's Report: Peter Park outlined budgeting process and made suggestions to keep revamped GSU's spending within budget. Annual income from dues is \$8,500. Spending has been \$5,600-11,500 in past years. Difficult to establish trends because GSU has not been in existence long enough to have any. Spending divided into 3 categories, with treasurer's suggested allotments:

- 1) External funding (GSU co-sponsored graduate student events organized by other campus organizations) c.\$4,000.
- 2) GSU Operating expenses \$1,000-1,500.
- 3) GSU Social Events \$3,000.

\$3,000 of \$4,000 roll over from last year was used on this September's GSU BBQ. Adding estimated operating expenses to

that gives us c.\$8,000 for rest of budgetary year (through August 31). All our money is in a university account, not a checking account. Funding is done with invoices. Any surplus rolls over into next year.

Item: Motion for treasurer to begin email discussion of each funding request by making a recommendation. Treasurer's recommendation will count as a motion for consideration by the Assembly. During discussion period, other reps. may offer alternative motions. Passed 18-0 with 1 abstention.

Item: Reps. sought to serve on committees and projects:

- Dental Plan - needs a contact person. No volunteers at this time.
- Dining Committee - Kapil Agrawal (CIGS), Surita Bhatia (GS Housing Committee) approved by unanimous consent.
- Housing Policy Committee - Sooji Park (Butler Apts.), Max Karasik (Plasma Physics), Heather Van Buskirk (Hibben/Maggie) approved by unanimous consent.
- Student Center Committee - JD Ulrich (East Asian Studies), Nico Janberg (LGBA) approved by unanimous consent.

Item: Social chair's report: Patrice Jean proposed the following social activities in addition to the BBQ already done: 2 wine and cheese gathering and 5 coffee house gatherings.

Motion to approve \$750 for holiday wine & cheese passed 13-0.

Item: Debbie Abrams, Grad Rep. from the Council of the Princeton University Community (CPUC) present, offering CPUC as forum for addressing graduate student issues. No liaison appointed because it was unclear if there was a vacancy to be filled by GSU.

Item: Co-chairs are initiating contacts with USG, the Daily Princetonian and the Alumni Weekly, approved by unanimous

consent.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.