

GSG Minutes
September 12, 2001

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Matt Fouse. The assembly had a moment of silence to reflect upon the recent terrorist attacks. Introductions were made.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August GSG meeting were approved with modifications suggested by Eric Adelizzi.

III. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer: There were no requests for funding.

B. Chair

Matt Fouse has not yet asked Dean Wilson for permission to post his letter to the GSG regarding post-enrollment issues. Matt or Lauren will contact him soon. Matt also asked for suggestions for items to discuss during his short speech at President Tilghman's installation.

IV. Business

A. U-Store Board Election

The GSG Assembly carried out elections for the one-year and two-year positions on the U-Store Board of Trustees. One individual was elected to each position. The three candidates who were present at the meeting made brief statements: Xin Ping Zhu, Reza Banki, and Ori Heffetz.

The remaining three candidates had submitted written statements to the GSG that were read aloud by Matt Fouse. The Assembly voted to elect Reza Banki for the one-year position and Xin Ping Zhu for the two-year position. The newly elected members were asked to report to the GSG once per year. They will be added to the GSG email list.

B. Committee Reports

1. Parking: Kerry Bystrom asked a question about the current graduate student parking situation. Eric had talked with Chuck Nouvel and told the Assembly that grad students were still allowed to park on campus in four specified lots: Lot 25, Western Way, Fitz Randolph, and the overflow lot for Fitz Randolph. Public Safety has been issuing tickets

for parking in other areas. The proposed shuttle may begin operating some time. Vice President Spies, the former head of the parking committee, has resigned from his position at the University, and it is unclear who will take his place on the parking committee.

2. Post-enrollment: Members of the Assembly expressed wishes to have GSG Exec ask permission from Dean Wilson to allow his letter to be publicized.

3. Grad Student Facebook: In a previous meeting, Lauren Hale had mentioned the idea of creating a facebook with the names and faces of grad students. In particular, the facebook could include post-enrolled students, or a separate facebook could be made that specifically featured post-enrolled students to highlight that population of graduate students. Lauren had talked with Dean Montero about making a graduate student facebook, and Dean Montero said it would be difficult. The facebook could be online.

C. Departmental Survey

Lauren reported that there are 494 responses to the Departmental Survey. The data from the survey have not been processed yet.

D. McGraw Center Advisory Committee

The McGraw Center for teaching and learning has an advisory committee that will include faculty, undergraduate, and graduate student members. The GSG previously publicized its search for a graduate student representative. Amy Shuster was the only candidate. The Assembly voted to approve Amy's nomination.

E. Graduation costs

Matt Fouse informed the Assembly that doctoral students are charged \$75 by the University when turning in their bound dissertation. The costs for the required printing and binding of several copies of the thesis are typically \$200-300. Matt suggested requesting that the University eliminate the \$75 fee for graduation. The University no longer charges a fee for earning a Master's degree as it did previously. Lauren suggested that the APGA could be an alternative source of support in the form of coupons. The APGA might benefit from supporting graduate students during the graduation time.

V. New Business

Those who have received summer funding are expected to write a statement about their summer experience.

Kerry asked about the status of the fall dance. Lauren said the dance would be in November or December, and Yesim will be on campus to help organize the event.

The next GSG meetings will be on the following dates:

October 10

November 14

December 12

Donnell Butler reminded the GSG that some departments still do not have GSG representatives, and the GSG should try to have representatives from all departments.

VI. Adjourn