

GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes

September 24, 1997

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by presiding officer, Robert Weiner. Present: 25 reps. 3 non-reps. Sign-in sheet attached.

Item 1: Evan Haefeli (Press Secretary) moved to approve the minutes from last meeting. Approved by unanimous consent.

Item 2: Report of Rep Secretary. Jill Reiss announced that there are currently 9 vacancies (Architecture, Classics, East Asian Studies, Engineering, Geosciences, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, and Romance Languages), and 36 active seats. The 60% quorum needed to conduct business is 22.

Item 3: Robert Weiner (Co-Chair/Project Coordinator) reported on developments since the last meeting.

- The new Grad-Events email list has been successfully launched.
- The GSU had an active presence at registration, staffing a table throughout the day, distributing information, and getting in touch with interested grad students.
- Student Advantage card applications have been distributed. Many additional forms are available if reps. need them for their constituents.

Item 4: Ballots for the Executive Officers election were distributed and filled out.

Item 5: Robert Weiner announced that the Graduate School is giving the GSU a spare computer for the GSU office.

Item 6: Robert Weiner explained the need of representatives to

serve on committees, explained the various committees for which representatives were needed, and accepted volunteers as follows:

Council of Princeton University Community

Ben Gum (CS), Jill Reiss (MoBio), John Stewart (MAE)

Graduate Housing Policy Committee

Heather VanBuskirk (Hibben/Maggie), Alison Lake (Millstone)

Campus Center Committee

Don Priour (Physics), Jon Cline (EEB)

Dining Services Committee

Kapil Agrawal (CIGS), Eric Paul (CHE)

All the above approved by unanimous consent of the Assembly.

Item 7: The Assembly unanimously approved a motion to fund the air travel of 2 persons (Robert and Scott) to the upcoming NAGPS Conference in New Orleans. Cost was estimated at \$204 per person.

Item 8: Jill Reiss announced the results of the executive officer election. All of the officers were unanimously approved with 24 votes as follows:

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 9: Robert reported on the latest NAGPS legislative bulletin regarding possible federal cuts in two types of graduate education grants. The Assembly encouraged him to forward the email bulletin to representatives.

Item 10: Robert Weiner discussed the difficulty of getting graduate student information updated or corrected in the telephone directory. The Assembly agreed with the need to address the problem, but no volunteer was available to continue the work on this issue started last year by Brian Kierland.

Item 11: Robert Weiner noted that January Generals had been omitted from the printed version of the official calendar. The Assembly will send a letter of complaint to the registrar. Surita Bhatia agreed to draft the letter on behalf of both the Assembly and the GC House Committee.

Item 12: Evan Haefeli announced that the next newsletter would be coming out shortly and that submissions were due.

Item 13: Scott Harper (Web Page Administrator) announced that the GSU Welcome Guide has been revised and invited comments and suggestions for improvement.

Item 14: Patrice Jean (Social Chair) reported that the orientation BBQ was a complete success, especially due to the cooperation of the GSU with Karen Lipton Dentler and Dining Services.

Item 15: The Consortium of International Students Groups submitted a funding request for the upcoming Moon Festival. A motion to approve \$150 was approved 22-0. The Association of Chinese Students and Scholars requested funding for another Moon Festival that was already held. A motion to approve \$50 passed 19-1 with two abstentions.

Item 16: Nico Janberg reported that the practice of funding Assistants in Instruction (AIs) has suddenly changed and self-supporting graduate student AIs will no longer be eligible for a tuition waiver. Approximately 8% of Princeton grad students are

self-supporting. The GSU Assembly instructed Nico to draft a letter of complaint.

Item 17: Unni Tafjord complained that the TV antennae at Lawrence Apartments was removed over the summer and the Housing Office refuses to reinstall it because they want to save approximately \$1000 per year in maintenance costs. The Lawrence Committee has collected petition signatures protesting the removal. Unni suggested that Lawrence residents be provided with the same services as undergraduates, i.e. 8 channels of free cable. It was noted that this service is tied to Dormnet, which the GC now also receives but which the other housing complexes do not. Robert Weiner recommended that the antenna matter be brought up at the upcoming CPUC and Housing Policy meetings. The GSU Assembly instructed Unni to draft a letter of complaint.

Item 18: Robert Weiner made some closing remarks & passed the gavel to Scott Harper, the new chair of the GSU. Scott made some brief remarks and praised the outgoing officers for their dedication.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Evan Haefeli
Press Secretary