

**GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
September 25, 1996

Present:  
18 reps.  
5 non-reps.

First order of business - election of officers

GSU Chair - 2 candidates for co-chair. Peter Park will be listed as co-chair/treasurer and Robert Weiner as co-chair/project coordinator.

Vote: all hands, none opposed.

Press Secretary - Evan Haefeli  
Vote: all hands, none opposed.

Social Chair - Patrice Jean  
Vote: all hands, none opposed.

Web Page Administrator - Scott Harper  
Vote: all hands, none opposed.

Representative Secretary - Jill Reiss  
Vote: all hands, none opposed.

Next agenda item: welcomed 2 new reps.

Next item: Association of Chinese Students and Scholars at Princeton U., has 250 grad members, wants a seat on the GSU.  
Vote: none opposed.

N.B. After the meeting it was discovered that the GSU constitution already provides for GSU assembly representation for the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars, so the above vote

was superfluous.

Next item: voting on funding requests will generally happen over e-mail rather than in person - should streamline meetings and let us fund people faster. Robert Weiner suggested separating discussion from voting, since there was some confusion the last time we did this.

Item: Discussion on the GSU list will not go on the GSU web page. The debate won't be archived, but the treasurer will keep a record of all funding votes.

Item: CIGS (council of international graduate students) promised to elect a GSU rep. prior to the next meeting.

Item: Judy Yanowitz spoke about health plan issues. GSU will conduct a health care survey. Many grad. students concerned with such issues. Molecular Biology did a mini-survey, and found people were incurring debt and not happy with care. Now, McCosh wants to survey all grad students. Current plan basically costs you 20% of the cost of your injury up to \$5,000 out-of-pocket, which harms grad students on low income.

Item: All active reps. should send Jill the number of people in their department so she will know how many copies of the newsletters to distribute.

Item: Treasurer's report: all grad students pay \$5/year to GSU, giving an operating budget of about \$8500/year. Last year, we ended with a \$4,000 surplus which rolls into this year's budget.

Pizza arrived and brief break called at 7:50 PM.

Item: Robert Weiner addressed the assembly with some general remarks about goals for the upcoming year. He emphasized the

need to immediately fill as many vacant assembly seats as possible so that the GSU can achieve the critical mass needed to carry out our desired projects. He also gave a brief report of the GSU's activities at registration, where information about the dental plan, a list of projects for the upcoming year, and welcoming booklets were distributed by GSU members. The assembly also expressed its gratitude to outgoing chair Greg Godfrey.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM.

Minutes read and approved at Assembly Meeting, October 23.