

Minutes for the February 14th, 1999 GSA Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Officers: Nikola Stojsin (President), Sailaza Pal (Vice-President), Kyle Haidet (Treasurer), Nuri W. Emanetoglu (Secretary)

Representatives: Jonathan Melman (Chemistry), Elena Mancini (German), Yi Zhao (RYXQA), Clayton Sinyai (NJ SAWSJ), David Radnell, (ISAC), John Cock (RAPS), Julie Silva (RAPS), Heather Mahaley (RAPS), Noriko Ishiyama (Geography), Jeff Wayne (LISSA)

This meeting is called to order at 7:17 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Executive Report

Nikola Stojsin begins by explaining that funds allocated in one fiscal year cannot be transferred to the next fiscal year. The GSA accepts receipts only for publications until December. The fiscal year ends on July 31st.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) New Recognitions:

Nikola recognizes Nuri Emanetoglu. Nuri reports that there is one new graduate student group, the Rutgers Christian Fellowship Graduate Student Association, which has requested recognition. Nuri moves to recognize RCFGSA, Nikola seconds and the motion is accepted unanimously.

B) Pauper's Guide:

Nikola explains Pauper's Guide is a free publication covering Central Jersey for graduate students. Nikola recognizes [Anand Commisiong](#) for talking on the subject, adding that the GSA needs input. Anand explains that if many reps as possible help it will make the job easier and the Guide more accurate. One problem is getting reviews of restaurants. The GSA will reimburse up to a certain amount, and the reviewer will have to do two more reviews, of shops, malls etc. He is in the process of compiling a list of restaurants. He will need immediate input, and asks the Council if there are any new restaurants, or any categories or any thing that is missing from the Pauper's Guide. All requests and suggestions should be made to Anand. Michael Jackson (Biosciences) says it is hard to find a Pauper's Guide in his department. Nikola responds that the GSA itself has only three copies left. The GSA is currently trying to pool information regarding the amount which needs to be printed. Anand's e-mail for comments: aslan@scils.rutgers.edu. Michael asks if the Computer Science department could maintain the Guide on the web. Nikola explains there had been contact with CS before, but the task is too low-tech for CS students to be interested. Jeff Wayne (LISSA) adds SCILS has a limited version of the Guide on the web, and he will contact the group to see if they would want to expand. Michael asks how much the GSA would pay for a Graduate Student for maintaining the web page. Nikola explains Graduate School limits and rules, it would have to be an hourly job.

Kyle explains the review participation is to be limited to Council members. This way the Executive committee hopes to improve person-to-person contact with Council members. Jeff says he spoke with some people in SCILS and they were interested. [Kelly ... \(Bioscience\)](#) adds the main duty can be given to Council members and they could delegate the duty to a member of their organization.

Nikola adds the Pauper's Guide has been a victim of its own success – demand is too high. Cost is offset slightly by adds, but these are limited. Jeff adds reviewers could distribute flyers for getting adds to the restaurants and shops they review.

C) Constitution Revision

Kyle explains the GSA is in the process of revising the Constitution, as the constitution no longer matches GSA practices and capabilities. A meeting will be held on Feb. 28th, Sunday, 4:00 PM. Elena Mancini (German) asks where the meeting will be. It will be in the GSL.

D) Proposals from the Floor:

Nikola explains the distinction between proposals and question time. Previously a proposal about RUPD changed their policy. Jeff asks about the Parking & Transportation committee. Nikola answers the meeting will be on Feb. 24th, and the GSA now has a representative.

E) Reports:

1) *Executive Report:*

The executive report was given under old business.

2) *ISAC Report*

David Radnell reports that ISAC events have been popular and the usual activities are continuing (bi-weekly pizza hours) and the ISAC budget has been increased.

3) *Treasurers Report:*

Nikola recognizes Kyle. Kyle explains that the GSA budget comes from graduate student fees. The Spring check came and the actual amount was significantly higher than expected, Thus the Pauper's Guide project was added to the budget. Nikola adds the GSA never knows how much the budget will be, therefore we start the budget with a lower estimate. Kyle explains L&P, Operations budget, ISAC and publication center have been increased and funds have been allocated for the Pauper's Guide. Kyle moves to adopt report, Nikola seconds. Unanimously accepted

4) *RSCGB Report*

Nikola reports that Dean Brightman is being replaced and he was present in the interviews.

5) *BCCGB Report*

No report was given

6) *Executive Council of Graduate School*

No report was given

7) *Senate*

In the last meeting of the Senate Kyle was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Senate. Kyle reports on the last Senate meeting – VP Joe Seneca gave the State of the New Brunswick Campus report. There was a combative comment about part-time lectures (PTLs).

D) Question Time:

Jeff asks a procedural question, reminding the Council that the minutes of the previous meeting were not accepted. Nikola moves to consider the minutes, Jeff seconds. Unanimously accepted. Elena asks to clarify the L&P and OB allocations. Kyle explains the \$60,000 for L&P and \$20,000 for OB are allocated pools, of these a total of \$11,000 has not been allocated for a specific proposal to date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair moves adjournment. This motion is adopted by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourns at 8:30pm.