

Minutes for the October 10, 1999 GSA Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

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

Representatives: Jeff Wayne (LISSA), Sabine Hagemann (Quaternary Studies), Stewart Duncan (Philosophy), Michael Jackson (Joint Biosciences), David Radnell (ISAC), Anthony Shallap (Chem. GSA), Romina Gutierg (Art History), Ginny Kowalski (RUSLA), Wenbiao Han (Rutgers Soccer), Jeffrey Perlman (MMG), Heather Robinson (Linguistics), Markus Hiller (Linguistics), Paddy Johnson (MGVA), Larry Kowerski (Classics), Fionnuala Rose (Anthropology), Johnelle Lamarque (Anthropology), Kate Goldman (Spanish&Portugese), Elisa Galgut (Gay&Lesbian Association), Dagmar Voith (?), Ruth Simpson (CCACC/IGC), Jonathan Melman (Chem.GSA), Matthias Stephen (Italian), Brian Clancy (Rutgers Art Review), ? Silva (RAPPS), Jim Jeffers (MGVA), Lynn Barnes (GAAPAAI), Tami Videon (GUSS), Michael Hill (Comp.Lit.)

I. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 7:02 PM.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Approval of Minutes

Nikola Stojsin draws the Council's attention to the minutes. After one correction (misspelt name), the minutes are adopted unanimously.

B) Executive Report

The executive report is deferred to the new business section.

C) Senator Elections

Kyle Haidet asks for new nominations. He then recognizes Michael Jackson (JointBiosciences), who introduces himself. The Chair endorses Michael's nomination, and moves to elect him. Kyle and Jeff Wayne (LISSA) second the motion. Michael Jackson is unanimously elected to fill the third GS-NB senate seat.

D) External Allocations Committee Elections

Two of the nominees, who nominated themselves in the September meeting, are not present. Michael asks the description of the office. Jeff Wayne (LISSA) and Jeff Perlman (Microbiology/Genetics) are nominates. David Radnell (Math) nominates himself. Heather Robinson (Linguistics) asks if Dan Bodak (Linguistics) can still be on the list. Nikola answers that a person cannot be elected in absence, but he can be elected later. Nikola asks the nominees to introduce themselves. The Chair moves to elect the nominees, and is seconded by Kyle and Michael. The motion is unanimously approved.

E) Appointment of Representatives

Nikola announces the list of GSA representatives to various committees on campus.

F) Pauper's Guide

Nikola explains the review process. Michael asks what happens if a restaurant does not get reviewed. Nikola answers that it will default to the previous review, but based on the current list there should be few such restaurants.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A) New Recognitions:

Nikola recognizes Nuri W. Emanetoglu. Nuri reports that RAPS has changed its name to RAPPS. One organization which has applied for recognition, MAC-URISA, is out of GSA jurisdiction, and therefore cannot be recognized.

B) Constitution Vote:

Kyle explains why the constitution is being updated. He asks if there are any objections. Michael asks if it can be amended. Kyle replies that an amendment will take a 2/3s vote. Jeff Wayne asks if it is the same document discussed last year. Nikola replies that it is, and explains why the constitution vote has been delayed – reviews by various Rutgers offices. Nikola opens the floor to a motion to table the vote. No one objects to the vote's taking place, and Nikola moves to adopt the new constitution. Kyle and Jeff Wayne second the motion. It is unanimously approved.

C) Proposals from the Floor:

Jeff Wayne informs the Council of robberies on Douglass dorm rooms. RUPD retrieved the stolen jewelry – it was traced to outside contractors who entered the rooms unsupervised. Even RUF and Bell Atlantic cannot enter without the student being present. Nikola explains that the standard contracts allow RU maintenance people to enter rooms without permission. The scary thing about the incident is that an outside contractor was able to enter the room unsupervised. Jeff gives the letter to Nikola, to be given to the head of Rutgers Graduate Housing. Michael suggests if the GSA acts on the incident, we should gather more information to see if it is an isolated case or general, then make it public. Nikola states that the way Rutgers works, the GSA ends up having to represent graduate students in everything. Fionnuala Rose (Anthropology) states that she was in Ford when the changes occurred – the Rutgers employees opened the doors and left. In another privacy issue, the hall director opened an apartment up and gave a tour of the apartment at 11:00 PM, and was offensive to the resident student. A wider issue of privacy respect, operating at reasonable hours and with reasonable politeness.

Kate Goldman (Spanish/Portuguese) is director of an undergraduate housing dorm. She reports that 17-19 years old men walked around in a women's dorm at 8:00-9:00 AM in the morning, unsupervised – walked in rooms randomly, took the refrigerators with everything in them. Most inappropriate of the men to walk in women's housing at the given time, unsupervised.

Nikola asks her to give him a letter explaining the event. She will – she already complained to her housing coordinator. Nikola explains how the RU housing works. The graduate housing director has no input for these decisions. The person responsible is Michael Imper..., and this is not the first time of inconsiderate behavior by RU.

Tami Videon asks for a list of things important enough to go into people's rooms. Nikola asks the council to inform any one who knows someone with a writable complaint to e-mail him – nikolas@rci.

IV. REPORTS

A) Executive Report:

B) Committees

1) *Social/Cultural*

Jeff Perlman is recognized. He reminds the Council he organized the GSA picnic. He would like to get more people involved in Social/Cultural Committee. He would like to hold brainstorming meeting soon.

2) *L&P – TAGARI/SA – EAC*

We would like to revive these committees. L&P and EAC are part of the treasurer's report for now.

3) *Publications/Newsletters*

No report.

4) *ISAC*

Post-Chair David Radnell recognized. There was a weekend seminar, usual pizza hours. At end of November International Talent Show. Atul, the new president of ISAC, is not present.

C) Treasurers Report:

Kyle explains the items in the first page. He explains that only \$6 per fees comes to GSA; the \$150,000.00 is projected, but could be anything. Chair moves to accept the budget. Seconded and unanimously passed.

V. QUESTION TIME:

Jeff Wayne comments that another benefactor passed away, the memorial service will be held in Kirkpatrick Chapel on Tuesday the 19th, and there will be a reception at the 4th floor of Alexander Library. He asks when the GSA meeting will be moved to Busch or Douglass. Nikola replies that those meetings will be held in the Spring.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

At 20:07 the Chair moves adjournment. This motion is adopted by unanimous consent.