

Minutes of the 10th February 2002 meeting

I. Quorum and Call to Order 7:10 PM EST

Officer Attendance Jeff Perlman, Brian Keane

II. Old Business

A. Approval of agenda for February 10, 2002 - approved

III. Reports

A. Executive Report

1. Governor McGreevey projects a \$2.9 billion state budget deficit. The state must have a balanced budget, therefore cuts will have to be made. Higher education will take a 5% cut. Some departments may have to cut support to seminars, events, or GSA's, let Jeff or Brian know.
2. President Lawrence announced his resignation after 12 years. However, in 1989 when Pres Bloustein died, it took several months to find a replacement. So, Pres Lawrence will still be in office for a while to come.
3. The shopping van is still running.

4. RUGSA hasn't received its spring check yet.

B. Committees

1. Social/Cultural Empty/No Report
2. Publications/Newsletters Jeff Perlman All GSA's must inform RUGSA of elections prior to holding them. Contact asland@mac.com
3. TA/GA Steering Committee Gary Bartlett - We are trying to get leadership and new members in AAUP. The recent meeting at Southwest Burrito had a dismal turnout 3 out of 150 potential members. Leadership is essential in the current climate of budget cuts. People can join via e-mail.
4. International Student Affairs- Gary Bartlett We are hoping to arrange a presentation by a local general practitioner about the US healthcare system. Also 5 more pizza nights are planned.
5. Student Affairs Empty This committee reaches out to local communities such as New Brunswick and Piscataway. If anyone is interested, please join.
6. Elections Ionas Rus Election procedures will change. A draft of the GSA Electoral Code was handed out and will be voted on next meeting. Any questions or comments should be forwarded to Ionas at Ionasrus@rci.rutgers.edu. Elections are the second Sunday in April. Election turnout was 13 in 2000 and 18 in 2001. Let's get more people to vote this year.

C. Treasurer/EAC

1. The 2001-2002 Fiscal Year GSA Budget was presented. There is not much change from last year due no increase in funds. All money is allocated.
2. Food Science GSA was allocated \$200. Society of Biomaterials had no representative present.

D. University Representatives

1. RSGB Jeff Perlman Meets the first Monday of every month. Reports on businesses within the Rutgers Student Center. Red Lion Caf? is not doing as well as expected so it is planning to have more events such as coffee hour. If you have any suggestions, please let Jeff know. In March there will be a space reallocation and RUGSA has applied for some rooms.
2. DSCGB Empty Meets once a month on a Wednesday at 6:30. There is a graduate student lounge in DSC, so representation on DSCGB is desirable.
3. Representative to the Board of Trustees Jason Redd The Board of Trustees is considering way that student representatives can participate in the search for a new university president. Jason, Jeff and others will be lobbying Congress in May. Issues include student loans, grants, immigration and visas, plus additional topics. Contact Jason or Jeff or further information.
4. University Senate Stewart Duncan Vice President Seneca's state of the university report is available online. The University Senate unanimously passed a resolution for healthcare for all fellowship recipients but with costs around \$1 million per year, implementation is in doubt. The senate talked mainly about budget cuts. David Snyder The recent Budget and Finance Committee meeting was dominated by budget cut decisions and the question of how to cut so much so quickly?

5. Executive Council of the Graduate School Carrie Preston There has not been a recent meeting, but if you have any issues, please let her know.

6. ACIC No Report

7. P&TC Jeff Perlman University busses are funded through the general university funds and this is a potential area for budget cuts. An annual review of additional services will not be conducted due perceived lack of funds. All projects are currently frozen. Parking fines have increased, but revenue has decreased due to gating of parking lots. The planned extension of State Route 18 will begin this year. State-funded Metlars Lane will become a highway with a dedicated bike lane and Òjug handlesÓ for Busch Campus access. This is a multi year project that will cause parts of Metlars to be closed in the future. This project is the #1 priority state highway project.

8. Bike Task Force Committee Jeff Perlman There has been no meeting since November. There will be a meeting in February.

9. Health Services Student Advisory Council Jason Redd Although he did not attend the latest meeting he is aware of the priority issues.

E. Administrative Assistant No Report

IV. New Business

A. Proposals From the Floor

1. Appointment of Interim GSA Secretary Robert Hamilton IV was unanimously voted Interim GSA Secretary

2. Election Bylaws Ionas Russ They were previously discussed during the Elections Committee report.

3. Agricultural Economics GSA was recognized.

IV. Question Time

1. Q - Will the Elections Bylaws be online? A- Ionas Rus Yes, in the very near future.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM EST