

# Minutes of the 14th April 2002 Meeting

## I. Quorum and Call to Order — 7:17 PM EST

Officer Attendance —

Jeff Perlman (President), Brian Keane (Treasurer), Robert Hamilton IV (Secretary)

Member Attendance-

22 Members present.

## II. Old Business

A. Approval of agenda for April 14, 2002 - approved

B. Approval of minutes from March 10, 2002 - approved

## III. Election Results

A. Announcement of Election Results (Ionas Rus)

The newly elected GSA officers are as follows —

President —            Jeff Perlman

Vice President —     Brian Keane

Treasurer —           Gary Bartlett

Secretary -            Robert Hamilton IV

Voter turnout this years was 11, down from 18 voters last year.

For the position of graduate student University Senate representatives, David Snyder was elected, but a runoff election was necessary to choose the remaining two representatives.

B. Runoff Elections for University Senate

Michelle Brazier, Carrie Preston and Regina Masiello vied for the 2 remaining positions. Even though none of the candidates were present, Michelle Brazier and Carrie Preston were elected as graduate student University Senate representatives.

## IV. Reports

### A. Executive (Jeff Perlman) -

1. We have a new administrative assistant, Michael Crockford. Michael is a Rutgers graduate and a part-time instructor in the University writing program. He will begin his duties in May and be available during the summer and semester breaks.

### 2. Ongoing Projects-

a. Healthcare — Jeff will talk to Deans Barbara Bender and Harvey Waterman about healthcare for internal fellows and their spouses and children.

b. Lobbying on Capitol Hill — 11 graduate students are going to DC to discuss graduate issues with congressional representatives. Jeff and Jason (Redd) are part of this group. The group had an organizational meeting with Francine Newsome (Assistant Director of Federal Relations). If you have any questions or issues this group should be aware of, talk to Jason.

3. Presidential Search Committee (PSC) Announced- Michelle Brazier said that PSC will consist of 26 members — 13 faculty, 4 students, and 9 administrators. She was chosen as the graduate student representative. Thank you to her and Jason R. for participating in the process. If anyone has any concerns that need to go to Michelle, forward them through your PSAC representatives (Jeff Perlman, Emilie Stander, and Robert Hamilton IV).

4. "Grease Truck" on Busch Campus — Several graduate students have requested a grease truck to be located on Busch Campus after 4:00 PM during the summer session. Jeff has talked to several vendors who were receptive. He talked to Parking and Transportation Services, who said that they are "looking into it."

### 5. Renderings, the Graduate Student Journal of Independent Thoughts and Ideas —

Renderings is a new, online journal where anyone can express their thoughts and ideas. Arts, culture, current events, science and technology, and university events are some of the topics that will be presented. Feel free to submit any ideas. There are links from the GSA homepage or visit [www.GSA.Rutgers.edu/~Renderings](http://www.GSA.Rutgers.edu/~Renderings).

### B. Committees

#### 1. Social/Cultural — (Chair Empty; Jeff Perlman)

The GSA film series continues on Monday nights at 7:30 PM at Zafra's. Zafra's is located at 46 Paterson St, in downtown New Brunswick.

2. Publications/Newsletters — (Anand Commissiong) — The Rutgers Review has gone to press. When printed, he will put a copy out for viewing.

3. TA/GA Steering Committee — (Pieter Blue) — There will be a meeting on TA/GA workload this Thursday at 6:00 PM in the GSL. This meeting is being advertised in the Targum, e groups, and on the GSA website. Flyers were handed out at the meeting and Jeff asked departmental representatives to take some back to their respective departments. Also, Pieter said that this time next year, contracts will be negotiated. Surveys on issues will be sent out in September, so AAUP will have more insight into what to bargain for.

4. International Student Affairs- (Gary Bartlett) — No Report

5. Student Affairs — (Chair Empty; No Report)

C. Treasurer/EAC — Brian Keane

1. For current levels of funding and allocations, and itemized budget, refer to handouts or website.

2. Funding Requests-

a. English GSA request for additional \$1500 could not be allocated.

b. Applied and Professional Psychology GSA requested \$300 and it could not be allocated

c. Ballroom Dance GSA- \$200 requested for orientation was funded. However, additional requests were conditionally funded. See Brian for conditions.

3. Treasurer's report was approved.

D. University Representatives

1. RSGB — (Jeff Perlman) — Our office space was reallocated in the yearly allocation process.

2. DSCGB — (Chair Empty; No Report)

3. Graduate Representative to the Board of Trustees — (Jason Redd) — Jason is working on previously mentioned, ongoing projects (refer to February and March minutes). The University Governing Boards (BOG and BOT) are aware of the graduate housing shortage and are hoping to remedy the problem during the next 2-3 years. If you have any questions, e-mail Jason.

4. University Senate — (David Snyder) —

- a. Budget — The University budget for next year is identical to the current "budget cut" budget.
- b. A new University Senate Overenrollment Committee has been formed. They are looking for representatives and there will be a vote on the first Friday in May.
- c. NJ Dept. of Health — Their quit smoking drive is still going.
- d. Rutgers has a new GPA-based website where you can track the location of any university bus. A map uses arrows to show the location of busses. However, cookie protection must be set to a low setting to view the arrows. Also, parking tickets can be paid online.

*Q:* Why don't we have a timetable for bus service?

*A:* We will for the summer.

*Q:* Will dial up bus service be cut?

*A:* That hasn't been decided yet.

5. Executive Council of the Graduate School — (Carrie Preston) — The Executive Council members did not notify the representatives of their meeting, so the reps could not attend. Carrie e-mailed the Council and has not received a reply.

6. ACIC — (Chair Empty; Jeff Perlman) — Jeff believes that the chair will be filled soon.

7. P&TC — (Jeff Perlman) — There are several new proposals

- a. There is a proposal to increase parking fees in order to current lots and to build a new lot.

- b. There is a proposal to increase the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Ward Shuttle operating hours from 9:00AM - 9:00PM to 9:00AM - 2:00AM.

- c. There is a planning proposal to have a "parking perimeter" where students that live close to the university (e.g. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Ward) will not be allowed to park on campus.

- d. Two busses collided on Rt 18 — One student was injured. The bus driver at fault was suspended, while the other was not. Bob Spear, the Director of Parking and Transportation Services, said that Academy is safer than Suburban. Jeff is not convinced and noted that Academy has a high turnover of drivers.

- e. Nightmover Service — Two major problems were discussed — long waits for the bus to arrive, and a gap between the end of regular bus service and the Nightmover. Bob Spear said, "There was a lack of dedication to find drivers. Now, there is rededication."

Q: What about unregistered cars, parking on campus. . .I haven't received my title yet?

A: (Jeff Perlman) I'll check into that

Q: What cost is there to maintain a parking stall (space)?

A: University says for paving and painting each stall costs \$2-3000 per year to maintain.

8. Bike Task Force Committee — (Jeff Perlman) — The Pedestrian/Bike Task Force of Middlesex County has proposed bike lanes in several areas of Middlesex County.

Notable absences are Easton Ave, Albany and Louis Streets (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Wards). They have no answer about a bike lane on Rt 27.

Q: (Stewart Duncan) There is a gap in the bike lane at Livingston, that's a bad place to have a gap.

9. Health Services Student Advisory Council — (Jeff Perlman) — Internal fellows not funded yet due to budget cuts. Jeff will try to work out some compromise situation.

E. Administrative Assistant — (None Present; No Report) -

## **V. New Business**

A. Nominations for University Representatives - University representatives will serve from September to May. Nominations will be voted on in May. If you have any questions contact Jeff.

B. The following GSA's were retroactively recognized: Asha, Yoga and Meditation, and Ballroom Dance. These groups were omitted from recognition in March, but were officially established then.

## **V. Question Time**

Q: (Stewart Duncan) CAPS has been renamed, but indefinitely table due to lack of money.

Q: (Song Ju) Housing costs will be raised 7-9% and increase faster than our salaries. What can we do?

A: (Jeff Perlman) Write letters and complain to University officials. Jeff will look into this.

Q: (Jennifer Perry) FBI requested information on international students.

A: (Jeff Perlman & Robert Hamilton IV) They didn't ask for much and it's not just international students, but certain scientific fields. In addition, this problem is not unique to Rutgers.

Q: (Pankaj) When can we request money for the fall and what is the format?

A: (Jeff) Request after July 31 and the format is on our website.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM EST