

**GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY GENERAL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR April 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2005**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** *This is the second general meeting for the 2004-2005 academic year. The principal purpose was to provide updates from various committees and to distribute and explain funding recommendations*

**DATE:** Sunday, April 10, 2005

**TIME:** 7pm to 9pm

**VENUE:** Graduate Student Lounge, College Avenue Campus, Rutgers University

**FACILITATORS:** Kristen Gilmore (GSA President), Kristen Ross (GSA Vice-president), & Karen Mabb (GSA Treasurer)

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
<b>1. Determination of quorum and call to order</b>	Done		
<b>2. Approval of agenda</b>	Done		
<b>3. Old Business</b>			
<b>New Group Recognition</b>	Recognition of the new group: GSA-SAC (Grad School of ED)	No action taken since a representative was not present.	
<b>4. New Business</b>	Requested recognition of a new group: Cook Organic Garden Club GSA	This group will consist of graduate students interested in organic gardening in general and helping to maintain the garden plots that Rutgers has on Cook Campus	Jay Kelly
<b>New Group Recognition</b>			
<b>Executive Elections</b>	Election Results: 23 ballots cast; 22 of those ballots were valid. President: Kristen Gilmore Vice President: Rafael Greenblatt Secretary: Carlos Diuk Treasurer: still vacant 3 University Senators: Michael Mohammend, Michele Brazier, Naomi Flemming	Still taking nominations for Treasurer for a special election at the Council meeting on May 8. In May GSA will accept nominations for the GSA Committee Chairs. Committees that need Chairs: EAC (at least 3 more members), Publications/Newsletters, TA/GA Steering Committee, Executive Comm. of the Grad School (2 positions), Parking & Transportation Student Advisory Board, ACIC	



Social/Cultural		No report	Erica Lander, Jennifer Greenburg
Publications/ newsletters		No report	Vacant
Student Affairs	Student Services Retreat		
International Student Affairs Committee		No report	Naomi Flemming
External Allocations	Needs more members for Fall'05.		Karen Mabb
TA/GA Steering Committee	Make sure to send in the AAUP ballot regarding affiliation with the American Federation of Teachers		Scott Bruton
Sustainability Committee	Coke exclusive contract, Earth Day events		Kristen Ross
<b>D) External committees</b>			
RSC Governing Board	Still having scheduling problems for the GSL. The		Mike Crockford
Douglass College Center Governing Board	There are proposed changes to the Douglass College Center. They are considering adding in a hair salon. Also, there will be a Responsible Drinking event held there for Douglass College Students.		Karen Mabb
University Senate	Problems with student voter registrations were discussed	No report. No senators attended.	Jeff Perlman, Michelle Brazier, Ben Donsky
	Graduate student issues were discussed – including: student fees being taken from grants, even when grants were prepared before it was known student fees would be extracted; safety issues; housing; accessibility. Recent meetings with Newark GSA and		

Executive Committee of the Graduate School	deans, plus the addition of a Camden senator will help efforts be more representative.	No report	Scott Bruton
Board of Trustees		No report	Franklin Turner
Parking & Transportation		No report	Jeff Perlman
IT Strategic Planning Committee	Greg has joined the Teaching Learning Subcommittee. Greg reported that there are 3 different online class help opportunities for faculty. Also, RU does not have long term funding to maintain Smart Classrooms on campus.		Greg Dahle
<b>E) Publication Office</b>		No report	Julie Evanoff
<b>6. Question Time and Announcements</b>	<i>Justice In the Maquiladoras</i> , March 24, 7pm, GSL  <b>Next GSA meeting is April 10, 2005, 7pm, GSL</b>		Kristen Gilmore

**CONCLUSION:** The minutes of this meeting will be reviewed by the GSA administration, then distributed to members through the listserv.