

**GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY GENERAL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14th, 2004**

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, November 14, 2004

TIME: 7pm to 9pm

VENUE: Multi-Purpose Room A, College Avenue Campus, Rutgers University

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:

FACILITATORS: Kristen Gilmore (GSA President), Karen Mabb (GSA Treasurer) & Grant Law (GSA Secretary)

Topic	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible
1. Determination of quorum and call to order	Done		
2. Approval of agenda	Done		
3. Old Business	6 new groups wishing to be recognized: Bioinformatics, Turkish GSA, Jewish GSA, Asado, KVALE, Human Rights Association.	A vote for the acceptance of these organizations was moved for and seconded. The vote was positive to recognize the new groups.	
4. New Business			
LCGA Resolution	The LCGA asked for the GSA to support their resolution calling for an expansion of the Livingston Student Center	A resolution was presented. A motion to endorse the resolution was made, seconded and approved.	
Rutgers Sustainability Resolution	A resolution to create a sustainability committee was discussed	A draft resolution will be created and presented at the December GSA meeting.	Mike Crockford
RU Sustainable Paper Challenge	RU Sustainable asked GSA members to request their respective departments to switch to recycled paper.	Requests were made for sample letters and recycled paper samples on which to print requests.	Mike Crockford
Proposals from the floor	TIMA was introduced as a new GSO. Being the only graduate student group from the School of	A motion was made to recognize TIMA as the official representative of the School of Education to the GSA. The	

	<p>Education, it was suggested that they officially represent their school in the GSA. This idea questioned as TIMA membership does not include a general representation of the School of Education. It was also pointed out that graduate students in the School of Education are already represented by a formal organization.</p>	<p>motion was seconded and the resultant vote was positive to recognize TIMA (21 yay, 9 nay, 8 abstentions).</p>
<p>5. Executive Reports:</p> <p>Agenda for meeting with Dean Cizewski</p> <p>Housing issues</p> <p>BOG candidate George Zoffinger</p>	<p>Any graduate student concerns/issues should go to Associate Dean of the Graduate School Cizewski. Dean Cizewski will attend the December 12th GSA meeting, so bring your friends.</p> <p>Ben Donski will be starting soon as a grad student representative to housing. The recent nomination of G. Zoffinger to the Board of Governors was discussed with respect to a possible conflict of interests. The newly built housing unit in New Brunswick was also discussed. Graduate family housing demand is up, while the number of units is being decreased.</p> <p>George Zoffinger, nominated to the BOG by Gov. McGreevey, was discussed. Students were encouraged to attend a public forum with G. Zoffinger at Wynant's Hall on Wednesday (11/17/04) at 3:30pm.</p>	<p>A letter to VP Blimling detailing the current graduate student housing situation should be composed.</p>
<p>6. Treasurer's report</p>	<p>The GSA spent \$8,000 externally, and \$4,000 internally.</p>	
<p>7. GSA committees</p> <p>Social/Cultural</p>	<p>Come to the Spaghetti Dinner Theater, Friday December 3rd at 7:00pm in the Graduate Student Lounge on College Avenue.</p>	

Publications/ newsletters	Nothing to report	
Student Affairs	Nothing to report	
International Student Affairs Committee	Patrick Nolan will be meeting with ISAC on Friday the 19 th . A Thanksgiving dinner is planned – check gsa.rutgers.edu/~ISAC for information.	
External Allocations	The Spring deadline for funding applications is January 7 th . You are encouraged to participate in the next External Allocations Committee. \$17,000 will be available to distribute.	
8. External committees		
RSC Governing Board	An audit of the student center is being drafted	
Douglass College Center Governing Board	Has not met yet	
University Senate	A new policy concerning the privacy of electronic mail was discussed. It is legal for the university to view the headers of emails without giving the owner notification. Faculty voting rights were discussed with concern to split appointments and non-academic faculty members. A rule only allowing split-appointment faculty to vote if their appointment is > 51% has been suggested. The next meeting is 11/19/04	
Executive Committee of the Graduate School	Problems with student voter registrations were discussed	
Board of Trustees	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 deans, plus the addition of a Camden senator will help efforts be more representative.		
Parking & Transportation	No report		
TA/GA Steering Committee	No report		
Sustainability Committee	Remember the Paper Challenge!		
9. Publication Office	Our new Publications Office manager is Julie Evanoff, who will be introduced at the December GSA meeting		
10. Administrative Assistant	On your post-event forms, please write legibly, mark the type of event and always include the original receipts.		
11. Announcements	The next meeting will be December 12 th , 2004, 7pm – Graduate Student Lounge		

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