

**GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY GENERAL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR March 20<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, March 20, 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>	Amendment to EAC Funding Policies-Section 11. <i>Reversion</i>	A vote to accept the Amendment was moved for and seconded. The vote was positive to amend the wording in this section of the Funding Policies of the EAC. Yay:14, Nay:0, Abstentions:0	EAC and GSA Exec Committee
<b>Amendment to EAC Funding Policies</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>	A resolution was introduced by graduate students listed in the right hand column to urge the RU Exclusive Beverage Committee to refuse to sign an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola. Laura Weitzman presented information to the Council about the labor practices of Coca-Cola and the history behind the last exclusive contract RU signed with Coca-Cola in 1994.	Friendly amendments were made to the Resolution and it was passed by the Council. Yay:15, Nay:0, Abstention:1	Laura Weitzman, Kristen Gilmore, Kristen Ross, Morgan Grass, Michael Crockford, Rafael Greenblatt, Julie Evanoff
<b>Coca-Cola Resolution</b>			
<b>Executive Elections</b>	Elections for GSA Officers and Senators will begin on April 4, 2005. Nominations for candidates will be accepted until March 30, 2005.	Need volunteers for Election Committee to man the GSA Office during election week. Nominations received: Kristen Gilmore accepted nom for President, Carlos Diuk accepted nom for Secretary, Raphael Greenblatt	Kristen Ross

	In May GSA will accept nominations for the GSA Committee Chairs. Committees that need Chairs: EAC, Publications/Newsletters, TA/GA Steering Committee, Executive Comm. of the Grad School, Parking & Transportation Student Advisory Board, ACIC	accepted nom for VP.  Kristen Gilmore will email current Chairs of committees to see if they want to do it next year.	
<b>5. Executive Reports:</b>			Kristen Gilmore
<b>A) President</b>	Kristen G attended the 3 <sup>rd</sup> President's Student Services Retreat. Significant discussions were held on the new plans for greening college ave, the Ombudsperson office, and the VP for Research and Graduate Studies.		
<b>B) Treasurer</b>	Kristen G and Michael C. continue to meet with Dean Bender and Kathryn Kunert regarding the Graduate Student Lounge.  Karen submitted a report.	The GSA spent \$34,012.59 externally, and \$44,293.85 internally.	Karen Mabb
<b>C) GSA Committees</b>			
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		Scott Bruton

	the American Federation of Teachers		
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		No report. No senators attended.	Jeff Perlman, Michelle Brazier, Ben Donsky
	Problems with student voter registrations were discussed		
	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.		
Executive Committee of the Graduate School		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		Greg Dahle

	faculty. Also, RU does not have long term funding to maintain Smart Classrooms on campus.		
<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.