

Council meeting minutes - 12/10/06

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

I - Cannot approve previous minutes.

II - New Business - none

A. Recognition of new GSOs

1. PanSexualia: Naomi reads a letter from PanSexualia introducing the group and asking for recognition. Recognized - 20 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.
2. Neuroscience - no representative present.

III - Old Business

No one present from Materials Science Research GSO.

A - Executive: no report

B - Treasurer - some groups still need to sign their contracts  
- deadline for spring allocation is 1/11/07

C - GSA Committees

1. Social/Cultural, Naomi: Final event is Thursday evening.
2. Student affairs: Kristen spoke about the Student Fees Consolidation Committee: with the reorganization of the undergraduate colleges, there will be a consolidation of the fees. Undergraduates have started a student fees committee with reps from each college and will ask Deans to appear before the committee each year to explain where fees go etc.

Fee categories: "General" (including GSA funding)

Worry: that grad fees will go into a general fund from which money will then be dispersed (including to undergraduates).

Kristen - we could mirror the process that the undergrads are following - form our own committee to advocate for transparency. We could send a letter to the Student Fees Committee indicating that we will have our own Grad Student committee working this.

Ryan - Me and Carlos will put a letter together, and we'll talk about it again in January.

3. EAC - Ryan: Apply for spring events!

D. External committees

1. DSC - Pizzeria Uno is open

2. Senate: inclusion of extra info on transcripts will not be implemented

Convergence of UMDNJ and Rutgers: there is a strong chance of a merger. This will go before the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees.

Review of 4-year rule for PTLs: it will be gotten rid of, subject to the Deans' approval.

Accountability will come from Deans, teaching evaluations, etc.

Scott Bruton: The AAUP reports that nationally 70% of full-time instructors are non-tenure track nationwide.

3. Parking/Transportation: Kristen nominates Naomi for vacancy. Seconded, approved unanimously.

E. Administrative Assistant - Benjie: Make sure the Reservations Office has correct contact address for invoices on venue rentals.

V. Question time/announcements:

Scott Bruton: Labor rally in Trenton tomorrow at noon.