

Minutes for the GSA Council Meeting, Sun March 18th, 2007

GSA Officers present: Carlos Diuk (President), Naomi Fleming (Vice-President)
Minutes recorded by: Naomi Fleming

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the previous council meeting were unanimously approved.

Reports

Executive report (Carlos Diuk)

Ben Arenger is the new Events Coordinator (a paid part-time staff position at the GSA). He is mostly in charge of events, the use of the GSL, reservations. The calendar has changed. It is no longer the log-in version – it is a google calendar, that is view-only. Use the new events submission form to submit your event information, and Ben will post the details on the calendar and also include it in the weekly notices. Remember that L&P events must be announced this way, plus anything else you want to advertise. Please do not send event notices to Naomi (vicepres@gsa) any longer – all events should be submitted through the web form, and any queries send to Ben at events@gsa.rutgers.edu.

Social & Cultural Committee (Carlos, Duik & Naomi Fleming)

Helpers are needed to organize larger events – please contact vicepres@gsa.rutgers.edu if you're interested.

Publications Committee (Naomi Fleming on behalf of Luiz Ramos)

Luiz Ramos needs help updating the Grad Student Guide. This will contain local and campus information for new grad students. Contact pubchair@gsa.rutgers.edu

ISAC (Tamanna Bhanot)

ISAC is currently updating its website. They want to list all GSO's which are international in nature. Please send the group contact details including web url to isac@gsa.rutgers.edu

Student Affairs (Carlos Diuk on behalf of Kristen Gilmore)

Kristen will be representing the GSA on the new committee established to look at how student fees will be distributed under the new unified undergraduate system.

Sustainability (Naomi Fleming)

We have purchase catering kits with dinner plates, bowls and cups in heavy duty plastic and cutlery in stainless steel (knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons, soup spoons) along with serving dishes and utensils. We will have 3 kits containing 25 sets each. We encourage all GSO's to use these kits whenever they are catering in the GSL or for any large function. They will be free of charge to borrow. Please contact events@gsa.rutgers.edu

RSC advisory board (Carlos Diuk)

RSC won't allow microwaves. Carlos feels that this advisory board is ineffective, and is considering boycotting it. If anyone else is interested in representing the GSA on this committee, please contact him at pres@gsa.rutgers.edu
Carlos and Ryan (treasurer) recently met with Furmanski regarding the GSL, during which Furmanski promised that the GSA will keep at least the current use of the GSL.

Douglass Student Center Advisory Board (Naomi Fleming on behalf of Ryan Fowler)

No meeting to report on. All student center boards will be unified next semester with the unification of the undergraduate colleges.
The GSA officers will meet the new boss of all student centers next week.

BOT - no report, Ryan Fowler absent

Senate – no report, all Senators absent

TA/GA Steering Committee – Scott Bruton

There will be a union platform party in the GSL on March 23 at 7pm. Please post fliers (handed out) around your departments.

GSA Staff Reports

Ben Arenger, the new events coordinator introduced himself.

Other Business

Elections Committee

GSA officer and senate elections are coming up. We need someone to volunteer to be on the elections committee.

Molly Palmer nominated herself and was approved by the council.

Nominations will be accepted for the four executive officers and 3 senators. Note that the officers may be from any graduate school on the New Brunswick campuses, but the Senate positions are only for the Grad School – New Brunswick. The other grad schools select their own senate reps. Nominations may be submitted in writing (following the

format outlined in the GSA constitution) or be accepted at the next Council meeting (April 8th).

Chilean GSO (Loreto) wants to hold a **May 1 celebration** in the GSL. Any other groups interested in participating should contact her.

Cheques are ready to be picked up in the GSA officer following the meeting.