

Board of Directors Dissolves Graphics; UPD to take over

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Steve Gould

The Board of Directors of Student Graphics, Inc., voted Tuesday night 5-4 to dissolve the corporation immediately, and to begin negotiations with University Printing and Duplicating (UPD) over sale of graphics' equipment.

The board of directors, which consists of all voting members of the Media Board plus the general manager of Student Graphics, Steve Gould, voted to approve a motion to dissolve the corporation by a 5-4 margin. The motion was introduced after the board approved Graphics' budget for the 77-78 fiscal year.

The vote climaxed months of debate over the Graphics issue. A resolution to suspend Graphics' budget and to begin negotiations with UPD was passed May 31, at the first meeting of the summer media board.

Questions concerning the legality of the board's procedures, doubts

expressed by members of the Campus Governing Council (CGC) last week, a mysterious new set of Graphics by-laws, and disagreements between graphics manager Steve Gould and student government originally stalled the effort to phase out graphics.

The meeting Tuesday night bogged down in parliamentary confusion throughout the five and one-half hour session. Questions concerning proper voting procedures, discussion, and points of order contributed to delays.

Media Board's critics, notably Gould, charged the board with failing to follow correct procedures, and with callousness in its handling of the situation.

Patty Turner, Media Board chairperson, along with other SG officials including Student Body President Bill Moss, said the reason for dissolving Graphics was its lack of economic viability. Treasurer Todd Albert agreed, stating he felt Gould was "incapable of proper administration" of Graphics' finances.

The Graphics issue also was argued at the CGC meeting last week. After two hours of debate, the CGC tied in a vote to decide whether to endorse the Board's actions. At that meeting, Gould argued that Graphics should be given more time—under present management—to prove itself. He also said he didn't think



Media board chairperson Patty Turner discussed the alternatives of dealing with the problem of Student Graphics with UPD manager Bill LaPier, Media Board Secretary Phil Searcy, Treasurer Todd Albert, and Graphics' general manager Steve Gould. Staff photo by Joseph Thomas.

UPD could service student publications well or that UPD would absorb Graphics' employees.

Turner argued that a trial period for Graphics was impractical, that UPD would service students equitably and absorb Graphics' employees. She questioned the ability of Student Government to continue subsidizing Graphics. "Student Government is just not set up to handle a professional business."

SG Treasurer Todd Albert, a permanent member of the Media Board, said Graphics owes \$9,500 in loans to SG. Supposedly, the money from the sale of its equipment will revert back to SG's general surplus.

Earlier this week, Turner unearthed a new set of by-laws governing Student

Graphics. It differs from the original by-laws in that there is a provision which bars student publication representatives from voting on matters concerning Graphics.

Publication representatives are barred in the new rules on a basis of conflict of interest. The new rules, according to Turner, were written in the spring of 1976 but had become lost in the high turnover of board chairpersons this year.

"There has been no reason to pay strict attention to the by-laws," said Student Body President Bill Moss Monday. "Most things about Graphics were either unanimous or innocuous."

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