

## **Requirements to be counted as a GSA member**

### **\*\*\* GSA Adopts By-Law Amendments \*\*\***

At the **August 2001 GSA meeting**, several new policies on club membership and travel funding were approved by a majority vote. The new policies are as follows:

Club membership is open to all full-time and part-time graduate students in the department of Food Science. The Club's year, for purposes of Chapter of the Year contest record keeping and travel fund disbursement, runs from **May 1 to April 30**.

To be considered a member of the Food Science GSA, you must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1. Attend 2/3 (two-thirds) of the meetings held that year.** New students who will not have been enrolled an entire year at the time of the IFT Annual Meeting must have attended 2/3 (two-thirds) of the meetings from the time of their enrollment to the time of the Annual Meeting. Students holding full-time internships must attend 2/3 of the meetings held in the time they are present in the department.
- 2. Chair at least one committee or event.**
- 3. Attend one Central New Jersey IFT or New York IFT meeting per semester.** If a student is registered for a class that meets on an IFT Meeting night, he/she may participate in an Education committee outreach activity in lieu of meeting attendance.
- 4. Be a member of National IFT.** Travel funds for the IFT National Meeting will be allotted to Food Science GSA Members only.

The new policies are **effective immediately**. They will be used in preparing the 2002 Chapter of the Year application and in distributing club (not New York IFT) travel money for the 2002 Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Should any questions or concerns about these policies arise, please contact an officer.