



## Indiana University - Bloomington

### Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Agenda | October 4, 2013

*“Advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate and professional student community”*

#### Agenda:

- **Meeting called to order at 3:37pm.**
- Announcements:
  - New Programming Coordinator Kevin Miescke
    - Nick Bragin received job he wanted after graduation, so he had to leave us, but we found someone well qualified to replace him.
      - Dr. of Music program
  - Upcoming Events – *Kevin, Programming Coordinator*
    - Tonight – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Social Hour at Tap from 7-9pm
    - Tuesday 10/8 – 6:30-8pm – Grad Grants Workshop
    - Wednesday 10/9 – 7-9 – Bowling Night with BGSA at IMU
  - Grant Reviewers & Fall Awards – *Josh, Awards Officer*
    - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XKQ9ZCR>.
    - Fall travel award process active now – applications due 10/20; must be approved by UGS
    - Two major changes
      - Travel window expanded – fall award is good through June 30<sup>th</sup>
        - Spring travel good through fall semester
      - Public reviewer rubric – can be reviewed by the public.
    - GradGrants workshop for travel awards
    - We need reviewers – we have 18 presently, we get at least 150 applications each semester
      - Please join; it’s about 3-6 hours
        - Sign up on surveymonkey or email Jeff
    - Questions?
      - How much? \$500
        - It’s a fellowship, technically. It’s money in the pocket of the winner.
          - If you already have a fellowship, be aware of the max.

- What is it for? Travel – to present research; auditions; networking events; anything that has selective aspect to it – must apply or be invited to attend
    - Who can serve on the committee? Any grad/professional student
      - Great way to see how the process works.
  - GPSO Budget Approval Process
    - Our budget isn't finalized yet; the numbers from the University come in in October. Ron isn't here today; but a preliminary budget will be sent out early next week.
      - Send questions to Ron.
    - Approval at the November Assembly meeting
  - Representative Agreement
    - <http://www.indiana.edu/~gpso/about/gpsa-assembly-reps/gpsa-assembly-rep-resources/>
    - Please get before you leave; this just a description of your job and to make sure we have the right information in our records.
    - If proxy, please bring to representative to get filled out
- Campus Updates:
  - Affordable Care Act Effects – *Katherine, Benefits Officer*
    - Kat just met with VP of HR
    - Benefits committee has a lot to discuss this afternoon regarding ACA, which went live October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you're a grad student not covered for health insurance, can enroll in the health exchange; state Anthem plan.
    - More info regarding the hourly cap – policy rolled out July 1
      - In accordance with ACA IU has been preparing to be compliant with federal law. Including mandate that defines what an employee is. Grad students tread fine line between students and employees
        - Federally, employee is someone who works 30 hours per week. IU has divided people between covered and not covered.
        - Info will be disseminated after Benefits Committee.
    - Email Kat with any questions
  - Strategic Plan Update
    - Provost's plan to decide main goals to be completed by 2020. Committee is meeting every week.
    - We have rep on this committee
    - Finalizing what main initiatives are.
    - Wants feedback – <http://indiana.edu/~provocst/plan>
      - Or Email Ron – [gpsotr@indiana.edu](mailto:gpsotr@indiana.edu)
  - School of Media Creation – *Dave, Vice President*

- <https://sites.google.com/a/umail.iu.edu/school-of-media/>
    - Administration looking to combine schools to make School of Media to be housed in CAS.
    - Various opportunities to give feedback.
    - Finalized proposal being brought to Board of Trustees October 17-18.
    - Many questions still unanswered; people don't know what this means.
    - Working group from impacted programs
    - Google site created – everyone can see site, but only working group can post/add.
      - We want to know what people think; what questions people have
      - All public documents together here.
    - Belief amongst some that Board of Trustees will approve – what type of role should students play?
    - Ask Dave questions
  - University Committees
    - We still have some openings – education policy BFC, etc. please contact to volunteer; advocate!
- Training:
  - History & Organization
    - A good number of people are at their first meeting.
    - Pillars –
      - Advocacy
      - Community building
      - Academic support
      - Resources
    - Goal: advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate and professional student community.
    - Assembly meets once a month; everyone serves on committees
    - We bring speakers to make sure that you know what's going on.
    - Assembly Reps:
      - Serve as liaisons
      - Attend meetings
        - Legislators
  - Drafting
    - First step = finding issues
    - Second step = bring to GPSO
      - Research, discuss, formulate opinion
    - Third step = draft legislation
    - Fourth step = bring before Assembly for vote
    - Fifth step = executive committee advocates to IU community

- Basically, take committee’s opinion and copy and paste into the templates on our webpage.
      - Vice chairs and chairs will be trained to do this
    - Resolution – what we cannot do anything about
    - Act – things we can actually change; i.e. internal changes
  - If we have issue not relating to our committee?
    - Legislation/resolutions don’t have to go through committee, but unnecessary
      - Can bring it to the relevant committee
  - Can the issues we’re worried about that isn’t student life related be brought up?
    - Yes, but would impact the success of the resolution.
  - Robert’s Rules – *Debbie, Parliamentarian*
    - See powerpoint.
- Business:
  - Folklore Seat Name & Consolidation – *Maya Alkateb, Folklore Rep.*
    - Folklore has fewer than 200 students in the entire department; we would like to have one seat.
    - The department changed its name a long time ago, the current name of the seat doesn’t reflect that. We would like to change it to Folklore and Ethnomusicology.
    - Motion to approve changes; seconded.
      - Yes - 44
      - No – 0
      - Abstain - 2
  - Fair Elections Bill\* – *Justin Vasel, Student Affairs Vice-Chair*
    - Changes to remove potentiality of groupthink phenomenon – remove the consensus rule
    - Also, require 75% affirmative vote for uncontested election to ensure that the candidate is appropriate to take spot.
    - Changes article 3 section 7 mirror those in article 3 section 3.
    - No questions.
    - Motion to approve the Fair Elections Bill. Seconded.
    - Debate
      - Does it matter if the person doesn’t have experience?
        - Could be an issue, and that’s something to debate at the time when a candidate is running. People come from other places with appropriate experiences; getting acquainted with GPSO isn’t a big burden.
      - What happens if there isn’t 75% for an uncontested election?
        - Up to the assembly.

- Could someone be nominated that isn't present at the meeting
  - Doesn't matter for normal process, can be nominated during a month between when nominations are nominated and the elections
- Why would someone run for GPSO if they weren't part of the organization?
  - There are lots of people who wouldn't run, but there are others who are more confident and feel comfortable doing so. It's a personal decision, and the option should be there.
  - People not in the Assembly might not be present reps, they could be past members with experience, who should
- Don't some exec committee members get fee remission and stipend? There's a reason to run.
  - President and two hired position
- Vote
  - Yes - 38
  - No - 3
  - Abstain – 5
- Please take advantage of legislative process.
- Committee Meetings – Benefits, Diversity, Programming, Student Affairs, Sustainability – Committee 4:34pm; *de facto adjournment*