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 – 1st 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.](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 30th
        - 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
  o Great way to see how the process works.
  o 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
  o Representative Agreement
    ▪ http://www.indiana.edu/~gpso/about/gpso-assembly-reps/gpso-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:
  o 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 1st. 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
        o Federally, employee is someone who works 30 hours per week. IU has divided people between covered and not covered.
        o Info will be disseminated after Benefits Committee.
    ▪ Email Kat with any questions
  o 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
  o School of Media Creation – Dave, Vice President
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
  o 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?
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o 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