



Indiana University - Bloomington

**Graduate & Professional Student  
Organization**

Assembly Agenda | February 7, 2013

*"Advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate and professional student community"*

- **Approval of the Minutes**
  - Minutes passed, no objections.
- **Announcements & Updates:**
  - Straw poll vote of whether to keep the Business Room space.
    - Evenly divided.
  - Upcoming Events – *Kevin, Programming Coordinator*
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Social Hour
    - Grad Café, next up on 2/20
    - Grad Appreciation Week (in late April)
  - Upcoming Speakers – Provost Robel
  - Conference & Partnership Grants
    - There's a deadline coming up soon for these, both due on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - All on the website.
    - All the details are on the website.
    - Please spread it out to your own list serves.
    - Website also explains more regarding the information.
    - Awards
      - Research awards due on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
        - 10 for \$1000
      - Travel Awards
        - 16 for \$500
      - We need volunteers to judge.
  - President's Report
    - Last meeting 2 weeks ago.
    - At Dean Advisory Student's Council about the Strategic Planning Process.
      - Provost highlighted a couple things: interdisciplinary, grand challenges, diversity
      - Plan will be out next week, February 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Attended Faculty Council

- Still for Freedom Indiana
    - Had an update regarding determining Emergency notifications
  - We might have resolution about lactation issues voided at the past Assembly meeting.
- Vice President's Report – *Dave*
  - University has formed advisory committee of how the media and comm school will get together
    - 4 representatives from each dept.
    - GPSO has been invited to sit-in and see the process
  - Next week, Board of Trustees will be meeting and agenda items that will be discussed is on the website
  - The all university student association which is when all the GPSO-related of the other campuses meet together.
  - Dean of Students committee will be meeting on which Dave sits on and gathering (more) input from grad students
  - Strategic plan may not have everything, but all reports from the various cmtes will also be there
- Nominations & Election Process
  - Has been open since December, elections to be held in March
  - Can nominate via email or in person
  - Can send a brief bio before the meeting if at least 3 days before
  - President position
    - A lot of meetings, different acronym orgs, will help co-chair of the Cmte. For Fee Review
    - Besides external meetings, there are big picture issues of GPSO
    - We meet every other week, other advisor, 1-on-1 monthly meetings with officers, and GPSO Assembly meeting
    - Unlike other positions, this is an SAA position and gets fee remission and stipend
  - Vice President
    - With all meetings pres has, dave goes to the meetings
    - Both go to Bloomington faculty meeting
    - Unique to position, also sit on all-university student association, and meets when board of trustees meet and in between to coordinate initiatives that all might want to do
    - Also looks at the advocacy wing of GPSO
    - Makes sure students represented on all/most of the committee meetings to make sure of the students' voice

- Treasurer
    - Work mostly with programming coordinator; he uses the most money
    - Keeping track of expenses and keeping budgets up to date
    - Keeping in contact with the university behind the scenes so that the all the I's are dotted and T's crossed
    - First step in making sure that GPSO has resources it needs
  - Liaison Officer
    - Foster relationships with other student groups
      - Including attending meetings to link them together
    - Foster relationships with faculty with the Bloomington faculty
    - Chair of the diversity committee
      - There are 5 positions that are selected to be part of the assembly
    - Making sure that voice of underrepresented voices heard and
  - Parliamentarian
    - Position that you want if stickler for rules, historical documents, governing, any procedural, head of student affairs, how does GPSO work better to function as an organization
  - Exec-Committee:
    - Lots of other things that not listed
    - Able to learn, skill development, leadership, organization, etc.
    - Also great networking with students, leaders, faculty, administration
  - There are 3 more appointed and 2 hired
- **Business:**
  - **Speaker:** James Wimbush, *Vice President for DEMA & Dean of University Graduate School*
    - All things having to do with graduate students
    - Used to teach in this room
    - Wears multiple hats, wants to talk about the various hats
      - We're a university-wide office, maintaining quality across the various campuses
        - (not professional programs)
        - Typically research-oriented programs
      - Graduate and professional student life (non-academic)
    - They're an academic unit

- They'll be a semblance of the cohesion of the unit across academic programs
- When others see IU and that students come from there, that employers see a strong degree program which is rigorous and that the programs have the best curricular designs and components when students are here
- They provide assistance in attracting students to the various departments
- Additional responsibility to be an Auditor
- Used to be vice provost but duties transferred to Dean Daleke (such as being chair of the graduate cmte of the strategic planning committee)
- IU East only has a couple of graduate programs and all except IUPUI/IUB with less than 100
  - Differences in the various programs, but his office tries to keep everything working together
  - To achieve quality programs that we will all benefit from
- Tries to have a climate to improvise
  - Recruitment, retention, \_\_\_\_\_ | outreach | climate = important for staff/students
  - Diversity has been very important to the University Graduate School
- Office got \$1 million dollars to go towards diversity-increasing initiatives
- (with doctors, money/funding and mentorship are the most important for attraction/retention)
- Question regarding the trad youth organization: what's the response of the university?
  - One of the 1<sup>st</sup> things that he had to deal with
  - One of his meetings came to an end regarding a protest
  - Org. marching at the sample gates, through campus
  - Saw the protesters and counter-protesters
  - There was chalkings, the physical plant equipment/staff was immediately directed to be removed
  - IU President made it clear that it is not condoned and not a part of the values
    - Only orgs that are endorsed are the student org and the SA but all other are at IU but not of IU
  - IU does allow for discourse, protection of 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights, but still does not condone actions; the group did not break any student code of conduct, regulations, and/or applicable laws
  - The university is monitoring all incidents that are reported

- Only 1 of the 4 protesters was actually determined to be an IU student
  - For UGS hat: music school got a random requirement that upped their number of credits by 1
    - If that particular music is professional, then no purview
    - If it's masters/research, then we can investigate
  - Questions: Cost-of-living adjustment regarding various, including, but not limited to fellowships/internships/SAA
    - Funding is a concern, especially as it's a national concern, being
  - Any programs/initiatives to increase diversity
    - Doctoral level: 10 scholarships to incentive, community-building/mentoring graduate center for the retention and learn to be mentors as well as faculty to be mentors for peer-to-peer and graduate-undergraduate, post-doc-gad, and prof-post-doc relationships; anyone with an Indiana.edu email will avail themselves of the online information from F\_\_\_\_\_;
    - conference to have a forum for students to learn about the professoriate in addition to the networking opportunities;
    - dissertation –year fellowships 6 each for IUPUI/IUB in regards to funding and just need a little more time
- Campus Bicycle Master Plan Resolution – *Andrew Bredeson, Sustainability Committee*
  - Have been working on it since the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
  - Mostly a gentle nudge, for momentum.
  - Didn't just want a general bicycle of those currently on, so they solicited opinions by meeting an IUOS and the Transportation Working Group to get a long-term view of what has and should be done.
  - “If you want to do something to promote change, you need to push for a bicycle master plan”
    - Master plan mentions bicycle, but should be more concrete.
    - A study was done that bicycling would reduce the number of single-people cars coming to school.
  - There's a general consensus that nothing will be done until a master plan is actual done to have something more comprehensive.
  - Wrote to promote a better bicycling community/environment.
  - Need for this has been acknowledged to have this master plan for infrastructure of the school.

- Promoting the community to integrate with the city that's constantly improving.
- Question:
  - we should stay away from specific action items and keep it more general
- Question: Share what is bike-sharing. Also, what's the rationale for increasing the paths in the Arboretum
  - Bike share: new program that has been in the works by IUOSA basically a bicycle library and students will be able to check them out
  - Because paths are so narrow, maybe make wider or more since it's a high-traffic corridor
- Question: signage enforcement?
  - Master plan will most likely include that and administration is already considering that in meetings
- Motion approved. Seconded.
- Question: Is this really necessary?
  - A lot of Americans are driving. Do GPSO members actually do?
  - If there's issues there should be another committee to have it.
  - A lot who don't have vehicles would support so that there's an easier way to get to school.
- Vote 42-1-1
- Recommendations
  - Support momentum of Working Group
  - Listed some examples of what needs to be done.
- **Open Floor**
- **Committee Meetings** – Benefits, Diversity, Programming, Student Affairs, Sustainability
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Next Event:** Social Hour, Feb. 7th (Tonight!), 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Atlas
  - **Next Meeting:** March 7th, 3:30 – 5:00pm, Location TBD

*\*Attachments:* Campus Bicycle Master Plan Resolution