



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Minutes | October 3, 2014

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

- **Committee Meetings** – Benefits, Diversity, Programming, Student Affairs, Sustainability
- **Assembly Picture**
- **Approval of the Minutes**
- **Announcements & Updates:**
 - GPSO 101 Review?
 - Brady asked if there were burning issues to address ahead of time. There was no response.
 - Join the Awards Committee!
 - Josh plugged the awards committee and explained the review process.
 - There are two submission periods, and volunteers review submissions for merit using a rubric.
 - Josh asked for several volunteers and passed around a sign-up sheet.
 - Note: you cannot apply for an award if you are on a committee.
 - Committees Update – *Chair or Vice-Chair*
 - Student Affairs – John Fassano - SA will be working on a student emergency fund. We are exploring the idea of funding students who are in a state of financial hardship that occurs after the student is already attending school. SA will cooperate with Benefits committee on upcoming issues.
 - Sustainability – Andrew Bredesen – Resolutions will be forthcoming on Divestment, Solar Array on campus, Parking (with benefits committee), reporting on the energy master plan, and landscaping.
 - Diversity – Julianna Gjonaj – Div. committee would like to connect international students through an opt-in program with domestic student mentors/partners. Div. will also focus on disability through an “ask-me-anything” panel.
 - Benefits – Ben – Benefits committee will focus on carpooling for grad students, an online database that captures benefits offered at other big 10 schools, and a continuing last year’s focus on developing mother-friendly infrastructure on campus (ie lactation rooms).
 - Programming – Julian, Community Development Coordinator
 - Two main ideas for programming -
 - Homecoming tailgate (bring your hats).
 - Event focusing on skill development:
 - Stress management - It was suggested that we add

- intramural events for stress management
 - Contract negotiation/conflict resolution
 - Employer Relations
 - Resume-creation/ Professional Headshots/ Online branding
 - Awareness & Communication – *Jessie, Communications Coordinator*
 - We are attempting to promote IU and a connection between IU and the GPSO. The website is a helpful source of information on IU and Grad Student Programs. GPSO has an effective social media presence – facebook and twitter. We are developing an instagram and linkedin as well.
 - We are will be developing a marketing campaign to promote grad students to feel a connection to the university. We hope this will improve community feeling among graduate students.
 - President’s Report
 - President’s Council – a committee for GSA presidents to promote communication and programming.
 - Grad Grant Center – this is underfunded and we hope this will change.
 - DoSAB – we met with Dean and other student gov. leaders about culture of care.
 - Meeting with P. Robel – Also focused on culture of care/ violence against women.
 - There are upcoming meetings with the BFC, CFR, and Dean Daleke. Also GPSO officers will attend the IU student leader colloquium an Oct 11.
 - Roberts Rules of Order Review – *Skyler, Parliamentarian*
 - Skyler did an great job on this.
- **Business:**
 - Constitutional Amendment No. 3 – *Justin, Vice President*
 - The aim of this amendment is remove the grants officer position from the constitution.
 - Preliminary approval - 52 yes, 1 no
 - GPSO Budget Approval
 - We receive most of our funding through student fees, and we spend about \$30000 on student salaries. We also spend significant amounts on advocacy efforts, programming, and staff resources.
 - Approval passes – 50 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.
- **Open Floor**
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Tonight!:** Social Hour, Oct. 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Sports
 - **Upcoming:** Bagel Hours, every other Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm, KH103