



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Minutes | January 16, 2015

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

1. Committee Meetings

2. Approval of Minutes – approved

3. Announcements

a. Committee Update:

i. Student Affairs

1. Still working on emergency fund resolution
2. Still working on mental health survey resolution

ii. Benefits

1. Carpool resolution upcoming
2. Spouse ID resolution is forthcoming
3. The committee is discussing info on possible 401K accounts

iii. Sustainability

1. Renewable energy resolution forthcoming
2. Wildlife preservation resolution is also being worked on

iv. Diversity

1. One group working on international mentorship program
2. Another group talked about changing language in campus alerts to be less gendered

b. Community development Update

i. GPSO is offering free professional photograph service

1. Event on Tuesday Jan. 27 in the school of education, 4-7pm

- ii. "Make me bad" event – dramatic play
 - 1. Bloomington Playwrights Project
 - 2. Downtown Theatre
 - 3. Reception beginning at 6:30 in January 29th
- iii. Bagel Hours begins Thursday January 22nd 9-11 am
- iv. Condom Fashion Show – Thursday February 12th, 8pm in Alumni Hall
- c. Communications Update
 - i. Shirts have been ordered. They will be available in the office beginning in January 26th.
 - ii. Mid-Year Survey results were are partially in. We are still accepting answers

4. **President's Report:**

- a. Mid-Year survey revealed that we need more discussion time and that people would like guest speakers
- b. Grants
- c. Awards Committee Sign-ups
 - i. Sign up to review a single award
 - ii. We need people to make this process work

5. **Guest Speaker**

- a. Maria Hamilton Abegunde – Director of the Graduate Mentoring Center (and Professor in African American and Diaspora Studies)
- b. The center provides counseling and mentoring to graduate students as well as programming for underrepresented student groups in doctoral programs.
- c. The center works to provide community to reduce stress for graduate students
- d. It is also exploring the best forms of mentoring
- e. The center has considered many of the issues we are grappling with, such as graduate student retirement accounts.
- f. Students asked questions about how the center would seek to address mental health issues.

6. Roberts Rules Review

7. Constitutional Amendment 1 – AUSA responsibilities

- a. 34-0-0 Passed

8. Constitutional Amendment 2 – Diversity Officer

- a. 34-0-0 Passed

9. Renewable Energy and Energy Accountability Resolution

- a. Focuses on improving “green” energy investment and reporting or emissions by IU
- b. 26-2-5 Passed