



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Minutes | November 7, 2014

“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. **Benefits**
 1. Resolution for parking permits
 2. Resolution on parking changes from ACA
 3. Attempting to extend grace period for fee payment in Spring
 - ii. **Diversity**
 1. Focus in communication with International Mentor program
 2. Two resolutions today
 - iii. **Sustainability**
 1. Presenting Print Resolution
 2. Still considering energy and emission resolutions
 - iv. **Student Affairs**
 1. Still considering student emergency fund
 2. Discussing academic freedom concerns from BFC
 - b. **Social Hour at the Bishop** tonight with Chipotle campus
 - c. **Laser tag** planned for this month
 - d. Next educational event will focus on **healthy eating**

4. Apparel Options

- a. There is a slightly cheaper option – which we voted to accept

5. Fall Travel Awards

- a. These were given out recently – congratulations to the winners

6. President's Report:

a. University Strategic Plan

- i. This is open for public comment and feedback.

b. Board of Trustees

- i. A position is open to a student

c. IU Student Leaders Colloquium

d. Bloomington Faculty Council

- i. A current concern in this body is academic freedom. They will be reaffirming the university's position on this.
- ii. Tuition raises for the next two years will be set soon.
- iii. Students receive two free mental health visits per semester

e. All University Student Association

- i. This body is becoming more active.

f. Committee for Fee Review

- i. This body will meet soon to distribute student fees

g. Student Welfare Initiative

- i. This committee is currently focused on campus sexual assault

7. Divestment Update

- a. We have already passed a resolution on this
- b. AUSA, IUSA, and IUS all got on board
- c. A student movement plans to call itself "Reinvest IU"

8. Constitutional Vote on Grants Officer

- a. 45 – 0 – 0 - Passed

9. Equitable Identification Card Act

- a. Intended to assist transgender students who are not “outed”
- b. 39 – 0 – 4 - Passed

10. Religious and Cultural Observance Awareness Resolution

- a. This would ask the administration to email the student body when religious observances are going on so that they may be excused from class, etc.
- b. 34 – 5 – 5 – Passed

11. Paper Resolution – Printing and Recycled Paper

- a. 35 – 3 – 6 - Passed