



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Minutes | December 5, 2014

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

- **Committee Meetings** – Benefits, Diversity, Programming, Student Affairs, Sustainability
- **Approval of the Minutes**
 - **Approved**
- **Announcements & Updates:**
 - **Please pay Jessie and Return Placard**
 - **Committee Updates – Chair or Vice-Chair**
 - **Benefits** – Introducing resolution today
 - Introducing conversation on spouse ideas
 - **Diversity**
 - Disability activism
 - International Inclusion
 - Mentoring Program
 - **Sustainability**
 - Introducing resolution today
 - Working with SSC to fund sustainability projects
 - Asking for university strategic plan to include sustainability
 - **Student Affairs**
 - Discussing Student Emergency fund
 - Conducting ongoing research on Big10
 - Considering feasibility of a campus food pantry.
 - **Community Development Update – Julian**
 - Bagel Hours are now monthly – 2nd Thursday of Each month
 - Social Hour tonight at Nicks from 7-9pm
 - **Conference Grant Winners Selected**
 - 4 were selected for funding. Represented departments include English, biology, comparative literature, and Latin American studies.
 - **President’s Report**
 - BFC – Gen Ed requirements are changing for undergrads
 - Student Welfare Committee is focused on sexual assault
 - “It’s on us” campaign will begin next semester

- GPSO will be moving again next year
 - IU Divestment Initiative Update – *Andrew*
 - BFC voted 36-3 to support divestment
 - Speaking with foundation in a few weeks
 - We are planning a panel discussion on pros and cons for students
 - Please spread the petition. Names can be hidden if people are worried about that.
 - Semester Review of Initiatives' Progress
 - Equitable ID – Done
 - Religious Observance – Can be done easily and will be done soon, we think
 - Printing – Upcoming meeting with finance director
 - Fossil Fuel – See above
 - Survey about assembly and GPSO will be coming out soon
- **Business:**
 - Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (AUSA Representative Status)
 - To use the GPSO President, rather than the VP for AUSA meetings
 - Passed 37 – 0 – 0
 - Constitutional Amendment No. 4 (Liaison Position)
 - To change the liaison to the diversity chair. Will not eliminate Juliana as an officer this term
 - Passed 37 – 0 – 0
 - Graduate Student Carpool Parking Privileges Resolution – *Ben*
 - Passed 28 – 5 – 3
 - Renewable Energy & Energy Accountability Resolution – *Andrew & Ben Verdi, SPEA Rep.*
 - Tabled 21 – 2
- **Open Floor**
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - ***Tonight!:*** Social Hour, Dec. 5th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Nick's
 - ***Upcoming:*** Bagel Hours, every second Thursday, 9:00am – 11:00am, KH103