



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Minutes | February 6, 2015

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

- **Committee Meetings** – Benefits, Diversity, Programming, Student Affairs, Sustainability
- **Approval of the Minutes**
- **Speakers:**
 - Guest Speaker: Bill Brown - Director of Sustainability for IU
 - Director for all IU campuses as of February
 - Sponsors student sustainability council
 - The office is now seeking new interns.
 - Graduate students can apply for research grants from the Sustainability Office.
 - The office is actively working on composting, recycling, biking, gardening, etc (these relate directly to GPSO inquiries).
 - Q: How can we improve buildings (ex. New cooling station)?
 - E: contact facilities
 - Guest Speaker: Jacqueline Bauer – Sustainability Coordinator, Dept. of Economic and Sustainable Development, City of Bloomington
 - Seeking advice on how to work with students on how to improve city energy use
 - Mocoenergychallenge.com is where people can go to get more information
- **Announcement & Updates:**
 - Committee Updates – *Chair or Vice-Chair*
 - Diversity: Working on disability and women’s safety on campus
 - Sustainability: Discussed upcoming Sustain IU week in Feb 16-20 – includes screening of documentaries with filmmaker and panel on divestment
 - Student Affairs: Working on a committee mission statement and student mental health issues
 - Benefits: Working on spousal ID issue and grad student retirement accounts
 - President’s Report

- Divestment – will be handled by Reinvest IU mostly from now on
 - Ramping up action on this
 - Sexual Misconduct Policy
 - Panel occurred recently – this is considered a civil rights issue
 - Initiative Tracker
 - Leadership 2015-2016 Selection Process – Elections/Appointment/Hiring Information
 - Position Descriptions
 - Each officer described their position’s duties
 - These are available on the website
 - Audit Options Review – *Skyler*
 - The two options on the table are to divide by department or divide by school (except A&S)
- **Initiative Updates & Open Floor** (time permitting)
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - ***Tonight!*** Social Hour, February 6th, 7:00 – 9:00pm, The Vid
 - ***Upcoming:*** Bagel Hours, every third Thursday, 9:00am – 11:00am, KH103
 - ***Upcoming:*** Condom Fashion Show, Thursday Feb. 12th, 8:00-10:00pm, IMU Alumni Hall
 - An HIV Awareness event
 - ***Upcoming:*** Basketball Watch Party, Thursday Feb. 19th, 7:00pm, BuffaLouie’s