



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Minutes | April 3, 2015

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

- **3:30 - 4:00** - Committee Meeting Time
- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - Passed
- **Speaker: James Wimbush**, Dean of UGS and VP of DEMA Office
 - IU is currently operating under the IU bicentennial plan, and we are forming a new strategic plan for going forward.
 - For IUB, Bloomington Strategic Plan will govern our future actions.
 - IUB conducted a interdisciplinary student study on undergraduate curriculum that will be published soon; it will likely be considered a groundbreaking study in education.
 - Other recent grant requests have been successful, and several more are forthcoming that will help Graduate Students.
 - A summer program for POC undergraduates has helped IU enroll minorities in doctoral and professional programs.
 - The Graduate Mentoring Center is getting off to a strong start. This Center will ultimately serve all IU campuses. It is designed to support and assist

graduate students with their research and writing. It is also meant to foster a sense of community amongst graduate students.

- UGS and GPSO will be moving to Wells library on June 26th. This will synchronize well with the graduate portion of the library. There will essentially be a “graduate floor” in the library.
- Q: How will other schools take advantage of the new curriculum study?
 - The current grant is focused on developing curriculum in the sciences.
If funding is available, there may be an expansion into the humanities.
- Dean Wimbush is asking the University President to focus more purposefully on graduate students and not just on undergraduates.

- **Updates:**

- Sustainability - Will bring forth a tripartite resolution today.
- Student Affairs - Talked about next year’s initiatives: CAPS improvements and a Student Emergency Fund.
- Benefits - A speaker will be coming to address student IRAs – April 17th.
- Diversity - Working on Google Doc to pass on information to students next year.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Tonight - Social Hour - April 3rd at 7pm at the Bishop
- Graduate Appreciation Week

April 15th - Nomz and Songs - Karaoke and Food 9-11pm at the Root Cellar

April 16th - Gourmet Badel Hour - 9-11am in Kirkwood 103

April 17th – International Food Night - 8-10pm at Atlas

Earlier on that date, the IRAs event.

- **Year in Review – Resolutions and Legislation:**

- 3 Constitutional Changes
- Resolution on Printing Resources
- Religious and Cultural Observance Awareness
- Equitable ID Card
- 9 more resolutions this year – found on website
- Progress – improved fee schedule, preferred names in university use, better energy accountability reporting, etc
- Growth – Increased programming, increased awards, increased GPSO awareness, and improved commitment to inclusiveness and transparency

- **Approval of Nominated Officers**

- Candidates:
 - Awards – Adrian Paneto
 - Benefits – Ben Draper
 - Diversity – Brittany Witherspoon
 - Sustainability – Kyle Norweg
- (All these candidates are members of a department within the College of Arts & Sciences)
- All officers approved – 33-0-1
- 73 divided by 3 = 24.3 + 1 = 25 (Quorum Question)

- **GPSO Name Change Amendment (to GPSG)**
 - Approved! 29-0-0
- **Rape Alert Language Resolution**
 - Resolution was brought about by a rape alert that IUPD sent out that included victim-blaming tips and gendered language.
 - Passed 23 - 1 - 5
- **Sustainability Omnibus Resolution**
 - Addresses three specific sustainability goals: 1) create a sustainability focused “grand challenge,” 2) ask President McRobbiw to sign the ACUPCC this academic year, and 3) expand solar energy production for IUB.
 - Passed 31-0-0
- **Resolution to Support President McRobbie’s Statement**
 - Passed 31-0-0