



## Graduate & Professional Student Government

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Assembly Agenda | November 4, 2016

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

- **Welcome**— *Adam Reneker, GPSG President*
  - **Approval of the Minutes**
  - **President Updates**
    - Representative Handbook
    - [Student Trustee](#)
    - [Travel Awards](#)
- **Upcoming Events**— *Karisa Millington*
  - [Thursday Bagel Hour](#) – **November 17, 9-11 AM Global and International Studies Building Room (GA 1060)**
- **Committee Updates**— *Committee Chairs*
  - **Sustainability-** Education & Awareness: Sustainability is Beautiful Photo Contest, launch before Thanksgiving break. We will Promote it through GPSG social media & GA
    - Sustainable Investing: will evaluate alternative endowment trials with NetImpact and investment-savy folks
    - Potential resolution to make GPSG procurement practices more sustainable, avoid food waste & non-reusable plastic
    - Trying to congregate major sustainability leaders around campus for discussion
      - How to avoid duplicate work and increase synergy among IUSA, GPSG, SSC
  - **Diversity-** We are hoping to continue to move forward in planning and researching for our main initiatives, and hope to bring legislation to the floor by the end of the year. Diversity has formally established its three subcommittees, addressing issues of sexual assault and sexual violence prevention, providing resources and information to international students, and lobbying for a prayer room to be established in Wells Library for the use of Muslim students. All three subcommittees are working hard on these

initiatives, and we hope to present the Assembly with results in the next few months.

- **Benefits**-We are working on two initiatives: SAA family/medical leave policy and AI pay equity. There has been progress on the Graduate Student Resource survey by providing input to UGS and Vice Provost office; beginning a new initiative to formalize a policy on family/medical leave for SAAs.
- **Health & Wellness**- H&W committee is finalizing two resolutions and is planning activities for graduate students at the RSRC. They are also working on food insecurities on campus as well.
- **Proposed Resolutions**— *Blake Forland, GPSG Vice-President*
  - Active Shooter Resolution (*PASSED*)
    - (1) *Academic Departments, the University Graduate School, the Graduate and Professional Student Government, and other interested parties should make efforts to increase awareness of Protect IU and existing Active Shooter recommendations;*
    - (2) *The Graduate and Professional Student Government should assist in the facilitation of active shooter response training for graduate students and faculty in order to provide additional hands on training and/or workshop.*
  - Alcohol Abuse Support Resolution (*PASSED*)
    - (1) *Academic Departments, the University Graduate School, the Graduate and Professional Student Government, and other interested parties should make efforts to increase awareness of alcohol abuse amongst graduate students and support that is currently available along with promoting visits to CAPS and other psychological and wellness services;*
    - (2) *The Graduate and Professional Student Government should assist in the creation of, with the consent of relevant parties, a graduate Alcoholics Anonymous group. This program should have the goal of providing support through shared experiences for students seeking help with alcohol abuse.*
- **Presentation of Proposed Constitution & Bylaws**- *Alyssa Gonzales-Specht, GPSG Parliamentarian*
  - Alyssa Gonzales showcased the motion procedure – Roberts Rules
  - All comments directed to the chair (President)

- Everyone will have a chance to talk two times
- Representatives must stand up say their name
- At the end of procedure, vote or abstain from voting
- **Discussion of Proposed Constitution & Bylaws**
  - [Changes discussed included:](#)
    - Non-Substantive Change (PASSED)
    - Dissolution of the Parliamentarian Role and Creation of the Health and Wellness Officer Role (PASSED)
    - Dissolution of the International Council and Clarification the Diversity Council (DID NOT PASS)
    - Selection process for the Diversity Council (PASSED)
    - Shift of Budget Approval to the Spring (PASSED)
    - Introduction of Electorates (PASSED)
    - Plan for Executive Committee Votes (PASSED)
    - Creation of a Standard for Representative Selection (PASSED)
    - Removal of Non-Voting Representatives (PASSED)
    - Adjust Representation to 1 Additional Vote Per 100 Students in the Electorate (PASSED)
    - [All of these changes description are detailed here. \[PDF\]](#)
- **Until Next Time**
  - Meet with Committees
  - Social Hour
- **Adjourn!**