



Graduate & Professional Student Government
First Assembly Meeting Minutes | September 9th, 2016
3:30 – 5:00 PM Hodge Hall 2083

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

Assembly Minutes [\[Click here for a PowerPoint that goes with this presentation\]](#)

Adam Reneker, President:

- GPSG 101
 - Mission
 - *“Advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate and professional student community.”*
 - Objectives
 - To act as the **sole official representative** of all members of the Indiana University-Bloomington (IUB) **graduate and professional student population** before the administration, faculty and student governance bodies;
 - To **appoint graduate and professional student representatives** to administrative, faculty, student and community committees, and other such venues in which graduate seats currently, or in the future, will exist; and
 - To **address matters pertaining to the general academic, professional and social climate of IUB** and the City of Bloomington as they affect the life and well-being of the graduate and professional student population.
 - Importance
 - Position of graduate students
 - Have the ability to affect change on the campus
 - Structure
 - Assembly
 - What we do
 - Governing body of GPSG
 - Pass resolutions to communicate the wants and needs of graduate students to the administration
 - Logistics
 - Most formal part of GPSG, b/c this is where we are “speaking for grad students”
 - Representatives at 6/8
 - Once per month
 - If you can’t come, need to send proxy
 - Can be replaced after 3rd absence
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - Video

- Meet w/ ExComm 2 times per semester
 - Sit on outside committee or work with external office
 - Culture
 - Thrive! Not just squeak by
 - Engaged in the culture
 - Meet people outside of their departments
 - Experience everything IU has to offer
 - Athletics
 - The arts
 - Beautiful campus
 - Quirky culture of Bloomington
 - Make sure all students are aware of the opportunities and feel empowered to take advantage of them
- Introductions
 - Blake
 - External Committees
 - Health and Wellness
 - Linus
 - Sustain
 - Kate
 - Benefits
 - Colton
 - Diversity
 - Adrian
 - Awards
 - Brian
 - Budget
 - Mariana
 - General Communications
 - Karisa
 - Programming
- Expectations
 - Attendance
 - 1st step is to be in the room
 - Representatives
 - Must attend 6/8 assemblies
 - Be an active member of advocacy committee
 - All
 - Attend committee meetings
 - Attend programming
 - Engagement
 - Don't just show up!
 - Listen
 - Participate

- Discuss
- Don't vote apathetically
- Take a leadership position in your committee
- Propose new ideas
- Communication
 - Don't keep it to yourself!
 - Talk about advocacy you are working on
 - Get their opinions!
 - If we are representing grad students, we need to know what they think
 - Invite others to come along
 - Promote programming
 - Invite your department to show up to stuff
 - Share the events on Facebook
 - Tell people to sign up for the newsletter
 - Link to sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/pBCUVvxaPk4uKH5G2>