



## Graduate & Professional Student Government

Assembly Minutes | January 19, 2018

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

- **Welcome & Announcements** — *Adam Reneker, GPSG President*
  - Luddy Hall is now open
  - New medical center now officially being built on campus
  - Animesh Priya (Diversity Committee Officer):
    - **India Remixed happening this year!**
      - Over a month of events—check them out online!
      - Also, every weekend, Indian cinema classics will be screened at Wells Library
- **Approval of the Minutes**
  - Approved!
- **Programming & Outreach Updates** —*Richard Brewer, GPSG Community Development Coordinator*
  - Instead of Networking and Dessert, GPSG will hold professionalization workshops for graduate students this semester; **first event is a CV/resume workshop on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Wells Library, 12:30—1:30**
    - All events are available on our calendar on the GPSG website
  - GPSG Gala!
    - Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>—Wonderlab Museum
    - Fifteen dollars for admission buys entrance to the event with food and drinks, as well as access to the museum
    - Also a kid-friendly event
    - **Look out for updates on our newsletter!**
    - There will be a limit of around 300 tickets, so be sure to keep an eye out for when the tickets go on sale
- **Treasury Update** – *Kevin Stuparek, Treasurer*
  - GPSG was able to give three more travel awards to applicants this year, and is under budget for the year so far

- **Advocacy Committee Updates**

- Benefits Committee — *Kehinde Ligali, GPSG Benefits Officer*
  - The committee has collected its data from the records office and is brainstorming what to do with the information, perhaps to publish information about graduate student income (SAAs, etc.)
    - **Share any ideas you might have with Kehinde!**
  - Partners club—idea to create a space or grads' partners can link up and participate in different activities together, share resources and info
    - Considering a formal or informal organization—**again, feel free to share any ideas with Kehinde!**
- Diversity Committee — *Animesh Priya, GPSG Diversity Officer*
  - Gathered information about international student fees
    - This has been decided on by the trustees and won't be rolled back
    - Trying to create a student say in how this fee money is spent by keeping in conversation with the VP for International Affairs
  - Met with Dr. Reesor (Office of Student Affairs) about releasing bias incident reports
    - Releasing the data may help people become aware of the option to file bias incident reports
    - Can help the university get a better idea of what's really going on among students
  - Continuing work on the three goals of safety, inclusion, and accountability, and to produce resolutions/recommendations before the end of the academic year
- Health & Wellness Committee — *Josh Barnathan, GPSG Health & Wellness Officer*
  - GPSG talks for January were postponed, but it will be run on February 14<sup>th</sup>
    - **Look out for an email to apply!** And please share that info with your department.
  - Main aims going forward:
    - Follow-up on food insecurity (updates coming)
    - Addressing mental health; grad student open support groups
    - Faculty alliance program for mental health

- Grad-only intramural leagues (part 2)
  - Sustainability Committee — *Dylan Finley, GPSG Sustainability Officer*
    - Goals for the semester:
      - Finish the resolutions the committee started
      - Plan bike event and work on Earth week event
        - Sustain IU week also upcoming
      - Continue environmental advocacy plans
      - Welcome new people, ideas, and goals
- **GPSG Election Preview** — *Adam Reneker, GPSG President*
  - Elections during March assembly
    - Applications for appointed, elected, and staff positions will be available after February assembly
    - Appointed and staff position are chosen after elections are completed
    - New elected officers will contribute to choosing the appointed/staff positions
      - Elected: President, Vice President, Treasurer
      - Appointed: Awards, Benefits, Diversity, Health and Wellness, Sustainability
      - Hired Staff: Communications, Community Programming Coordinator
        - Be ready for an interview if you are interested in the appointed and/or staff positions
    - All duties, responsibilities, etc., are available online (GPSG assembly slideshow); also feel free to contact any of the Executive Committee to ask them about their position and the responsibilities involved
- **GPSG Metrics and Statistics Committee** — Daniel Bullock, Research Ambassador
  - Forming a new committee to do research on behalf of other committees, to collect info and then efficiently disseminate it to the other committees and the entirety of the GPSG; their charter document will be made available online.
  - Call is currently out for participants! Contact Mikaela Akrenius, Metrics and Statistics Liaison ([makreniu@uemail.iu.edu](mailto:makreniu@uemail.iu.edu))
    - Compliance officer: maintain records and ensure file compliance
    - Data stewardship and processing: maintaining and analyzing data
    - Data presentation and reporting: summarizing findings, writing reports
- **Advocacy Committee Meetings**