

GPSG Assembly Minutes
January 18, 2019

December Minutes Approved Unanimously

Programming and Events

- January Social Hours Needmore Coffee Roasters
 - January 19, 4-6pm
- GPSG Night at IU Women's Basketball
 - January 24 6pm
- Professional Headshots
- GPSG Gala
 - April 27th, IU Auditorium
 - Tickets on sale end of January

Ambassador Applications Live

- January 31 Priority due date
- 5 positions
 - parent/student, research, veteran, teaching, & student athletes

Treasurer Report

- tracking as expected for finances
- submitting Committee for Fee Review soon, provide feedback to GPSG Treasurer via email

Advocacy Committees

Awards

- Spring Travel and Research Awards went live this week
- 28 Travel Awards available, \$500
- 12 Research Awards available, \$1000
- Deadline is March 15, 11:59pm
- Refer reviewers and apply on GPSG website

Benefits

- Ongoing discussion and collaboration about Graduate Student Debt, working with University Graduate School currently
 - Currently working on a survey to launch in the Spring
 - Have some data from university about stipends, fellowships, and awards for all graduate students
 - College of Arts and Sciences is investigating separately

Diversity

- 3 projects
 - eligibility of international license to rent IU fleet vehicles
 - only US license can use IU vehicles currently

- training for faculty, AI's, TA's to address diversity
 - working on resolution
- international guide for NEW international students while they're abroad and a package will explain what to expect in the US, IU, (e.g., law, taxes, renting apartments, visas)

Sustainability

- Resolutions coming up on transportation and sustainability master plan
 - Read the Bloomington transportation plan

Health & Wellness

- Crimson Cupboard
 - Had call-out meeting 1/17/19, gained more grad student volunteers
- Swing Dancing Event went well last Saturday
- Graduate Student Discussion Groups
 - Coming in February
 - Voted on theme of first discussion
 - 18 voted for Imposter Syndrome
 - 3 Time away from home/family
 - 12 Work/Life Balance
 - 7 Public Speaking
 - 3 could not attend

President's Updates

- Information related to the RCM and distribution of money around campus

Jamie Wittenberg, Head of Scholarly Communication Department

- Research dissemination, impact of current publishing models on grad students at IU
- IU Bloomington Libraries subscribes to 60,000 journals
- Open access publications have become required in some countries, and for public grant-funded research
- Social Justice Issue!
- BFC passed an open access policy unanimously 2 years ago
- Hope to collaboratively find answers to issues to open access publishing
 - Email with questions: jwitten@indiana.edu

Dan Bullock, Rep for Researchers on Campus

- Effect of shutdown on International Students
- If international students encountering issues, University can pass this on to DC representatives
 - Start collecting information from departments or constituents and sharing with us

Leadership Transitions Upcoming

- Elected Positions
 - President, Vice President, Treasurer

- President is Student Academic Appointee
 - Applications Live Feb 1 on Canvas
 - Platforms Due Feb 22 on Canvas
 - March 1 Elections during General Assembly
- Hired Positions
 - Communications Coordinator, Community Development Coordinator
 - Student Academic Appointee
 - Advocacy Awards Officers
 - Applications live March 1
 - Due March 31 on Canvas
 - Interviews 4/1 – 4/11
- New Executive Committee introduced at April Assembly (April 12)
- Can run and apply for multiple positions (but can only hold one position)