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

Health & Wellness
  • Crimson Cupboard
    o Had call-out meeting 1/17/19, gained more grad student volunteers
  • Swing Dancing Event went well last Saturday
  • Graduate Student Discussion Groups
    o Coming in February
    o 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
    o 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
    o Start collecting information from departments or constituents and sharing with us

Leadership Transitions Upcoming
  • Elected Positions
    o 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)