

January 2021 GPSG General Assembly Minutes

Call to order: 3:30 PM

Attendance

Current Required Quorum: 27

Total Attending: 58

Approve December minutes

Approved.

Event Updates

General Assemblies: February 5th, March 5th (elections), April 2nd

Live Adventurously film (February) with Q&A and competition

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKaKngH7oFQ>)

Diversity Summit (March) and Earth Day Summit (April) with call to action.

Leanne Brown (April) talk about food security and social justice, as well as free cook books (<https://www.leannebrown.com/cookbooks/>).

Email gpsgcdc@indiana.edu if you would like to help organize these.

Campus Updates

COVID-19: Covid.IU website has helpful information. Undergrads will be tested once per week this semester. Graduate students, faculty, and staff will be randomly drawn (10,000 / week).

Voluntary testing exist (3,000 per week) and is encouraged.

GPSG Elections: Notification about GPSG elections released soon. Email Dakota at potgpsg@indiana.edu if you would like to chat about them.

Vaccinations: States are determining order of receiving vaccines. Indiana uses age bucket strategy, starting with the elderly. Students should expect to be vaccinated sometime between May and next fall. The GPSG COVID committee may produce a resolution encouraging the university to bump graduate student instructors up in the order.

ACTION ITEM: Dakota will message Dr. Carroll to see if there is a place we should report to once vaccinated (Ben Sebastian's question).

General Assembly Poll - Recommend Policy Issues

Recommendations include a meet-and-greet, Representative training, and policies poll (opened today as Canvas quiz). We also will aim to get resolutions to Representatives one week in advance.

Resolution Follow-up

Graduate student marketing is shared with IU Studios. Access to course information resolution has been taken up by College of Arts and Sciences (let us know if there are any specific professors who are behind on access).

Resolution to Enhance Student Mental Health Resources on Campus (Old Business)

Passed unanimously! 56 votes.

ACTION ITEM: Dakota will send the resolution to CAPS and Graduate Faculty Council task force.

Resolution to Address Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct

We are grateful for those who helped produce this resolution and really appreciate their efforts, as well as all the students who shared their concerns. The resolution will be posted on the GPSG website, sent in the newsletter, sent to the IDS, and to IUSG.

The resolution passed unanimously! 56 votes.

ACTION ITEM: Dakota will send the resolution to those listed above.

Resolution in Support of Transparent Acceptance Letters

Jeff Moscaritolo asked if we can include language about mandatory fees being charged at the beginning of the semester but not getting funding until later.

Kat Munley brought up the need for clarity that all graduate students need to be notified. The Biology program had a situation where letters were changed to be more clear, but older students weren't notified.

Lynn Witty asked if we know every student who has been misled. GPSG won't be able to know this, but we can work through the University Graduate School to work with departments and students to fix problems. Much will be left to departments to work through.

The resolution passed unanimously! 56 votes. Dean Daleke is aware of a specific program that has problems and is already working with their dean to fix them.

ACTION ITEM: Dakota will share the resolution with Dean Daleke.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:23pm