

Minutes compiled by Vice-President Gavin Mariano.

GPSG General Assembly

October 1, 2021

- ⇒ President Luketa welcomed the assembly and guest who attended both in-person and via Zoom, and she reviewed agenda.
- ⇒ An announcement was made that all the documents for today's meetings, including 'quizzes' for collecting votes were hosted on Canvas and only elected assembly members would be privy to those quizzes.
- ⇒ The President welcomed the entire GPSG executive board on stage and each introduced him / her / their self.
- ⇒ The President introduced Vice-President Gavin Mariano.
- ⇒ Vice-President Mariano delivered a brief introduction of the inaugural guest speaker, Indiana University Office of the Vice-President for Diversity, Equity and Multicultural Affairs (OVPDEMA) Assistant Vice-President, Dr. Yolanda Treviño, Ph.D
- ⇒ Transcript of the introduction and a video of Dr. Treviño's speech will be made available on the GPSG website.
- ⇒ Dr. Treviño is the former GPSG Ombudsperson, and her namesake award is awarded each year to a graduate student who goes "beyond themselves in service to the graduate community." Dr. Treviño has, for some time, generously contributed \$1,000.00 to each winner and invites them to a meal to meet them. She delivered remarks concerning the impetus of GPSG, the way Assembly members and executive board members can continue to support the IU graduate community and made calls-to-action for the Assembly.
- ⇒ Vice-President Mariano, with President Luketa by his side, presented Assistant Vice-President Treviño a glass momentum honoring her long-time commitment to GPSG.
- ⇒ President Valentina Luketa made her inaugural speech to the Assembly, Executives, and the public.
- ⇒ Highlights of the address includes remarks such as, "You are the voices of the students in your department." She asked assembly members to tell us what challenges the students in your dept. are experiencing. She noted that graduate student can "feel isolated, lonely and detached at times." She invited all to participate in all the events that GPSG is executing throughout the

entire academic year. She made a call to action asking for everyone's regular feedback. She added, "GPSG is the key component of our graduate student experience. It's our collective voice." She reminded Assemblymembers to encourage recruitment and invite fellow graduate and professional students to events and assemblies. "We serve them," she declared.

- ⇒ The President and the Communication Coordinator, Chelsey Belt introduced Roberts Rules.
- ⇒ Our Treasurer, Dan Myers presented the fiscal year budget. He reminded us that our bylaws mandate its passage. In discussion prior to the motion to passage, Treasurer Myers discussed recent financial changes on account of recommendations to the administration from the Committee for Fee Review (CFR) which met last year and meets bi-annually. The President responded to comments by noting that she and Chairwoman Katy Shy of the Awards committee secured the \$20,000 back, which had been cut by recommendation from the CFR for our travel awards, from the office of the Dean of Students (O'Guinn) and office of the Vice-Provost for Graduate Education (Daleke). A round of applause was given to Luketa and Shy for their efforts. Noted committee each have \$250.00 to spend for events and activities coordinated and executed by committees.
- ⇒ Discussion of the budget took place. Questions from the Assembly were as follows:
 - Assembly person asked about stipends (review who)
 - Asked about travel grants (reminded about openings going on right now)
 - Asked for more details about professional headshot (500 budget; we only charge \$3 – cheap)
 - Is there a "major" change from last year to this year (no)
 - Are there any plans to seek more money? (President Luketa replies, "Yes, we are currently in talks with the Deans. Money will be used for speaker series. SAA stipends need to be increased (not competitive)).
 - Discrepancy of 46K received to 45K giving away; Why? (Because that reflects the CFR cut vs. Dean infusion)
- ⇒ A motion and second were called to pass the budget.
- ⇒ The budget was passed 51-2
- ⇒ The President called each of the committee chairs to the stage to introduce their respective committees. Assembly members were reminded that they must serve on at least one committee. She described our adhoc committees and noted that some committees require an application (each Chair would discuss this during their respective introduction).

- ⇒ Committee reports were provided by and for:
- Chairwoman Chelsea Brinda for the Benefits committee.
 - Chairman Louis Alexandre van der Elst for the Diversity committee
 - Chairman Sage Boyd for the Health and Wellness committee
 - Chairwoman Kaitlin Doucette for the Sustainability committee
 - Chairwoman Katie Shy for the Awards committee.
- ⇒ The president noted that graduate representation is needed on other university-wide committees and that members of the Assembly may serve in those roles if interest. She also reminded the Assembly that she serves on committee that work directly with the top IU administration officials.
- ⇒ A final question from the general Assembly was posed to the executive committee asking if the names of each Assemblyperson and their departments can be listed on Canvas. Coordinator Chelsey Belt advised that efforts are being made to accomplish this.
- ⇒ The President made a farewell statement to the Assembly, and they were encouraged to post individual questions to her and the entire executive committee after conclusion of the Assembly, and at any time via our official E-mail addresses (available on Canvas and the GPSG website)
- ⇒ The Assembly concluded and members disbursed to their respective committee meetings.