

Meeting: GPSO Assembly

Date: Friday, March 5, 2010 3:30 PM

Location: Fine Arts Auditorium

Attendees: 32 department representatives

Agenda:

1. Presentation from Office of Research Ethics, Education and Policy (REEP)

A REEP representative gave a “Mile High View” presentation about research ethics. The presentation discussed RCR (responsible conduct of research) and REEPS services which helps departments, classes, and students at IU raise awareness about issues of ethics in research.

2. Vote on Parliamentary/Liaison Position

- Nick explained that the Liaison and Parliamentarian elected last month have both resigned. He stated that the runners up have been contacted.
- Shana Bridges, the Parliamentarian runner up is interested in the Parliamentarian position. The Assembly was asked to approve this and there were 32 yeas, 0 nos, and 0 abstentions.
- Laura Smothers, the Liaison runner up is interested in the Liaison position. The Assembly was asked to approve this and there were 32 yeas, 0 nos, and 0 abstentions.

3. Vote on GPSO Service Award

Nick explained that this award would recognize an individual who has performed outstanding service on behalf of the GPSO and the graduate student community at IUB by volunteering their time and service to the GPSO. This award would be called the GPSO Treviño Service Award in honor of Yolanda Treviño. The Assembly was asked to approve this new award: 32 yeas, 0 nos, and 0 abstentions.

4. Vote on Assembly Seat for African Studies

In the past the African American and African Studies shared one Assembly seat. The Assembly was asked to approve each department to have their own representative: 29 yeas, 1 no, and 2 abstentions.

5. Update on GPSO Resolutions

- The proposed changes to the Academic Guide for how graduate students are reappointed or dismissed were all accepted except for one item. The one exception is the timeline of when a student will be notified about reappointed. The GPSO requested that students be notified a month in advance. There were objections about this request because some departments don't know if they can fund students until the summer. All other recommendations will now go to the BFC.
- The graduate student IDs proposal is still progressing. Ideally, local merchants will offer GPSO discounts to graduate students. One Assembly representative suggested contacting Trish Surfus, the assistant director of the alumni association who maintains information about local businesses that offer discounts to the IU community.

6. IUSA Elections

If individuals from the IUSA contact the GPSO regarding their events and activities, the GPSO will read these announcements. The Kirkwood Ticket contacted the GSPO to remind them that graduate

and undergraduates are eligible to vote in the IUSA general elections March 9th and 10th. More info can be gotten at www.kirkwoodforiu.com

7. Constitutional revisions

To better address the additional responsibility of the grants officer, Nick proposed modifications to the GPSO constitution to add the following language to this officer position: “to assist the awards chair with review of travel awards applications in the fall semester” and “to oversee the process of reviewing applications for the GPSO research awards in the spring semester and lead the members of the awards committee reviewing applications for the research awards”. The Assembly voted on this item: 32 yeas, 0 nos, and 0 abstentions.

8. Assembly Representatives/Departmental Concerns

One representative asked for clarifications about the Pari Perana award.