

GPSO Meeting minutes
September 3, 2010
First meeting of the new semester
Nick D'Amico, Presiding
Attendance: 38
Started at 3:33 p.m.

Agenda:

Updates on GPSO activities
 Orientation Week
 Even Exchange
Vice President's Resignation/New Elections
Campus Surveillance Policy
New member orientation
Sustainability Announcements

Notes:

- Began with introductions of everyone and a welcome from Nick
- Orientation
 - gave info sessions to students, fair for students on Friday, social hour at Farm, health insurance talk, picnic on Sunday
 - Events were well attended
 - 222 at info fair
 - 1600 dept. visits
 - 50 at ins
 - 75 at picnic
 - approx. 175 or so at social hour

--Even got notes from various departments to thank GPSO

-- Even exchange

Grad students who want to drop and add were not given full refund

To pick up another class, they only get 75%

Now, students have two weeks, full refund for students dropping and adding

No financial penalties, only \$23 late fee

Also changes to the registration system that will send you a note to let you know that you should pay attention to the fee structure

- Must have the same number of course credits, hence the even exchange

--Vice President's resignation / New Elections

- Jenn Miller resigned over the summer
- New elections are necessary
- Elections held next assembly meeting
- Emails sent out, 2 week nomination and platform period
- Platforms sent out via email and elections held in October

- Also, perhaps think about altering the Constitution to deal with absences such as these, potential temporary replacement

--Surveillance Policy

- IU are thinking about placing cameras on campus and they are in the process of drafting a policy on where to put the cameras and limits to surveillance
- Open to questions, concerns (Q/C) and responses (R)
 - Q/C Document lists where they wouldn't be, but not where they would be
 - R: You have to ask to have a camera place and then it goes to a board
 - Q/C Who is "campus authority"? Who is the operator? Are there background checks? Is there an ethical manner by which they are chosen and when they operate?
 - Nick: Ethical guidelines are listed in document, but there should know where they are placed. Might need a student voice on the board.
 - Demographics that are monitored? Not supposed to monitor based on race, sex, gender, but there seems to leave a lot of leeway...
 - Nick: It might need to be some regularized training for the operators, better training or standards for more ethical operation. (It was noted that there would be training, but not what it was going to be...and there is no indication who they give this access to).
 - Is there a feeling that IUB is becoming a less safe campus? What is the impetus? What are the numbers? What are they responding to? Or are they just being safe?
 - Nick: No indication of the reason other than what the statement says
 - Peter: Was an incident of sexual assault where some of it was caught online, but part of the timetable wasn't caught online.
 - How often will they supervise operation of the cameras?
 - Will they be using these cameras during the summer too?
 - What practical measures? How many cameras? What are the costs? If crime isn't that prevalent, will it be practical?
 - Are they giving us a chance to give them input on if it's necessary
 - No, just how to go about doing it.
 - More than likely, it will be a fixed camera instead of a camera that will be moved to follow people.
 - What is the plan? What are the costs for installations? What is the system for assigning location?
 - Will they be installed in cameras on off campus university property?
 - Would the locations of the cameras be made public?
 - Talked of "signage where appropriate"

- Document is for all IU campus, not specifics, so it might be necessary to wait for a more specific document. It will be hard to gauge security until we know where the cameras are going.
- Criteria for extending or keeping footage for longer than 60 days is not defined, but if they could give us guidelines on that, it would be helpful.
- Is there any follow up that is going to evaluate if the program has worked?
- Is there talk of extending escort hours or increasing campus police?
 - Nick: There is a need for this, but it won't affect the surveillance policy
- In the meeting, they said "it's not to catch criminals, it's to deter crime." Prevention is the purpose, and it's a relatively cheap way to do it (rather than increase police force).
- Nick will revise the document and get the changes back to us and we can give additional comments - not necessary to get our response to them until October 5.

--Expectations of GPSO reps

- Handbook found under representative tab on GPSO website
 - Primary duties
 - Attend assembly meetings: important for the entire assembly to maintain quorum, online voting is available, but it's easier if you are here.
 - Please maintain ties with your department so you can bring it up in assembly meetings because it might affect everyone, not just one person.
 - Forward GPSO announcements to departments: Angela sends them out and we should send them on via listserv so the students should be aware of events are going on on campus
 - New template for announcements, though webmail does not always work, but there is a link that allows you to view it in a website
 - Participate in GPSO activities or committees.
 - Programming committee, review grant / travel proposals, serve on BFC committee
 - As far as how to get the word out and to whom, it usually goes to a listserv in your own department, so you might want to ask the departmental secretary
- Sustainability update: Jacob Bower-Bir
 - Themester: Sustain Ability
 - Tom's of Maine: hosting a challenge where they will give money to give to the community
 - Greening the Cream and Crimson
 - Athletics is the biggest waster as far as what they discard on campus and they need volunteers to man recycling bins and do bike valet, etc.

- They need volunteers!!!
 - Free t-shirt, free tickets to the game, perhaps lunch, etc.
- IU is one of 5 Big 10 schools that have not made any sort of movement toward declaring sustainability efforts
 - IU is losing a lot of students that otherwise might come here because we're not articulating our stance on sustainability well
 - There is talk of a mandatory fee to be put toward sustainability efforts
 - Petition by IUSA and backed by Provost Hanson
 - If you check a box when you register then you volunteer to give \$5 for sustainability efforts
 - Jake will bring petition because they need 10,000 signatures in one semester -- signing to get a VOLUNTARY fee, not a mandatory one
 - Website being built right now
 - Give the petition to students, but make sure they know their student ID