

GPSO Assembly Meeting – February 4, 2011

- Discuss grad school representation within individual departments
  - Chris Bentley, SPEA
  - No representation in administrative committees
  - Believes this should be remedied
    - Do we have representation on administration committees
    - What type of representation?
      - Vote? Ad hoc? Voice but no vote? Are there grad students on admissions or hiring committees?
  - Discussion on this topic:
    - Some admissions influence
    - “small decisions”
    - CMCL – grad student on hiring committee, sit in faculty meetings
    - Approximately 10 members said they have no representation on administrative faculty committee
      - Applied health science, recreation, journalism, chemistry, psychology, spea
    - Law school: student bar association acts as the voice of the Law School
      - Some influence for hiring, education, punishment, etc.
    - Search committee for deans always have grad student reps
    - Administrator review committee always has a grad student rep
  - Could draft a resolution that encourages departments to include grad students in the processes
  - Survey to get people’s feedback on what type of representation people have
  - [cwbentle@indiana.edu](mailto:cwbentle@indiana.edu) -- email him if you are interested in further participating in this study
- Preparing future faculty conference
  - Coming up on Friday, February 18 8:30-4:30
  - Indiana Memorial Union Solarium
  - No registration, but Lunch RSVP is necessary
  - Deadline for RSVP -- 2/11/11
  - Email: [iupffc@gmail.com](mailto:iupffc@gmail.com)
  - Electronic version available to forward to departments
- Vote on GPSO amendment re: elimination of the grants officer
  - Rationale: no money coming in from grants, so reallocate the money to put it toward other programs
  - Discussion
    - Make the mandate language stronger to emphasize that the executive committee must go out and search for grants
    - Reallocate duties of grants officer to another position

- Grants position only works 10-15 hours a month and that's not nearly enough to get grants found and written
  - If we have language about volunteering, then people won't volunteer
  - Debate about whether searching for grants is even necessary given the fact that there are so few grants that GPSO even qualifies for.
  - Grants would be used for student awards but the budget is not under a strain so that grants are extremely necessary
  - We could potentially put it into an open-ended category in the constitution
  - GPSO doesn't really qualify for grants because it is subsidized by Indiana University
- In favor of Amendment 2: keep grants officer but eliminate the pay –32 nay, 3 abstention, 0 yay
- In favor of Amendment 3: executive committee has the power to search and apply for grants – 2 nay, Abstain – 4, 29 yay
- In favor of eliminating grants officer position
- No – 2
- Abstain – 3
- Yay-30
- Nominations for elected positions
  - President and Treasurer are the only non-incumbent positions
  - Chris Bentley for president
  - Email Nick if you have another nomination
  - Elections in March
  - Nominated, prepare a campaign statement, those are circulated and then we vote in March