GPSO Assembly meeting – October 7, 2011

- Call to Order
- Approval of the minutes
  - We are going to start approving the minutes – make sure to read over them because on November 4, we will vote to approve September and October minutes
  - Check for accuracy, clarity, and spelling
- Approval of the agenda
  - Make sure you email LaNita (gpsopres@indiana.edu) if you want something added to the agenda for each meeting
- Community concern
  - Before we adjourn each meeting, we will have a call for community concerns. This will be an open time for people to announce events or concerns to the assembly
- Happy Hour
  - October 7, 2011 from 7-9 at Farm
- Guest Speaker
  - Brad Wheeler coming on November 4 to talk about e-texts
  - Will tailor this to grad students
- Elections
  - We’ll be having election so that we need everyone to be present or to send a proxy
- Officer vacancy – Treasurer
  - Call for people to self-nominate or nominate others
  - You’ll need to provide a statement before the November meeting so we can vote on who to elect to this position
  - Nominations DUE OCTOBER 14 to gpso@indiana.edu
  - After LaNita receives the emails, she will ask people to provide statements
    - Candidate statements due by OCTOBER 21st
  - Absentee ballots
    - Due NOVEMBER 3rd (if you can’t make the meeting and can’t send a proxy)
    - If you are sending an absentee ballot, you have to do so from an Indiana.edu email account.
    - Statements on experience and desire to work with grad students will be circulated so people have time to consider who they are going to vote for.
  - Election on November 4th
    - Refer to the Constitution for the duties of the treasurer (attached to every agenda that is sent out before the meeting, also on the GPSO website)
    - Candidates can be from your department or outside and it is not limited to people who are currently in GPSO.
    - Yearly stipend is available.
- Dean McKaig Leadership Fund
  - Last call for this fund
  - Due today – October 7, 2001
• $1,000 for people attending or planning a conference or event based on leadership.
  o Open to undergrad and graduate / professional students.
  o Heads up for next year! Keep this in mind since we just received word about it.

• Campus Safety Issues
  o Student Advisory Board meets with Provost Hansen and Dean Goldsmith once a month
  o IUSA Women’s Affairs states that this is one of the worst years on IU’s campus for safety in general
    ▪ Double digit numbers for sexual assault
    ▪ Robberies, etc.
  o There is an attempt to change orientation to address this issue.
  o This doesn’t pertain to graduate students because we’re not here, but IUSA will attend a future assembly meeting so that we can give input on how to make AIs involved or to alert them of safety issues they might not have been aware of.
  o May try to form a committee to get us on paper so we have a role in changing the culture on campus.

• Committee Council Highlights
  o 75-80% of the councils that we have a seat on have been filled – Very exciting!
  o There are still openings and we will update the list and send out the vacancies so that people can volunteer to sit on a committee.
  o We want to make sure that GPSO has a voice in the policies that get passed.
  o Highlights from Committee –
    ▪ LaNita will highlight some of the meeting minutes, but Anna will post other minutes on the GPSO website
  o Vacancy Notice
    ▪ Hearing condition – will sit on a board that makes decisions on violations of student policy and conduct.
    ▪ No graduate students found in violation in the last two years but we still need someone to be ready to serve on the jury
    ▪ If there is a grad student found in violation, they will want to sit in front of a jury of their peers, so we really need a grad student to sit on this committee.
    ▪ There are only two training sessions.
    ▪ If you’re interested in student ethics, this might be the committee for you.
    ▪ If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please email LaNita at gopsopres@indiana.edu or Anna at gpso@indiana.edu

• Anna’s report (communications coordinator)
  o PhD Comics film – there is an interest in bringing this to campus
  o It costs $700 to show it and an extra $1500 for the director to come
  o We are trying to find a venue
    ▪ Put an app in with IU Cinema to show it in January but they haven’t gotten back to us yet.
If anyone is interested in helping Anna bring this to IU, please email her at gspo@indiana.edu.

Where is the funding going to come from?

- Once we know we can show it, there is the possibility that the Graduate Recreation Organization could front the $700, but not the $1500.
- There is also the possibility that we might be able to budget the PhD Comic movie into the GPSO budget.
- At the next meeting, this possibility will be discussed.
  - If and when it comes time to vote on this, then you will be alerted well in advance.
- IU Cinema sometimes covers the costs of bringing a director
  - This is a possibility only if we get the IU Cinema and it is not guaranteed

GPSO website
- The “Reps” page on the website has all of the minutes and the agendas.
- There is also a Constitution attached to each agenda and available online.

Facebook
- Changing the GPSO Facebook account from a personal account to a group account

Announcements
- Contact Anna if you have announcements that need to go out in the newsletter (Due Thursdays)
- Email her at gspo@indiana.edu

Jennylynn
- September’s social hour at Nick’s was successful
- Today’s is at Farm
  - We’re going to vary it up – won’t always be at Farm
- There are limitations to where we can meet
  - Nick’s changed their merchant code to a drinking establishment, so the GPSO credit card will not work
  - Farm is a “sure thing” but we will look into other places
  - We are open to suggestions for event ideas
    - Ex. Looking into Yogi’s
    - We need a space that can be easily consolidated so we can keep all the GPSO people together
- IMU Back Alley on 9/23
  - Partnered with BGSA
  - Free bowling and billiards for two hours
  - Event was very successful
- GPSO Partnering for events
  - GPSO is interested in partnering with departments and Graduate associations, so contact Jennylynn if you want to do this
    - GPSOPR@indiana.edu
Needs your name, department you’re in and an idea of the type of event you want us to co-sponsor

- October 2, 2011—Oliver Winery
  - Nice Wine and cheese event
  - An example of a different type of event we are open to doing in the future

Upcoming events

- Tonight: Farm for social hour
- Bloomington Playwrights Project – Next Thursday at 7 p.m.
  - Free night of theater!
  - Free food at the reception
  - Performance starts at 8 p.m.
  - For more details, go to the GPSO website
  - No RSVP necessary, first come, first served

Academic events

- GPSO partnering with IUB libraries for two part workshop
  - 10/28 from 12-1 in Room E174 in Wells Library
    - Workshop about copyright and how it pertains to grad students
  - 11/11 from 12-1 in Room E174 in Wells Library
    - About Scholarly communication

Patrick – Vice President

- Met with IUSA President – Justin Kingsolver
  - Trying to touch base with IUSA so we can work together in the future
- Pat sitting on AUSA (All University Student Association)
  - All campuses, discussing broad concerns for students
- Halloween Party – Law School and Business School
  - Usually just the professional students, but this year it is open to all departments
  - October 28 -- $5 – email Pat and you can sell tickets
    - If you sell tickets, you get $2 per ticket to your department
    - thomaspc@indiana.edu – Email Patrick if you want to get tickets
    - Halloween Party from 8-1 – Dress up!
- Trick-or-treating in the basement of the Law School
  - Family Event that is open to all
  - Free event
  - October 28th

Edwin – Diversity Council

- Contact Edwin if you want to be on this council
- The council is in response to promoting diversity on campus and an opportunity to serve on a committee that reports right to the executive committee
- The ad for this council is in the newsletter
- Diversity council has 5 seats in assembly, so let people in your department know that they can do this even if they aren’t in assembly.
• Shana – Parliamentarian Report
  o Don’t forget that the Constitution and By-Laws is attached to the agenda and is on the GPSO website
  o Make use of the website
• Benefits – Eric
  o Health Care
  o If you want to come to the meeting about health care, let LaNita know and she will get you in touch with Eric
• Awards -- Kevin
  o Kevin needs help for the awards committee, contact gpso@indiana.edu if you want to get involved with this
• Sustainability – Jacob
  o We’re working to get a seat on the Student Sustainability Council
  o Trying to get a Sustainability seat on the Student Advisory Board
  o Contact him if you want to help with this council
• Community Concerns – What concerns does the assembly have?
  o None stated at this meeting.
• Motion to Adjourn at
  o Adjourned at 4:14.