

GPSO Assembly Meeting November 4, 2011

I. Call to Order : 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 9th, 2011 and October 7th, 2011
(Minutes can be found on the GPSO website) – approved by vocal vote

III. Approval of Agenda – Shana made note of the changes, but there was no formal vote for lack of time.

IV. Treasurer Elections – voted by secret ballot

- Hartley Hays Jr.
- **Alex Luboff -- new treasurer**
- Parichehr Razmand – not present at the meeting, we read her statement online

V. E-texts Presentation (15 minute for presentation and discussion – VP Wheeler)

- **Moved to the first section on the agenda to get to another meeting**
- Nik Osborne, Chief of Staff for the Office of Vice President for IT and CIO
- Reviewed the timeline for the e-text initiative at IU
 - Gathered data for four semesters and then made a formal request to publishers and platform providers
- Sept. 2011 – IU Signs eTexts deals with 5 publishers and a platform provider
 - Signed 5 publishers and 1 platform provider
- Goals
 - Provide lower cost for students
 - Provide high quality materials of choice
 - Enable new tools for teaching and learning
 - Shape the terms of sustainable models
- Textbook challenges
 - 7 in 10 students have skipped buying a textbook because of its cost
 - In many cases, the e-texts are just slightly lower price
 - Restrictions
 - Limited access
 - Limited devices
 - Limited printing
 - Now, instead of printing 1 page at a time, we can now print 30 pages at a time

EText Path Forward

- Model for digital content pricing
 - Lower cost if eText fee for required course materials
 - Digital and Print
- Software platform for reading /annotation
 - Integrate with Oncourse
 - Support browsers, tablets, mobile phones, etc.
- No opt-out if a professor requires an e-text
 - Charged on Bursar Bill
 - If you are in the course after the drop/add period, then you will be assessed a fee on the bursar
 - If you drop in the first week, a full refund, if you drop in the 2nd, then it will be a 75% refund, etc.

- Questions / concerns regarding eText
 - There will be a note on the class when you register so you can know if there will be a fee
 - They're demanding a 100% usage because the eText will cost so much less
 - Each faculty member makes the decision to require the eText. It isn't a course-wide requirement, only a section-wide.
 - Keep the eText as long as you are enrolled at IU.
 - Do students think this is a good thing?
 - Thus far, two thumbs up from every student group that has heard this presentation.
 - We've done 2 years of pilots on IUB and IUPUI website
 - IRB approved study
 - Data collected was positive enough to move forward
 - Students who didn't like the program were not pleased with the required fee
 - Optional for the faculty, we won't be forced to participate, but if we want to go this route, they think it is the best market for eTexts at this time
 - Is there the possibility to allow folks to keep the eText after the student graduates
 - Print-on-demand -- \$25 and you can get a bound copy
 - IU does not profit in any way from this
 - Are there mechanisms for low income students to pay for these mandatory book fees?
 - What if people drop in and out of college?
 - IU's current policy: if you don't enroll at IU for three consecutive semesters, you are considered not enrolled and you would lose access to your eText
 - Do you need to be online to access the platform?
 - No. you can do so online or offline
 - When you're working offline, you can sync back up as soon as you get back online
 - Runs HTML 5 and is device agnostic
 - Anything with a browser can run it
- IU Publisher agreements – McGraw Hill, Wiley, Norton, Flatworld, Bedford, Freeman, and Worth
- Software Platform – Courseload
 - Can you do the course packet through this?
 - Depends on the licenses associated with the publishers, involves the libraries and they are still working it out
- eText content – publishers
 - Cost of eText 35% of national list price or less
 - Continued access to text
 - Unobtrusive digital rights management – nothing that goes across the middle when you print something
- Other things to know about the eText:
 - Instructors have the potential to go in and highlight various parts of the text and that will be visible to all students in the class
 - Students can share their notes with various members of the class (through Oncourse)
 - On smaller screens, the textbook pages show up so you can read a column at a time.
 - E-text is searchable, you can highlight and you can make notes and pull up each of the notes from each of the textbooks
- Website: etexts.iu.edu – go to the demo site through this website
- Questions? nosborne@indiana.edu

VI. Executive Committee Communications

a. President (LaNita Campbell)

i. Budget Discussion

- Ken House will stay on to train new treasurer
- We will email the budget to the listserv on Monday
 - Talk about the budget with your colleagues and we'll vote on it in December

ii. University Faculty Council /BFC/Board of Trustees

- Either LaNita or Pat or Edwin sit on these committees
- Some of these are aligned
- IRB is a big issue right now – holding up people's research and class structures.
 - We will circulate the resolution concerning this to the listserv
 - IRB requests backlogged by six months

iii. Financial Literacy Project – Student Academic Appointee

- Dan Reeves and Dean Wimbush are taking part in a research project dealing with SAA grad students
- They have contracted a masters student in education
- Collaborative research, information gathering project
- Middle ground between students and employees
- TIAA Creff want to know how literate SAAs are about saving and retirement
- Project would be 2 years long, would involve 144 students from IU and IUPUI
- There will be a more detailed presentation about this at the December 2 meeting
- Information would mainly come from surveys and focus groups
- After 2 years, they could use this information for grad students at large
- Want to learn what type of tools that grad students would need to save their money

iv. Committee on Institutional Cooperation- graduate student association collaboration

- Wants to form a network of grad and professional students that will help us be more sustainable and so we can share information with each other.
- Possible presentation in December or January.

v. Review of committee representative responsibilities

- No time! No time!

b. Vice President (Patrick Thomas)

i. All Student University Association Update

- Student association for IU (all campuses)
- Elected a chair from Kokomo campus
- Telephone conference on November 18
- Major issues
 - Restructuring University Faculty Council

- So there are fewer people on that council
- Registration
- Chair wanted to get information about how we deal with student organizations.

c. Liaison (Edwin Jimenez)

i. Diversity Council Update

- Not present, no update due to lack of time

d. Parliamentarian (Shana Bridges)

e. Awards Officer (Kevin Guidry) (Anna will do his report)

- Budget for awards increased and this will be spread evenly across fall and spring semesters
- Award deadline passed, committee has reviewed and they will work with staff and administrators to make sure that people who won awards are eligible.
- Number of applicants lower than last year.
- If you have any ideas for how to better publicize this next semester, please email gpsso@indiana.edu.

f. Sustainability Officer (Jacob Bower-Bir)

- \$5 sustainability fee (optional)
- Sustainability council (GPSO a member)
- Only about 1000 students donated to the fund
 - Shopping cart doesn't let you see the check box
 - Good news is that you can donate to the fund at any time
 - Student Sustainability council powerpoint to teach students how to donate to the fund
 - There are also posters available.
 - We need to get at least 4,000 students donating every semester.
- Money goes toward
 - Student administered – any student can join the Student Sustainability Council
 - Committee proposes projects and the council votes on it
 - Ex.
 - Solar water heaters, more bike racks, reusable drinking cups and require freshman to sign a pledge
 - Website for proposals? On the SSC website
 - All of this is transparent, you can see what money has been spent and where, etc.

g. Benefits Officer (Eric Schmidbauer)

VII. Staff Reports

a. Communications Coordinator (Anna Saraceno) gpsso@indiana.edu

- Facebook group instead of a profile
- PhD Comics going to be shown at the IU Cinema in the spring semester
- There will be grant money to get the director here to speak in accordance with the movie.

b. Operations Coordinator (Jennylynn Vidas)

- Social hour at Farm – 60 to 75 people
- BPP event – about 50 GPSO people attended
 - Looking into future events
- Library workshops
 - 8 or so people attended
 - One coming up on November 11 from 12-1 on copyright
 - Free lunch! RSVP please (FB invite coming out)
- Social hour at Yogi's tonight 7-9
- 11/9 Kinsey Tour at 3 p.m.
- GPSO coordinating with Jacob's School of music for the second Friday of La Boheme – pre show reception and talk
- Partnering with GPSO form – if anyone wants to partner with us, we are open to new ideas
- Programming committee
 - Anyone interested can brainstorm events and work on big ones for next semester

VIII. Old Business

- IUSA Women's affairs
 - Increasing bystander intervention and increasing sexual assault awareness on campus
 - Hoping to get this up and running soon
- In addition to the budget, we will receive a list of GPSO members who are sitting on committees
 - If you are interested in sitting on a committee, then feel free to nominate yourself.
 - Please note if there are doubles (anyone sitting on two committees)

IX. New Business

- Benefits committee working very hard on a survey coming out soon
- By December, we will have a resolution to the floor to change content of the survey.
 - We need anecdotal stories of students who have had problems with Aetna (not the health center, not the university).
 - Please email benefits officer (Eric Schmidbauer's email on GPSO website)
- Business school throwing their first ever speed dating event at Serendipity at 7 p.m. next Thursday
- Physics Department Swain Hall West 9:00-2:30 Tomorrow (Friday)

X. Community Concerns

- None.

XI. Adjourn -- 5:02 p.m.