Committee Minutes from the October 5, 2012 GPSO Assembly

**Programming Committee**
Present: Jennylynn, Lauren, Rosemary, Matt, Joe

Previous Experiences:

Social hours yes. Academic hours relatively unknown.

Department doesn’t attend so individuals don’t attend. Possibly target group activities/ more emphasis on inter-departmental co-operation. Also, newsletter is easily ignored with so much coming out, and social events being kind of mixed in.

Beginning of year programs really popular but beyond that seems to drop-off. Possibly due to bombardment of things to do. More attention paid to Department chairs and graduate secretaries – may be possible to take advantage of this. Use the President of the Department Grad Club?

How do we avoid over-communicating to people? Use reps to act as promoters? Flyers, the actually physical piece of paper may be able to start word of mouth promotions, in each grad lounge.

**ACADEMIC/ PROFESSIONAL:**

Events difficult to plan/schedule

Ideas for needed programs

Grant Writing.- possibly in conjunction with Grant Writing Center

LaTeX/R

Teaching Resources - workshop on underrepresented voices with panel of students

Where to look on campus for jobs/AI-ships if your department is too small, since some big departments need extra help.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY:**

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center – good tour & family friendly

Roller Rink – possibly off of 17th, ice skating has happened in the past. May have happened previously.

Past events did things from craft nights to social hours, but was labor intensive and budget intensive. Social Hours limited spaces in Bloomington. Bowling at the IMU.
Art Museum tours/events

Apple Orchard/Pumpkin Farm/ Oliver Winery/ Bradford Woods (sp?) (near Martinsville) for a potentially fall type event.

Coordinate Car-pool/Caravan.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Brainstorming – see above

Promotion, - using reps/ board members/ WCIU/ Calendar of events? / connecting to student groups or schools.

IN the works with Rec Sports to do events, like last year’s yoga session. Going to Hoosier Heights (try IU Outdoor Adventure in Eigenmann will do program development with your group), yoga, zumba, boot camp – stuff to be physical and de-stress

**Legislative Committee**

Discussed potential ideas for legislation that we can write:
- Privatizing parking
- Amend the GPSO Constitution or created an abridged version for the website -Write a resolution regarding the Affirmative Action Case Review of the Supreme Court to submit to BFC

Pat is going to write the legislation for professional travel grants and will distribute for committee review next meeting

**Sustainability Committee**

- Alex is interim chair, Jacob Bower-Bir is the real chair

- Main responsibilities: filling committee slots, supporting the green fund, making student populations aware, promoting the Energy Challenge

- Hoping to focus on creating legislation/finding a solution to adverse incentives for sustainable investment on the part of departments

- Currently, many departments have to pay for capital expenses on facilities (a.k.a. sinks and screws) but not for utilities (e.g. water & electricity). Create some connection or incentive for sustainable investments in physical infrastructure of the university

- Working out details w/Leg. Committee, investigating further
Benefits Committee
We discussed what people liked and didn’t like about the student health insurance plan. I steered the conversation towards identifying realistic benefit improvements that could be obtained. We listed enhanced dental and vision coverage as two such areas. We also discussed the confusion and lack of awareness that students have about the insurance. This is the biggest area for improvement for which we could feasibly do something. The “homework” for the committee members was to think about what realistic strategies we could pursue to improve students’ awareness of info about health insurance.