Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Organization

Assembly Minutes | October 3, 2014

“Advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate and professional student community”

• Committee Meetings – Benefits, Diversity, Programming, Student Affairs, Sustainability
• Assembly Picture
• Approval of the Minutes
• Announcements & Updates:
  o GPSO 101 Review?
    • Brady asked if there were burning issues to address ahead of time. There was no response.
  o Join the Awards Committee!
    • Josh plugged the awards committee and explained the review process.
    • There are two submission periods, and volunteers review submissions for merit using a rubric.
    • Josh asked for several volunteers and passed around a sign-up sheet.
    • Note: you cannot apply for an award if you are on a committee.
  o Committees Update – Chair or Vice-Chair
    • Student Affairs – John Fassano - SA will be working on a student emergency fund. We are exploring the idea of funding students who are in a state of financial hardship that occurs after the student is already attending school. SA will cooperate with Benefits committee on upcoming issues.
    • Sustainability – Andrew Bredesen – Resolutions will be forthcoming on Divestment, Solar Array on campus, Parking (with benefits committee), reporting on the energy master plan, and landscaping.
    • Diversity – Julianna Gjonaj – Div. committee would like to connect international students through an opt-in program with domestic student mentors/partners. Div. will also focus on disability though an “ask-me-anything” panel.
    • Benefits – Ben – Benefits committee will focus on carpooling for grad students, an online database that captures benefits offered at other big 10 schools, and a continuing last year’s focus on developing mother-friendly infrastructure on campus (ie lactation rooms).
  o Programming – Julian, Community Development Coordinator
    • Two main ideas for programming -
      • Homecoming tailgate (bring your hats).
      • Event focusing on skill development:
        • Stress management - It was suggested that we add
intramural events for stress management
- Contract negotiation/conflict resolution
- Employer Relations
- Resume-creation/ Professional Headshots/ Online branding

- Awareness & Communication – Jessie, Communications Coordinator
  - We are attempting to promote IU and a connection between IU and the GPSO. The website is a helpful source of information on IU and Grad Student Programs. GPSO has an effective social media presence – facebook and twitter. We are developing an instagram and linkedin as well.
  - We are will be developing a marketing campaign to promote grad students to feel a connection to the university. We hope this will improve community feeling among graduate students.

- President’s Report
  - President’s Council – a committee for GSA presidents to promote communication and programming.
  - Grad Grant Center – this is underfunded and we hope this will change.
  - DoSAB – we met with Dean and other student gov. leaders about culture of care.
  - Meeting with P. Robel – Also focused on culture of care/ violence against women.
  - There are upcoming meetings with the BFC, CFR, and Dean Daleke. Also GPSO officers will attend the IU student leader colloquium an Oct 11.

- Roberts Rules of Order Review – Skyler, Parliamentarian
  - Skyler did an great job on this.

- Business:
  - Constitutional Amendment No. 3 – Justin, Vice President
    - The aim of this amendment is remove the grants officer position from the constitution.
    - Preliminary approval - 52 yes, 1 no
  - GPSO Budget Approval
    - We receive most of our funding through student fees, and we spend about $30000 on student salaries. We also spend significant amounts on advocacy efforts, programming, and staff resources.
    - Approval passes – 50 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.

- Open Floor

- Upcoming Events:
  - Tonight!: Social Hour, Oct. 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Sports
  - Upcoming: Bagel Hours, every other Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm, KH103