Assembly Minutes | April 3, 2015

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

- 3:30 – 4:00 – Committee Meeting Time

- Approval of Previous Minutes
  - Passed

- **Speaker: James Wimbush**, Dean of UGS and VP of DEMA Office
  - IU is currently operating under the IU bicentennial plan, and we are forming a new strategic plan for going forward.
  - For IUB, Bloomington Strategic Plan will govern our future actions.
  - IUB conducted a interdisciplinary student study on undergraduate curriculum that will be published soon; it will likely be considered a groundbreaking study in education.
  - Other recent grant requests have been successful, and several more are forthcoming that will help Graduate Students.
  - A summer program for POC undergraduates has helped IU enroll minorities in doctoral and professional programs.
  - The Graduate Mentoring Center is getting off to a strong start. This Center will ultimately serve all IU campuses. It is designed to support and assist
graduate students with their research and writing. It is also meant to foster a sense of community amongst graduate students.

- UGS and GPSO will be moving to Wells library on June 26th. This will synchronize well with the graduate portion of the library. There will essentially be a “graduate floor” in the library.

- Q: How will other schools take advantage of the new curriculum study?
  - The current grant is focused on developing curriculum in the sciences.
  - If funding is available, there may be an expansion into the humanities.

- Dean Wimbush is asking the University President to focus more purposefully on graduate students and not just on undergraduates.

- **Updates:**
  - Sustainability - Will bring forth a tripartite resolution today.
  - Student Affairs - Talked about next year’s initiatives: CAPS improvements and a Student Emergency Fund.
  - Benefits - A speaker will be coming to address student IRAs – April 17th.
  - Diversity - Working on Google Doc to pass on information to students next year.

- **Upcoming Events**
  - Tonight – Social Hour – April 3rd at 7pm at the Bishop
  - Graduate Appreciation Week
    - April 15th – Nomz and Songs – Karaoke and Food 9-11pm at the Root Cellar
    - April 16th – Gourmet Badel Hour - 9-11am in Kirkwood 103
April 17th – International Food Night - 8-10pm at Atlas

Earlier on that date, the IRAs event.

- **Year in Review – Resolutions and Legislation:**
  - 3 Constitutional Changes
  - Resolution on Printing Resources
  - Religious and Cultural Observance Awareness
  - Equitable ID Card
  - 9 more resolutions this year – found on website
  - Progress – improved fee schedule, preferred names in university use, better energy accountability reporting, etc
  - Growth – Increased programming, increased awards, increased GPSO awareness, and improved commitment to inclusiveness and transparency

- **Approval of Nominated Officers**
  - Candidates:
    - Awards – Adrian Paneto
    - Benefits – Ben Draper
    - Diversity – Brittany Witherspoon
    - Sustainability – Kyle Norweg
  - (All these candidates are members of a department within the College of Arts & Sciences)
  - All officers approved – 33-0-1
  - 73 divided by 3 = 24.3 + 1 = 25 (Quorum Question)
• GPSO Name Change Amendment (to GPSG)
  o Approved! 29-0-0

• Rape Alert Language Resolution
  o Resolution was brought about by a rape alert that IUPD sent out that included victim-blaming tips and gendered language.
  o Passed 23 – 1 – 5

• Sustainability Omnibus Resolution
  o Addresses three specific sustainability goals: 1) create a sustainability focused “grand challenge,” 2) ask President McRobbiw to sign the ACUPCC this academic year, and 3) expand solar energy production for IUB.
  o Passed 31-0-0

• Resolution to Support President McRobbie’s Statement
  o Passed 31-0-0