Executive Committee Minutes | October 21, 2014

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

• Updates:
  o Upcoming: 1:1s (Justin, Zach, Skyler, Josh)?;
    ▪ These officers need to schedule their October 1 on 1s with Brady
  o Coordinator Reports – Julian & Jessie
    ▪ Professional development meeting this week in Hodge Hall
    ▪ President’s Council on Thursday in UGS
    ▪ Fall Festival on the 30th also at UGS/ Kirkwood Hall area
    ▪ Upcoming event at the Bishop with catering
    ▪ Possible November event: Healthy Eating on a budget
    ▪ Possible November and December event: Laser Tag
  o Conference Grant Update
    ▪ These will not be granted on a rolling basis
    ▪ There is a hard date for proposals in Mid-November
      ▪ One from English and one from SPEA have been submitted
        ▪ Jessie encourages us to continue sharing events on Facebook/ Twitter
        ▪ Shirts will be available for order at assembly
  o Board of Trustees Review
    ▪ Justin and Brady attended BoT meeting
    ▪ They were given little time due to new structure focusing on committee meetings (not intentional)
    ▪ Governing Body Presidents are still given time to speak
      ▪ AUSA speaks to all at the business meetings
  o AUSA Meeting
    ▪ This body will begin to focus on resolutions for all students
    ▪ AUSA can focus on university-wide issues, such as tuition
  o Student Trustee Meeting
    ▪ Brady is on the search and find committee
  o Colloquium Review
    ▪ Jessie, Julian, and Justin attended with Brady
    ▪ Brady insists that he gave the best presentation of the day
President’s Council Update
- Thursday in the UGS/GPSO office
- 10-15 presidents are planning to attend
  - Jessie mentions the importance of school-wide social media

Quick Divestment Update
- Brady speaking on behalf of Andrew
- Divestment research group is doing well
- IUSA met on Monday to review the proposal
  - Divestment resolution passed

President’s Meetings Review: BFC
- Discussed enrollment issues, particularly with minority undergrads
- BFC will seek to address this among students and faculty

Awards Report – Josh
- Travel awards process underway

Discussion:
- Student Org. Funding Mechanisms (INPIRG Initiative) – Matt Gough
  - This is a student direct non-profit organization on campus
  - The work on several issues: affordability, homelessness, food labeling, and several other things
  - The problem with the current system of funding non-profit campaigns is that they cannot sustain high donations with optional fees
  - There are school boards that attempt to fund other organizations on campus
  - INPIRG is advocating for a waivable fee option that is decided at election fee
  - Basically, rather than having an opt-in fee, there would be an opt-out fee
    - The GPSO Exec committee generally does not support this

Outstanding Grad. Student Financial Award?
- Awards for community, teaching, and research
- Should there be money for this?
- Currently there is only a paragraph-long nomination
- We need to push for more applications

Project/Resolution Tracker Use – Jessie, Brady
- We would like to create a public spreadsheet that shows progress on GPSO initiatives.

Assembly Planning
- Speaker?

Open Floor