Minutes by Communications Coordinator Laura Holt

3:30pm Call to order by LaNita
Warning that agenda may not be strictly followed in favor of allowing time to thoroughly discuss elections

CC - thanks for newsletter items, urged reps to disseminate information about awards and such to students
OC - Social event tonight, come early to eat
Monday - CITL workshop 'Successfully Navigating the IU College Classroom'
Friday - Ice skating family friendly event
Thursday, Feb 21 6-7:30 E174 Grad Grants workshop

President - March meeting will be packed with elections, Dennis Cromwell, Katie Jones, Trustees interviews to come mid-April
Treasurer - CFR increase request of 1 cent/student/semester was recognized by committee and will be put before trustees. We had some technical snafus with awards' SOA numbers which delayed disbursement, but this has been resolved. Reviewed our budget and fielded questions about expenditures.
VP - Reviewed upcoming meetings.
Parliamentarian - Not in attendance
Liaison - Have list of events happening this month and for Black History Awareness Month, will forward to the CC for publication
Benefits - Not in attendance
Awards - Not in attendance
Sustainability - No report

Review of Elected Officer Positions for Elections (see attached PPT)
Timeline for elections, nominations open today
After nominations are sent to gpso@indiana.edu, nominees will be contacted to see if they accept. They must reply with a candidate statement, which will be disbursed.
March 8th - Elections
This is an important elections because all elected officers will be new.
Question about constitutional requirement that accepted nominees have participated in the GPSO in the past: has been waived in the past, but warrants discussion.
Change to parliamentarian role: less note-taking due to breakout sessions.
CC explained balloting procedure: each assembly member will receive a pre-
printed ballot with their name and department on it, so any changes to representatives needs to be in by Wednesday before meeting.

Operations Coordinator Position Announcement

Position opens today, application will be available starting Monday via GPSO website, GradGrants, and department secretaries. Applications will close February 22nd.

Community Concerns

Sami Schalk with IU Incidents Teams (studentaffairs.iub.edu/incident)
- Described team’s purpose
- IU App has Incidents team reporting function
- Purpose: raise awareness on how to report
- Sami is available for presentations sschalk@indiana.edu

No other community concerns

President opened floor for discussion of waiving requirement of previous GPSO experience in order to accept nomination for office
- Agreed and seconded
- Treasurer suggested that for certain positions it may be important to have knowledge of the GPSO to serve the position.
- Assembly member pointed out the requirement is not in constitution
- President indicated it was not written down in order to avoid discouraging potential nominations
- Assembly member pointed out inexperience would show up in position statements
- Assembly member speculated that there may not be that many nominees with no experience
- Assembly member recalled that the issue of lack of experience was discussed during previous elections
- Treasurer endorsed waiving the requirement after some confusion
- VP pointed out the previous two presidents lacked GPSO experience and did well, and endorsed waiving the requirement
- Assembly member asked about how the information about the positions will be disseminated
- Assembly member expressed concern about providing a second assembly member should their current rep gain a position, and if the lack of representation would cost their small department funding. The president reported the parliamentarian will address that concern, but promised such a situation would
not cost the department funding. Liaison endorsed waiving the requirement in order to gain a more diverse pool of applicants. Assembly member asked about the format of dissemination of statements to assembly representatives. VP inquired about voting on waiving the requirement now President offered to close discussion, treasurer moved, seconded, closed. President asked for vote on waiving requirement of previous GPSO experience, majority voted to waive with only 3 voting no. President reminded representatives to gain input from their department.

President adjourned meeting at 4:44pm.