Graduate & Professional Student Government
First Assembly Meeting Minutes | September 9th, 2016
3:30 – 5:00 PM Hodge Hall 2083

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

Assembly Minutes [Click here for a PowerPoint that goes with this presentation]

Adam Reneker, President:

- GPSG 101
  - Mission
    - “Advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate and professional student community.”
  - Objectives
    - To act as the sole official representative of all members of the Indiana University-Bloomington (IUB) graduate and professional student population before the administration, faculty and student governance bodies;
    - To appoint graduate and professional student representatives to administrative, faculty, student and community committees, and other such venues in which graduate seats currently, or in the future, will exist; and
    - To address matters pertaining to the general academic, professional and social climate of IUB and the City of Bloomington as they affect the life and well-being of the graduate and professional student population.
  - Importance
    - Position of graduate students
    - Have the ability to affect change on the campus
  - Structure
    - Assembly
      - What we do
        - Governing body of GPSG
        - Pass resolutions to communicate the wants and needs of graduate students to the administration
      - Logistics
        - Most formal part of GPSG, b/c this is where we are “speaking for grad students”
        - Representatives at 6/8
        - Once per month
          - If you can’t come, need to send proxy
          - Can be replaced after 3rd absence
        - Parliamentary Procedure
          - Video
- Practice with approval of the minutes

- Committees
  - What they do
    - Create resolutions to be voted on my assembly
    - Identify needs to students, place to generate ideas
      - The “think tanks” of GPSG
    - Can also create programs to address issues
    - Promote things going on around campus related to your committee
  - Logistics
    - 4 advocacy committees
    - Meet 2xs per month, before assembly and one other time
    - Leadership opportunities
    - Use people from committees to fill external committee positions

- ExComm
  - What we do
    - Besides facilitate committees and assembly, works closest with administration to carry out the desires of GPSG
  - Logistics
    - Elected officers
    - Appointed officers
    - Staff positions
  - GPSG is “Student run”, but has support from administration

- Lori Reesor
  - Welcome

- Goals for this year
  - Enable Graduate and Professional Students to become more connected with the campus at large.

- Resources
  - Survey about grad services and resources
  - Promote existing resources
  - Find gaps and seek solutions

- Advocacy
  - Giving mic to students
  - Grow committees
  - Increase assembly attendance
    - By making sure all departments are represented
    - If you are here and are not a department representative
  - Ambassador positions
    - Open positions
      - International
      - Teaching
      - Research
      - Parent
    - Responsibilities
• Meet w/ ExComm 2 times per semester
• Sit on outside committee or work with external office

• Culture
  • Thrive! Not just squeak by
  • Engaged in the culture
  • Meet people outside of their departments
  • Experience everything IU has to offer
    o Athletics
    o The arts
    o Beautiful campus
    o Quirky culture of Bloomington
  • Make sure all students are aware of the opportunities and feel empowered to take advantage of them

• Introductions
  o Blake
    ▪ External Committees
    ▪ Health and Wellness
  o Linus
    ▪ Sustain
  o Kate
    ▪ Benefits
  o Colton
    ▪ Diversity
  o Adrian
    ▪ Awards
  o Brian
    ▪ Budget
  o Mariana
    ▪ General Communications
  o Karisa
    ▪ Programming

• Expectations
  o Attendance
    ▪ 1st step is to be in the room
      • Representatives
        o Must attend 6/8 assemblies
        o Be an active member of advocacy committee
      • All
        o Attend committee meetings
        o Attend programming
  o Engagement
    ▪ Don’t just show up!
      • Listen
      • Participate
• Discuss
• Don’t vote apathetically
• Take a leadership position in your committee
• Propose new ideas
  o Communication
    ▪ Don’t keep it to yourself!
    ▪ Talk about advocacy you are working on
      o Get their opinions!
        ▪ If we are representing grad students, we need to know what
          they think
      o Invite others to come along
  • Promote programming
    o Invite your department to show up to stuff
    o Share the events on Facebook
    o Tell people to sign up for the newsletter
      ▪ Link to sign up: https://goo.gl/forms/pBCUVxaPk4uKH5G2