Assembly Minutes | December 2, 2016

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

- Welcome—Adam Reneker, GPSG President
  - Approval of the Minutes (approved)
  - President Updates
    - Board of Trustees
      - Adam able to tell the trustees GPSG are working on, trustees very supportive about resolutions.
      - They are behind us in anything we are doing and the administration has their full support.
    - Student Trustee
      - Still out; still can apply for board of trustees
      - Get confirmed by governor, official process
      - Experience of a lifetime
      - If you know of anyone who wants to apply, inform them
  - Financial Update—Brian Shaw, GPSG Treasurer
    - Not able to be here, President gave brief update.
  - Upcoming Events—Karisa Millington, GPSG Community Development Coordinator
    - Next Week 12/5 – 12/9
      - GPSG will have open office hours at offices @ Wells 544G
      - Coffee, Tea, cookies, fruit will be provided, come as you please
      - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
      - Hours:
        - Tuesday 11-2p
        - Wednesday 1-3p
        - Thursday 2-4p
    - Next Semester
      - Late January, professional headshot
        - Will reach out to different Graduate Student Orgs to help cover the costs
        - Students get 2 headshots, touched up by a professional
      - Events Next Semester
        - Career Development
• April- Graduate Appreciation Week

• Committee Updates— Committee Chairs
  o Health & Wellness
    ▪ Blake- Set groundwork for goals of year;
    ▪ Working spring outreach for all tasks. Peer panels for grad students for grad students where they can get together and see how they can handle different subjects. Working on AAA.
    ▪ Faculty mentoring mixer, coffee mixer to cultivate mentoring relationships
    ▪ Graduate student only sports leagues, working with SRSC
    ▪ Planning into planning a big field day for graduate student week
  o Diversity
    ▪ Colton – finished the semester w/ 3 subcommittees
      • Prayer room wells library; reaching out to different spiritual and cultural centers, will have resolution in Jan.
      • Sexual Assault & Sexual Assault Prevention
        • Working with offices around campus to improve accessibility of reporting
      • International Student Research
        • Translate key documents and key procedures into multiple languages
    ▪ Diversity Council
      • Summit in the spring for all diversity committees in campus
  o Benefits
    ▪ Graduate Student Survey – working Dean Daleke & Lori Reesor
    ▪ SAA Medical Leave, now a policy, looking into that more
    ▪ Doing an AI Compensation comparison to compare against other big 10 schools.
    ▪ Kate, Benefits Officer is leaving, resigning due to constraints in order to securing a tenure track position.
  o Sustainability
    ▪ Sustainability photo contest, 30 people submitted photos.
    ▪ Groundwork met with different sustainability groups, want to reconfirm IU’s commitment to having a climate plan.
    ▪ Want more momentum at IU regarding these issues.

• Benefits Chair Election
  o Haley McLeod Speech
    ▪ PhD Informatics, Grad Informatics Student Member, institutional voice chair w/in department. Have been involved policies for grading, memorandums between different departments schools, she has worked on similar projects. Would like to tackle projects on a university wide
level.

- Vote held
  - Yes - 46
  - No – 0
  - Abstain - 1
  - Haley McLeod is the new GPSG Benefits Officer

- Proposed Bylaws and Constitution
  - Information regarding changes to the constitution and Bylaws
    - Proposed Bylaws
    - Proposed Constitution
  - Graduate Diversity Council
    - will be allocated 8 voting seats on the Assembly
    - Chosen through application @ beginning of fall semester led by Diversity Chair, Applications will be reviewed and selected by diversity chair & two executive committee members, then potential members will be introduced and confirmed by assembly

- Motion
  - Yes 45
  - Opposed 2
  - Abstain 6
  - PASSED

- Proposed Resolutions
  - Resolution 1 (Fighting Food Insecurity at Indiana University) Blake Foreland
    - 1) Academic Departments, the UGS, the GPSG, and other Interested parties should continue to raise awareness of food insecurity and the determination it to Indiana University students.
    - 2) The GPSG earnestly supports the efforts
    - Yes - 51
    - Opposed - 0
    - Abstain – 0
    - PASSED
    - Formally ask to volunteer or Donate [hours website]
  - Resolution 2 (Real Food Challenge) Angela Babb—Health & Wellness Committee
    - Read: White paper on Real Food Challenge at IU Bloomington
    - 1) the GPSG unequivocally supports the Real Food Challenge and strongly urges President McRobbie and Provost Robel to sign the Real Food Challenge Commitment in order for IU to help lead in the Development of a fair, healthy, and sustainable food system
    - Yes - 31
    - Opposed - 5
    - Abstain - 9
- **MOTION PASSED TO TABLE**
  - Resolution 3 (*Course delivery method*) — Adam Reneker, GPSG President
    - 1) Indiana University should clearly define online, hybrid, and on-campus course delivery formats
    - 2) The Bloomington Faculty Council Educational Policies Committee, composed of administrators, professors, and students, should be responsible for drafting a policy that clearly defines course delivery formats; and
    - 3) The delivery format for each course should be indicated to students as they enroll to encourage more informed decisions and to manage expectations.
    - Yes - 41
    - Opposed - 2
    - Abstained - 1
    - **PASSED**

- **Until Next Time**
  - Meet with Committees
  - Social Hour

- **Adjourn!**