Welcome & Announcements

- IU News
  - Glenn Close on campus
  - GPSG is keeping an eye on the Trump administration’s tax plan, and there has been some pushback with legislators in D.C.

- Ambassador positions now open!
  - Help the GPSG attend to the needs of different grad populations
  - Teaching, Research, International, Parent, Veteran, Athlete
  - January to January appointment
  - There is a Canvas announcement about it, and info is available in the Newsletter
  - Contact Adam with questions

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes Approved

Programming and Outreach Updates—Rick Brewer, GPSG Community Development Coordinator

- Social hours 11/10 at Nick’s, 7-9pm
- Networking and Dessert 11/16 GISB 1060, 12-1:30 pm
- Reminder about GPSG podcast!
- Email Rick with any programming suggestions

Advocacy Committee Updates

- Benefits—Kehinde Ligali, Benefits Officer
  - After meeting with the Provost, the University had still decided to close the childcare co-ops
    - But the University has established opportunities for childcare to be established outside of the university’s purview, and offers their help in establishing it
  - Provost is seeking financial data demonstrating grad student need for this kind of childcare; the committee is working on gathering this data ASAP
  - Monroe County Smart Start: opportunity that awards grants to 4-year-olds from low income families in order to facilitate access to high-quality pre-K programs (suggested by Dean Daleke)
• application: http://in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4932.htm

• Gathering data for financial packets for Student Academic Appointees (SAAs), since this information is not readily available; seeking more transparency
  • working with the Student Records Office

• Trying to establish “partner clubs,” which are social gatherings for partners of graduate students, in order to access resources and making connections

• Health & Wellness—Josh Barnathan, Health & Wellness Officer
  • GPSG Talks was successful, and hoping to have more through the rest of the semester—a signup link is forthcoming
  • A great way to practice talking about what you do!
  • Other foci: food insecurity and mental health
    • includes working with Lori Reesor to come up with a long-term plan for Crimson Cupboard

• Sustainability—Dylan Finley, Sustainability Officer
  • current goal: to house committee members in various sustainability working groups on campus
  • still planning bike-related events, focusing on the Bike Master Plan

• Diversity—Animesh Priya, Diversity Officer
  • After meeting with administrators, members of the committee learned that the University’s Title IX policies
  • Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) is willing to partner with DivComm to establish content warning trainings for all AIs

• Discretionary Fund Procedure—Kevin Stuparek, GPSG Treasurer
  • ExComm wanted to establish a process for spending discretionary funding, since there was none previously
  • Three-tiered plan for how to spend discretionary funding
    • Prior to April 15th of the academic year, the funds are reserved for any Tier 1 or Tier 2 emergencies or situations
    • After April 15th, reps are alerted of the opportunity to earn this funding through an application process, for a philanthropic cause
• The application which is selected by ExComm is brought to assembly, and assembly may then approve that philanthropic cause for the discretionary funds

• The full breakdown of the policy will be circulated and available on Canvas

• This will not be in the bylaws or constitution, it is instead an informal process

• Is it possible to allocate that discretionary funding to Tier 3 causes? (to turn it into a formal line-item on the budget)

• Thoughts about what constitutes an emergency

• Reps interested in feedback for the process for reps?

• Questions or suggestions: contact Kevin, treasurer: gpsgtr@indiana.edu

• Resolution to Reinstate a Centrally-Located Early Voting Satellite and/or Day-Of Polling Site to the IUB Campus

  • Presentation—Stephanie Kung, English Department Representative and Tracey Hutchings-Goetz, English Department Student and Campus Action for Democracy

  • all of the presentation and resolution materials are available through Canvas

• Discussion and Vote

  • outcome: 61 for, 5 against, 4 abstention

  • note: digital vote included 66; 3 paper votes after assembly included (69 total)

  • Resolution Passed

• Committee Breakout!