Programming and Events
- January Social Hours Needmore Coffee Roasters
  - January 19, 4-6pm
- GPSG Night at IU Women’s Basketball
  - January 24 6pm
- Professional Headshots
- GPSG Gala
  - April 27th, IU Auditorium
  - Tickets on sale end of January

Ambassador Applications Live
- January 31 Priority due date
- 5 positions
  - parent/student, research, veteran, teaching, & student athletes

Treasurer Report
- tracking as expected for finances
- submitting Committee for Fee Review soon, provide feedback to GPSG Treasurer via email

Advocacy Committees
- Awards
  - Spring Travel and Research Awards went live this week
  - 28 Travel Awards available, $500
  - 12 Research Awards available, $1000
  - Deadline is March 15, 11:59pm
  - Refer reviewers and apply on GPSG website

Benefits
- Ongoing discussion and collaboration about Graduate Student Debt, working with University Graduate School currently
  - Currently working on a survey to launch in the Spring
  - Have some data from university about stipends, fellowships, and awards for all graduate students
  - College of Arts and Sciences is investigating separately

Diversity
- 3 projects
  - eligibility of international license to rent IU fleet vehicles
    - only US license can use IU vehicles currently
- training for faculty, Al’s, TA’s to address diversity
  - working on resolution
- international guide for NEW international students while they’re abroad
  and a package will explain what to expect in the US, IU, (e.g., law, taxes,
  renting apartments, visas)

Sustainability
- Resolutions coming up on transportation and sustainability master plan
  - Read the Bloomington transportation plan

Health & Wellness
- Crimson Cupboard
  - Had call-out meeting 1/17/19, gained more grad student volunteers
- Swing Dancing Event went well last Saturday
- Graduate Student Discussion Groups
  - Coming in February
  - Voted on theme of first discussion
    - 18 voted for Imposter Syndrome
    - 3 Time away from home/family
    - 12 Work/Life Balance
    - 7 Public Speaking
    - 3 could not attend

President’s Updates
- Information related to the RCM and distribution of money around campus

Jamie Wittenberg, Head of Scholarly Communication Department
- Research dissemination, impact of current publishing models on grad students at IU
- IU Bloomington Libraries subscribes to 60,000 journals
- Open access publications have become required in some countries, and for public grant-funded research
- Social Justice Issue!
- BFC passed an open access policy unanimously 2 years ago
- Hope to collaboratively find answers to issues to open access publishing
  - Email with questions: jwitten@indiana.edu

Dan Bullock, Rep for Researchers on Campus
- Effect of shutdown on International Students
- If international students encountering issues, University can pass this on to DC representatives
  - Start collecting information from departments or constituents and sharing with us

Leadership Transitions Upcoming
- Elected Positions
  - President, Vice President, Treasurer
- President is Student Academic Appointee
  - Applications Live Feb 1 on Canvas
  - Platforms Due Feb 22 on Canvas
  - March 1 Elections during General Assembly
- Hired Positions
  - Communications Coordinator, Community Development Coordinator
    - Student Academic Appointee
  - Advocacy Awards Officers
    - Applications live March 1
    - Due March 31 on Canvas
    - Interviews 4/1 – 4/11
- New Executive Committee introduced at April Assembly (April 12)
- Can run and apply for multiple positions (but can only hold one position)