

GPSO Assembly Meeting – February 3, 2012

- Call to order – 3:30
- LaNita – Suspend Robert’s Rules of Order?
- Election nominations
 - Gpsopres@indiana.edu
 - Gpso@indiana.edu
 - Send nominations to either of these addresses
 - Can nominate yourself or someone in your department
 - Nominations close February 22nd
 - After that, they will submit a candidate’s statement
 - Will vote @ March 2nd meeting
 - Positions –
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Parliamentarian
 - Liason
 - Treasurer
 - Appointed positions – we will designate these later
 - Will post the call for nominations to the GPSO website
- Conference Awards
 - At the end of January, we have funded 8 conferences on campus
 - We are closing the funding application
 - Allotted \$2,000 for these conferences
 - More of a rush of applications in the spring
- BFC
 - 2009 Resolution by Nick Clark
 - Dean Wimbush gave a report that they have a committee that will look at this for the next two cycles
 - Complete transparency – anyone who is a SAA should be able to go to their department’s website and see how, why, what they are funded
 - Also asking that when there is a staff-wide increase in pay, then the SAAs, GAs, TAs will get an increase in pay
 - Each academic unit will be asked to submit a report and it will take some time to get completed
 - Questions
 - If there is more money, will there be fewer students accepted?
 - This will be answered on a departmental basis
 - Grad students will get to have input in this process
- New Grant
 - Have received two requests for funding
 - Not under academic, research, conference funding

- Were getting asked to fund speakers that didn't fit under these categories
- No way to fund these types of events
 - Ex. Black NBA Association – Kofi Annan coming to talk about human trafficking
- Proposal – Alex and LaNita have been working on trying to get money for these events
 - LaNita will forfeit the President's Discretionary Fun (\$1000) to grant money to these types of events
- If someone has a graduate association (ex. NBA association partner with BGSA)
- Must be two or more associations working together to be eligible
- Offering up to \$200 for each set of two or more groups
 - Dinner
 - Lecturer/speaker
- This is a pilot project – if there is enough demand, then we may write it into the budget
- Hope to have the application up on the web within the next week or so
- Additional example
 - SPEA, Kelley, Students Taking Active Roles Today (in SPEA)
 - Fundraiser for Cardinal Stage Company
 - Only goes toward operational costs – not toward door prizes, etc.
- Also, to facilitate this, we are creating a Google Doc so that people can add graduate organizations and contact information (website, email) for the org
- If anyone is looking for money that would fall under this title – email LaNita at gpsopres@indiana.edu
- Question: Can we fold this into the conference?
 - These are more special interest events and don't quite fit
 - Still a possibility to do this
 - Will have to figure out based on the pilot program
- The application window would only be open until April for spring
- GPSO Resolution – Safe Protest Zone
 - Concern: Do the students have the right to express their opinions or do they have the right to disrupt learning for other students?
 - Perhaps we should clarify the language of the larger IU policy to make it more grad student based – need to emphasize the physical safety of all students
 - There is some concern over the propriety of the free speech zone locations
 - Recommendation is to reword it and ask for more transparency in the policies with student safety as the primary goal
 - There was a motion to form an ad hoc committee to further investigate the wording about this
 - 3-4 people to work on this
 - Vote – All but one voted in favor of the ad hoc committee
 - Anna will send out an email to get an ad hoc committee together
- Vice President Report
 - AUSA – Meeting on February 17th and the theme is campus safety

- Alex – Budget
 - Computing Competition
- Kevin – awards
 - All award applications are open
 - Research awards – change the dates of the previous awards
 - Previously, they would apply for the fall, spring, summer next year
 - Closely related to the academic calendar
 - Changing the dates so that they make more sense
 - Giving the awards prior to the event
 - If you are interested in being the awards officer, contact Kevin because he will not be doing this next year
- Sustainability
 - Student sustainability council
 - 2nd full week of April (8-14th)
 - If you are able to come up with an event, speaker, etc. then let them know
 - Event called “Sustain IU”
 - Let Jacob know if you’d like to participate
- Anna
 - PhD movie is going to happen February 21st – IU Cinema
 - Can get tix in advance
 - Need more people to sponsor the movie
 - Contact gpsso@indiana.edu to sponsor
 - Grad student of the month committee
 - Finally on a roll – have the new criteria up on the website
 - Soon they will be announcing a new award winner
 - GPSO assembly handbook
 - Go to assembly page
 - Go over the handbook in time for elections
- Jennylynn
 - January
 - Event at Crazy Horse – well attended
 - Ice Skating Event – Frank Southern Ice Arena
 - Approx. 31 attendees
 - February Events
 - Just sent out a compilation email to list everything that’s available socially
 - Tonight: Atlas Bar with Happy Pig catering
 - February 9th – Boy in the Bathroom – BPP
 - All events also be posted on FB and sent to the listserv as last minute reminders
- GPSO Representative Reports
 - Chris Bentley (SPEA)

