

**Graduate and Professional Student Organization
Agenda for Assembly Meeting
September 9, 2011 at 3:30pm in Woodburn Hall Room120**

I. Introduction of Executive Committee and Staff

a. Welcome (3:34)

b. Ex Comm and Staff Introductions

- Introductions: LaNita, Jennylynn, Anna, Kevin
- Talk about background, position description and goals
- LaNita explains the logistics of Assembly meetings
 - Read constitution and by-laws
 - Agenda will be emailed and will be available on the GPSO website

II. GPSO Representative introduction and information

a. Introductions (3:40)

- Specific office ours will be available on the GPSO website

b. Representative Agreement Forms (3:46)

- Explanation of rep responsibilities
- Explanation & promotion of available committee's to join (Internal and external)
- Contact gpso@indiana.edu or LaNita if interested
- Reps were urged to join these committees
- Internal committee interest should be directed to specific GPSO staff member

III. Orientation Events & Updates (3:52)

-Summer Events

- July Social Hour at Farm
- August Family Friendly Event at WonderLab

-Orientation Events

- Info Fair (150 attended)
- Health Insurance Q&A (30 attended)
- Social Hour at Farm (200 attended)
- Grad Student Picnic (100 attended)

-Graduate Student Emissaries - Yolanda

-Department Visits – Anna

- 30+ visits during Orientation weeks
- Spoke to over 1000 students
- Signed up many people on our listserv

IV. Councils and Committees 2011-2012

a. Internal committees

- i. Awards, headed by Kevin Guidry (gpsofnds@indiana.edu)
- ii. Diversity Council, Edwin Jimenez (gpsolink@indiana.edu)
- iii. Grad Benefits, Eric Schmidbauer (gpsobene@indiana.edu)
- iv. Sustainability, Jacob Bower-Bir (gpsosus@indiana.edu)
- v. Programming, Jennylynn Vidas (gpsopr@indiana.edu)

b. External/University wide committees

- i. Vacancies listed on page 2 of this document

V. New Business

- a. Interest and fundraising for a movie screening of Ph.D. Comics (4:03)
 - Explanation of PhD Comics and the amount of requests for the movie
 - Need to: secure funding, pick a date, and research a venue
 - Union Board could be able to provide funding (in Spring)
 - Total cost = \$700, could be split between departments
 - IU Cinema: request needs to be submitted by Sept. 15
 - Food and marketing: plan funds to cover these things
 - Committee needs to be formed ASAP
- i. Please read supplemental PDF document provided by Soca Wibowo

VI. Other questions from Assembly (4:10)

- a. Diversity Committee – does it include students with disabilities?
- b. Committees in the constitution and bylaws? Reluctance to sign the agreement form.
- c. Should an assembly rep send a proxy if they cannot attend?
 - Yes, but the proxy does not have voting rights
- d. What is the best way for reps to distribute information to their department since “graduate announcements are often overlooked?”
 - Facebook page, website, and listserv

End: 4:19

Hello IU Graduate Students! I wanted to let you know of some key opportunities within the IU graduate school and GPSO. There is a precedent for GPSO having seats or representation on over 25 councils and committees throughout the university. These committees include faculty, staff, and key student leaders. While most of these committees are not onerous in workload, they do require 1-2 meetings per semester and are normally one-year appointments. It is imperative that if you decide to serve on a committee or council to be present at any meetings

and participate.

If anyone is interested in serving on a specific committee, please email LaNita Campbell (gpsopres@indiana.edu) with your name, email, and department/program. Many of these committees are sending out calendars to their members to request meeting times so they can begin holding regular meetings.

DEAN'S LIBRARY STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP

The mission of the Dean's Library Advisory Group (DSLAG) is to give the library's primary patron group – students – a voice in library decisions and policy-making. This goal is inclusive of, but not limited to, the following:

- To open lines of communication between the library and university students at both the undergraduate and graduate level.
- To inform the student body about changes to library policies and procedures.
- To solicit student opinions on library services and resources that affect them.
- To allow students the opportunity to openly communicate questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the library, its resources, services, and facilities.
- To spread the word about library resources and services to the user community via student liaisons.
- To improve the relationship between the library and its primary user-group.

We are looking for 8-10 dedicated graduate students to serve on this committee. This is an important committee and step for the university. While our library system is renowned, we are the last university in the Big 10 to develop an influential committee such as the Dean's Library Student Advisory Group.

BLOOMINGTON FACULTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committees are chaired by a designated member of the BFC, and set their own agendas and schedules, in consultation with the BFC Agenda Committee. Activities vary from year to year. Members are appointed by the

BFC Nomination Committee.

- Benefits Committee
- Budgetary Affairs Committee
- Constitution and Rules Committee
- Distributed Education Committee
- Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee- **filled**
- Educational Policies Committee- **filled**
- Executive Committee
- Faculty Affairs Committee
- Foundation Relations Committee
- Library Committee
- Long-Range Planning Committee
- Nomination Committee
- Research Affairs Committee
- Student Academic Appointee Affairs Committee- **filled**
- Student Affairs Committee
- Technology Policies Committee

For more information on these individual committees please visit
<http://www.indiana.edu/~bfc/committees.shtml>.

As you may already know or have yet to discover that the popularity of the Ph.D. Comics not only known by Graduates of the Chem. Dept., but throughout multidisciplinary Graduate programs at Indiana University.

My name is Soca Wibowo (awibowo@indiana.edu) and am the representative treasurer of the Chemistry Dept. Graduate Representative Committee (ChemGRC). We as a group are attempting to organize a screening for the Ph.D. Comics Movie. I hope to inspire co-sponsorship through multiple departments and organizations in helping make this endeavor a reality not for just the graduate population but the general I.U. student population that may in turn pursue graduate studies in their future. Thus, I wanted to inquiry whether GPSO along with multidisciplinary departments would be interested in co-sponsorship of the screening/event.

<http://www.phdcomics.com/comics/archive.php?comicaid=1433>

I have inquired Jorge Cham, author of PhD Comics, about the screening and have gotten the necessary information. Currently, I am in the process of getting organizations together that would want to help sponsor a showing here at IU. It seems the best way to spread information regarding the screening would be the GPSO Assembly meeting this Friday, Septtember 9th. I have been in contact with Anna Saraceno, the GPSO Communications Coordinator, in regards to the screening and she has graciously contacted several venues that may be able to host the screening. The Union Board could possibly screen the movie at the Whittenberger Auditorium at the IMU. Another possible venue is the IU Cinema.

During the Assembly meeting, I hope to present the popularity of the Ph.D. Comics. This series has related to and really spoken to the graduate student population not only in Indiana University but the nation as a whole. The screening is not going to be a cheap endeavor as the cost for the showing will be \$700, without the cost of the venue. In presenting the topic to the larger graduate student population, and using the GPSO as a forum for the issue, I hope to garner interest from multiple departments. If the financial burden were to be divided amongst several disciplines, we can keep necessary financial contributions low for all. With the cost of the screening alone, if seven departments are willing to co-sponsor the event, each would only need to donate approximately \$100. Scheduling the screening may be too late for the Fall 2011 semester, but plans and finances can be possibly organized for the Spring 2012 semester. Thus, we will need to organize financial support either by departmental contributions or a fundraiser, secure a venue for the showing during the Spring semester, and propose the best date that the screening can occur. Please let me know if GPSO could and would be interested in

helping and I can provide more information. I hope we can figure out to make this event possible.

The PHD Movie

www.phdcomics.com/movie

Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks!

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