

## GPSO Meeting 12.2.11

- I. Call to order 3:30
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes 3:31
- III. Approval of agenda
- IV. Organization budget discussion (Budget sent out via email and available on the website)
  - a. New Treasurer – Alex
  - b. Budget discussion
    - i. As of November 1, we have spent \$13,419 – 13% of the budget a little less than half the year has passed
    - ii. Compensation
      1. Nothing to note as of yet in this area
      2. No questions
    - iii. General Expenses
      1. Nothing to note as of yet in this area
      2. No questions
    - iv. Events
      1. s/a
    - v. Academic Support
      1. Money has not been spent yet because we have not given out awards yet
  - c. \$16,000 cash balance
    - i. Proposing an ad hoc committee to talk about how to spend the surplus
    - ii. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please email Alex at [gpsotr@indiana.edu](mailto:gpsotr@indiana.edu)
  - d. Budget online, will be updated in January
- V. Katie Jones – SAA financial literacy research project -- starting now but she will ask for volunteers in the spring
  - a. Beginning phase of the project
  - b. UHRS representative
  - c. Will partner with dean's office of graduate school
  - d. No retirement options for SAA, grad students
  - e. Will hope to partner with TIAA Creff to get an education program
  - f. Survey will be sent out
    - i. Want to know what students already know about retirement plans
    - ii. What else would we be interested in?
    - iii. This will determine how UHRS tailors the education program about retirement decisions.
    - iv. We have 4400 SAAs university wide
    - v. Minimal time input -- less than 20 questions
    - vi. Can also participate in focus groups if we choose to, or we can just take the survey
- VI. Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning -- Rescheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting
- VII. Executive committee communications
  - a. President
    - i. Backlog of IRB proposals
      - a. As of right now, caught up with 90% of IRB proposals
      - b. Plan to be caught up with 100% by spring
      - c. Hoping to have a turn around time of 3-5 weeks
    - ii. Dean's advisory board

1. Valerie Penia who works with IU PR with all campuses has been working with one undergrad and one grad student -- New SAFETY campaign
  2. Three step publicity process
    - a. Social Media
    - b. Presence in IDS
    - c. Bus wraps
  3. Mainly tailored to undergrads, but they are including grad student in planning, so they want our feedback, too.
  4. Safety campaign will roll out in January
- b. Vice President
- i. BFC has been talking about reinvigorating intellectual curiosity on campus
    1. Trying to implement a standard to fill up classroom on all days
    2. Trying to have mandatory Friday classes
    3. Justin Kingsolver is lobbying against this because he doesn't believe that implementing a mandatory Friday class will make them come to class
    4. Keeps coming up in BFC meetings but won't be voted on for some time – will take it to the administration after they vote on it
    5. Also lacking student voices to contribute to this
    6. Comments
      - a. Not just implementing them to fill the classroom but to make the buildings more efficient because they have to heat, cool, etc. whether students are in there or not.
      - b. Sustainability issue – they spend upward of a billion dollars for physical plant, campus wide
    7. What you can do as a GPSO rep
      - a. Recognize that they need feedback and talk it up with your department
      - b. Email Pat [gpsovp@indiana.edu](mailto:gpsovp@indiana.edu) if you want to share your thoughts or ask questions about this.
- c. Liaison -- Edwin
- i. Mission Statement
    1. Edwin via Anna will send out a mission statement to let people know their goals and what is entailed in the diversity council
- d. Parliamentarian – Shana
- i. No report
- e. Awards -- Kevin
- i. Currently, they are checking with the graduate school to see if everyone is a full time student
  - ii. They had a hang up with this, but they worked it out
  - iii. Just today, they sent out the emails to the 18 students that won
  - iv. Increased awards from 14 to 18, all in \$500 (different from the past when some of them have been for \$250)
  - v. Will start advertising the spring awards in mid-January
- f. Sustainability Officer – Jacob Bower-Bir
- i. He and Justin Kingsolver have petitioned to Dean Goldsmith to get a seat on the Student Advisory board
  - ii. Hope to be invited to the January meeting, this will be the first time that this council has been represented

g. Benefits – Eric Schmidbauer

VIII. Staff Reports

a. Communications – Anna

- i. PHD comics – Tuesday, February 21 at IU Cinema!! Woo!!
  1. Not sure if director will be there
  2. Need to get the planning committee together to figure out how to pay for it
    - a. Many grad student organizations can chip in
    - b. GPSO can probably sponsor a reception before and after
- ii. AGEP – National Science Foundation Grant program
  1. Goal is to increase the number of science degrees graduating and entering the professoriate

**iii. 2011-2012 Grad Student survey**

**1. Going out next week**

**2. Chance for students to answer what is going well or not with grad student life**

**a. Social**

**b. Benefits**

**c. Etc.**

**3. Will shape what GPSO does in the next semester and the upcoming years**

**4. Please fill it out and send it to your departments!!**

- iv. Grad student of the month committee
  1. Met and talked about criteria that they use to choose
  2. Will break criteria down into categories so that each student has a more equal footing, regardless of the department they are in (science, humanity, professional, etc)
  3. Will get this criteria formalized and then they will revamp the grad student award in January

b. Events – Jennylynn

- i. Thanks for sending on the events emails from the listserv!
- ii. November 4 – Social hour at Yogi's
  1. Turned out well
  2. Good turnout, great food
  3. Approx 75 attended
- iii. November 9 – Tour of Kinsey institute
  1. Approx 10 people came
  2. Might do this again next semester or in the fall
- iv. November 11 – Second library workshop (first about scholarly communication)
  1. Issues in Copyright
  2. Approx. 11 people there, good responses from the participants
  3. Meeting with library to see what kind of workshops they can do next semester
- v. November 18 – La Boheme
  1. Reception and pre-show talk
  2. Approx 40 people came
  3. Goal was to expose people to the opera
  4. Thinking about doing another one for the ballet, Sleeping Beauty
- vi. Reminder – Last Social Hour of the semester
  1. Root Cellar at Farm
  2. 7-9 p.m.

- vii. Update: programming committee
  - 1. Plan is to meet early in January
  - 2. Will set a date in the first or second week of January
    - a. Need to talk about spring events, especially the grad bash
- IX. Community Concerns
  - a. Any more committees that need people to sit on them?
    - i. Document with the committee seats available on the GPSO website
- X. Closing remarks
  - a. Email with agenda will go out before next meeting
  - b. First meeting of the spring semester – January 13<sup>th</sup>**
- XI. Meeting Adjourned @ 4:11 p.m.