



## **GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda**

**October 18, 2011 6:30-7:21 pm. Westbrook 0012.**

Presiding Officer: Bill Hunt

Refreshments: Daniel Brown & Liz Bloomhardt

### **6:31 PM: Call to Order and Welcome**

#### **6:31 PM: Speaker**

Larry Moneta, Vice President of Student Affairs

- Since 2005, the number of undergraduate and graduate and professional (g&p) students across all schools and programs increased 13.6% from 13,720 to 15,581. Increases in g&p students' use of and access to Student Affairs departments and programs have disproportionately outpaced the recent gains in population.

CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) –

- The number of g&p students who visited CAPS increased 22%, and percentage of clients seen at CAPS who are g&p students increased from 46% to 50.6%.

Student Health –

- From 2005 – 2010, the number of g&p visits increased 80%.
- The number of g&p student appointments at Student Health increased 147.8%.

Residence Life & Housing Services (RLHS) –

- G&p student enrollment has increased, but so has undergraduate enrollment. In order to accommodate the growth in the undergraduate population and meet the residency requirement, g&p beds have been reallocated; as a result g&p student occupancy has declined by 152 beds.
- RLHS has offered 48 beds for g&p students (primarily international students living stateside for the first time) at the Swift Avenue apartments. However, current demand for beds exceeds availability by more than 300%.

Things happening on campus –

- West union renovation:
  - Closing west union in summer 2013 and open august 2015 for renovations. It is a complicated project because the building hasn't been touched since 1950 and not too mention, they serve over 6000 meals a day there.
  - Plan to build new event pavilion attached to the back of the Bryan Center that will act as a dining building.
  - After West Union is complete, it will provide a new place for certain student groups.
- Grad student housing:
  - Trying to get more housing around the area available to grad students. Trying to make lasalle st area a safer place for students.

Q&A Session –

Chris Marsicano – Many people having trouble finding housing. Used to be a great website to help with this. Is there going to be a new website put up?

LM – A new website will be up in January. Also, talking to private sector to try to make more opportunities available for grad students in a range of price points.

Amanda Mosby – Optional for grad students for purchase a food plan?

LM – Never quite know if there is a market for a plan, but willing to look at it if there happens to be a market.

Grad Students – Definitely worth exploring.

Bill Hunt– How much acreage will be deforested to build the event pavilion?

Under 1%. Actually the hopes are for this project to serve some of the ecological needs of that are. Environment enhancing project.

Liz Bloomhardt – Can you address some of the stuff happening to the Bryan Center?

LM – That will be addressed more once we see how some of the other projects we will know better what we are going to do. It will be about trying to how we can maximize the space that we have there.

Viresh Thusu – Question regarding safety (LaSalle loop bus) Because bus has extended hours to 1 AM, the van service ahs stopped serving that area during that time; however people that live in that area don't necessarily feel safe at those late hours on the bus. Could it be possible to go back to the 9 PM service and van service later?

LM – Not sure. Will talk to Sam (transportation) about this and let him know this is still a lingering question.

Nick Brandley – Because of the growing g&p presence, how is student affairs looking towards the future in regards to grad student views conflicting with undergrad views?

LM – We are trying to encourage grad and undergrad interaction to create an intellectual and social crossroads that is not fully recognized.

**7:18 PM: Announcements**

Pan Wu – still two university committees open. Please apply.

Felicia and Pan are going to the NAGPS meeting next week. Please let them know if you have any questions and concerns that you would like for them to take with them.

Motion to pass last week's minutes. Motion passes.

**7:20 PM: New Business**

Kate – application for YT now available. If you have in questions you can email her at [khd3@duke.edu](mailto:khd3@duke.edu).

Bethany – start setting up lunches b/t students and administration. Hopefully give grad students the opportunity to ask questions.

**7:21 PM: Adjournment**

**Fall 2011 GPSC GA Meeting Dates: (6:30 pm, 0016 Westbrook)**

**September 6**

**September 20**

**October 4**

**October 18**

**November 1**

**November 15**

**\* If necessary, the General Assembly may vote to hold a meeting on November 29.**