



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda

February 7, 2012 6:30-7:51 pm. Westbrook 0016.

Presiding Officer: Bill Hunt

Refreshments: Liz Bloomhardt & Pan Wu

6:34 PM: Call to Order and Welcome

6:40 PM: Speaker – Ali Saaem, Young Trustee

Give a brief understanding of what YT role is:

- It is for a student who recently graduated within one year who had a good understanding of what goes on within the university.
- There are several things from your background that can help with taking on this role.
 - You should have a wide range of experience with student populations, but is not only fixed with student life/campus experience. For example, my background: Ph.D. student in BME, been on GPSC for about 4 years, involved in other activities on campus, worked with student groups across different schools, participated in student trustee, business and finance committee.
 - Must be able to comprehend how duke is reflected in the community/world—campus developments abroad.
 - Must also be able to communicate well with the board (35 member board), strong personalities on the board. To have your point considered, you have to have done homework and be able to get your point across well. Being belligerent is not necessarily a bad thing for this position either.
- Meet 4 times year (every quarter). You're on campus for 2 days with meetings Friday morning through Sunday.

Q&A:

Kelly Monroe – What issues you are tackling as YT?

Ali – There are a lot of specific details that I can't go into. I can really only talk about what goes into The Chronicle BOT press release. However, things that have been discussed a lot is Duke in China and international development in other satellite campuses.

Dione Hill - How do we ensure that you are meeting the needs of graduate students?

Ali – In this role, you are not only talking about graduate students. You have to think broader than just the G&P community. You have to figure out the focus for the BOT and figure G&P needs into their focus but also what is overall best for Duke as a university.

Bill – how do you keep up with things in Durham?

Ali – Well currently I live in Cambridge working with a biotech startup. I fly frequently from Boston to NY to Durham. I also keep up with The Chronicle to get an idea of what is going on in student life.

6:34 PM: Announcements – Officer Updates

Felicia –

Big thanks to Bill for the retreat. It was really successful. It was an evening event and we got really good feedback.

Dan –

I need more volunteers for Habitat. Need up to 20 by February 25th.

(daniel.r.browndu@gmail.com)

Pan –

Legislation Action Day in DC is coming up soon. If anybody is interested, please contact pan by February 15th. (pan.wu@duke.edu)

Bill –

YT election will be during the next GA meeting. I have circulated bios of the three candidates—Gregory Milik Burnett, Will Evans, and Felicia Hawthorne.

6:57 PM: Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion to approve. Motion passes.

6:58 PM: New Business

BOT Standing Committee Candidate Approval:

Side note: Voting for YT.

In order to vote, you have to have attended 3 meetings before the 21st, and you have to be here (no proxy) to vote.

Judicial committee met to decide on the BOT Standing Committee Candidate.

Kate Duch – 3rd year public policy PhD student with concentration in economics.

University scholar, James B Duke scholar, current GPSC rep to Academic

Programs Committee, Chair of YT Selection Committee 2012

Bachelor and masters from Cornell

MS: labor economics

BS: industrial and labor relations

Student-elected trustee, 07-09

Sat on five standing committees, including academics affairs for one year.

Student government experience at Cornell

Research focuses on higher educational policy.

Adria Wilson, Ides of Love March/NC anti-gay marriage amendment:

- We're organizing a rally called the Ides of Love on March 15th. The purpose of the rally is to protest amendment one, the proposed same-sex marriage ban that will be on the ballot on May 8th. For some background, the amendment basically says that state of NC will only recognize marriage between a man and a woman as a legal union. This problematic because it puts the basic freedoms of a domestic partners at risk.
- We are hopeful that with enough people coming together, we can stop it from becoming law here.
- We will be gathering in Raleigh at the NC State Belltower on Hillsborough St. on March 15th at 11AM. From there, we'll march up Hillsborough to the Old State Capitol building where we will be holding a rally at Halifax Mall.
- We need people to come out and also donations.

Alex Smith – If I send this out to constituents and they want to donate, how do they do that?

Adria – Donate to our website <https://www.wepay.com/donations/94914>.

Kelly Monroe – Where have you received funding?

Adria – We have donated to our own cause. Most of that money is from us so far.

Bill – Does this amendment take away rights for people in a civil union?

Adria – If you don't have a marriage license, you are not awarding any rights that allowed to a legal union.

If you have any more questions about the Ides of Love march please email Adria at adria.wilson@duke.edu.

7:17 PM: Adjournment

Spring 2012 GPSC GA Meeting Dates: (6:30 pm, 0016 Westbrook)

January 24

February 7

February 21

March 20

March 27

April 10

April 24 (if necessary)

*** If necessary, the General Assembly may vote to hold a meeting on April 24.**