



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes

September 7th, 2010: Room 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Felicia Hawthorne

6:35 PM: Call to Order

Career Center presentation – Dr. Patricia Callaway & Dr. Virginia Steinmetz

- Three staff members will be meeting with students at Teer and at the grad school. Documents were distributed with the drop in schedule. Further information can be gained from their website <http://www.studentaffairs.duke.edu/career>
- Professional schools have their own career centers that students in those schools should use.
- There will be a career fair on Wednesday 15th September at 3pm in the Bryant Center. There are 98 confirmed employers carded to be there. The Career Center is aiming for 100 employers.
- Additional career fairs will be held throughout the year including one just for grad students that will involve six schools. Information can be found on the career center's website.

7:02pm: Announcements

Basketball Campout – Melissa Kirkpatrick

- Basketball Important Dates:
 - o RV and U-Haul registration, September 10th – 14th
 - o Campout registration, Friday September 17th – Sept 24th
 - o Campout exemptions deadline, 5pm Fri Sept 24th.
 - o Campout, Oct 1st-3rd
- Three surveys will be available for signup during registration period:
 - o Speed Dating
 - o Community Service
 - o Basketball trivia
- Campers will be allowed to leave campout to attend either of the 2 athletic events happening that weekend.
- Two additional town hall meetings will be held before campout
- The results of the lottery being held for free exemptions will be announced as soon as possible once the lottery ends.

Responsibilities of a Representative – Felicia Hawthorne

- Attendance at all GPSC meetings. A proxy can be used if a rep cannot attend a meeting.



- Reps are advised to read the GPSC bylaws which are available on the GPSC website <http://gpsc.duke.edu/what-is-gpsc/>
- All reps are expected to communicate with their department and relay their concerns/expectations to the GA.
- All reps are required to serve on at least one University Committee.

Community Outreach Coordinator Introduction – Dan Griffin

- The elected community outreach coordinator left Duke over the summer so the Executive Council selected a new coordinator from a list of applicants, Abhilash Sabarathinam. The GA voted to formally approve him into the position.

7:15pm Introduction to GPSC Executive

- Dan Griffin – President
- Felicia Hawthorne – Vice-President
- Fallon Ukpe – Treasurer
- Alana Belcon – Executive Secretary
- Caitlin Ludwigsen – Attorney General
- Horacio Carias – Social Life Co-Chairs
- Miles Crosskey - Social Life Co-Chairs
- Sam Gong – Student Group Liaison
- Yang Yang – Communications Coordinator
- Ali Saeem – University Affairs Coordinator
- Ted Graham – Academic Officer

7:27pm Mahato Memorial Event – Andrew Fontanella & Liz Bloomhardt

- Sept 15th the memorial event for Abhijit Mahato will be held.
- Deadline for submissions of images for the photo contest is Sept 8th.
- The website is mahato.pratt.duke.edu

7:31pm Old Business

Website Update – Yang Yang

- The GPSC website has been redone (gpsc.duke.edu)
- The total costs was approximately \$6,000
- Our events are now linked to the Buzz calendar
- The former GPSC classifieds no longer exist and we will now be using [DukeLIST](#)

7:38pm Annual Retreat – Felicia Hawthorne

- The retreat has been pushed back due to difficulties in getting a location.
- Anyone wishing to help plan the retreat should contact Felicia.



7:39pm Next GA meeting – Felicia Hawthorne

- Anna Salinas from Student Health will be the speaker on Sept 21st
- Some discussion arose around a time period during the GA meeting where reps can bring up questions/concerns from either speaker presentations or from their department etc. It was decided that the 'New Business' section of the agenda will be reintroduced. It was dropped last year due to lack of participation.
- Additionally reps wished to have more information on who the future speakers will be so they can be better prepared with questions etc.
- It was reiterated by the Vice-President that reps are encouraged to send to her any topics that they want on the agenda.

7:51pm Meeting adjourned