



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2010: Room 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Felicia Hawthorne

6:35 PM: Call to Order

Announcements:

- **Felicia Hawthorne** – There will be a Basketball User meeting Thursday Oct 7th in French 3327 at 6pm.
- **Fallon Ukpe** – Funding applications due October 9th.
 - **Question** – Deadline for Group Affiliation?
 - No, but you want to do it before you apply for funds.

Officer's Updates:

- **Dan Griffin** – Board of Trustees meeting occurred last weekend. One of the things discussed was we need better metrics. What the different concerns are among the Graduate and Professional students. Anyone who has experience or know someone who has experience in designing surveys etc please contact Dan so he can work with them.

6:38pm Counseling & Psychological Services presentation – Dr. Joseph Talley

- Services offered by CAPS:
 - Individual Counseling
 - Couples Counseling
 - Psychiatric Assessment
 - Group Therapy
 - Career Decision Making
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Consultation
 - Workshops and Discussion Sessions
- Appointments are typically from 9am-4pm not including the lunch hour though exceptions can be made.
 - Abhilash Sabarathinam (Exec): Do students need to make appointments first?
 - Yes. There are emergency sessions but mostly CAPS works by appointment.
 - Dan Griffin (Exec): Can you speak to the stigma attached to therapy in academia and how do graduate students deal with that?
 - Approximately 12% of the student body (joint undergraduate and graduate) visit CAPS every year. Students should realize that they are not alone in using these services.



- Adrian Marias (Public Policy): How do you approach a friend and recommend that they go to CAPS?
 - Express care and concern. Coach recommendation in terms of what has worked for you.

7:09pm: Minutes Approved

- Motion made by Caroline Yeager (Medical School), seconded by Viresh Thusu (ECE). Minutes passed with no corrections.

7:08pm Old Business:

GPSC Goals, Felicia Hawthorne

- A generalized goals survey will be sent out to all reps. Please fill this out.

7:10pm Young Trustee Screening Committee Selection – 7 seats needed.

- Overview given by Yang Yang, last year's chair for the YT Screening Committee. This committee will advertise for the positions, interview applications and present three finalists to the GA for voting next semester. The selected Young Trustee serves a two year term on the Board of Trustee, being able to vote only in their second year.
- Nominations:
 - Mili Doshi (Fuqua)
 - Viresh Thusu (ECE)
 - Sumesh Nair (Fuqua)
 - Liz Bloomhardt (MEMA) – declines
 - Caroline Yaeger (Medical School) – declines
 - Kenneth Alexander (Public Policy)
 - Walter Cantwell (Divinity School)
 - Brad Hover (Biochemistry)
 - Bill Hunt (English)
- Motion made by Caroline Yaeger (Medical School) to accept all by ascent and then vote for a committee chair. Motion passed.
- Nominations for Chair:
 - Bill Hunt
 - Kenneth Alexander
 - Sumesh Nair

Each candidate spoke briefly before voting commenced. Chair – Bill Hunt



7: 25pm Student Health Advisory Committee – Ali Saaem

- Last GA meeting questions came up on what does the Student Health Advisory do and how does it differ from the Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee. As their names indicate SHIAC deals with Insurance issues that affect grad students. What's covered etc. It deals with Insurance provider recommendations. SHAC on the other hand as a more fluid mandate. For example, a few years ago they organized and executed a Health Fair. It works by connecting students to the campus providers and is important as it draws in what students think the population needs at any given time.
- Malik Burnett who spoke last week for SHIAC is interested in restarting SHAC. Reps who are interested should apply for the committee on the GPSC website <http://gpsc.duke.edu/committees/university-committees/>
 - Mili Doshi (Fuqua): Can SHIAC and SHAC be combined?
 - This was thought of previously but given the heavy commitment that SHIAC requires it was decided that it's best to have two separate committees.
 - Inderpreet Jalle (Biology): Have confirmations about acceptance to committees been sent out?
 - You should have received confirmations from the committee chairs. If you have not please contact Ali (ali.saaem@gmail.com).

7:30pm GPSC Website – Yang Yang

- GPSC Forum is now live on the GPSC website: <https://gpsc.duke.edu/forums/>
 - Categories: Basketball, Health Insurance, Campus Life, Student Life etc.
- GPSC is in the process of making a marketing video. If you want to help or if your student group has a video that you want included contact Yang at gpsc.cc@duke.edu.

7:32pm Judicial Committee Selection – 3 seats needed.

- Overview given by Caitlin Ludwigsen, the GPSC Attorney General. The role of the committee is to investigate any allegations of misconduct by council or executive members and to interpret the by-laws. There are no regular meetings. Issues are dealt with as they arise.
 - Nominations:
 - Gerry Canavan (Literature)
 - Ryan O'Rourke (Romance Studies)
 - Jason Evans (Divinity School)
- Motion made by Inderpreet Jalle (Biology) to accept the three nominations as given without voting. Seconded by Viresh Thusu (ECE). Motion passes.



7:42pm New Business

- Sarah Denes (Musicology) – Is working on improving maternity leave policy for the graduate school. Currently women in the Music can get 7 weeks paid time and if she wants to take more time she loses her funding for the semester. Sarah is working to have Deans etc. address this situation as far as she is aware most women need more than 7 weeks. She's looking for other students who are interested in working on this issue. Students can contact her at sarah.denes@duke.edu.
 - Ali Saaem (Exec) – Has the power to set up an action committee to work on this if there are interested persons.
 - Dan Griffin (Exec) – Thought that this policy had been expanded in the past. Would be interested in working on this with Sarah.
 - Inderpreet Jalle (Biology) – Is the 7 weeks a graduate school-wide policy?
 - Sarah Denes – Positive for the Music Department. Still has to get further information for other departments. Information is a little difficult to accumulate as there is a minimum of 7 weeks with departments being encouraged to give more.
 - Dan Griffin (Exec) – Thought that this policy had been expanded in the past. Would be interested in working on this with Sarah.
 - Recommendation to contact Dean Jo Wright.
 - Proposal by Ali Saaem that GPSC reps who are interested give their names to form a task force to gather information and get back to the GA. Seconded by Sarah Denes (Musicology). Proposal passed.
 - Anne Njuki (Fuqua)
- Alana Belcon (Exec) – Are proxies allowed to vote?
 - Yes and if they are at the end of year elections they must be representing a rep who attended at least 3 consecutive meetings.
- Sarah Salahi – Duke University Advanced/Professional Degree Consulting Club
 - New student group of students who are interested in consulting whether it's business consulting or not.
 - They will be meeting with consultants.
 - Weekly practice sessions
 - Preparing using Case interviews etc.
 - Contact information: apd-consulting-club@duke.edu,
 - Website: <http://dukeapdconsulting.com/>

7:47pm – Next GA meeting

- Our next meeting will be on October 19th, 2010.
- Motion to be adjourned – Ravi Verma (Fuqua), seconded by Salam Al-Omaishi (MEM)

7:56pm – Meeting adjourned.