



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2010: Room 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Felicia Hawthorne

6:34 PM: Call to Order

Announcements:

- Ted Graham (EXEC) – There has been suggestion for a Grad/Undergrad tutoring database so tutors and students can be in contact.
 - Liz Bloomhardt – There is already a tutoring center, will this database function through that? Tutors at the Center get paid which might be an incentive to work with them rather than starting something separate.
 - Ted will look into the situation.
- Yang Yang (EXEC) – Dan Griffin has been working with OIT to increase the services for graduate and professional students. If you need training, software etc please email gpsc@duke.edu so we can compile a list that OIT can work with.
- Dan Rowe – Speed Dating Night at Fullsteam Brewery on 10/26/10 register at <http://dukecard.duke.edu/gpsc>. Please distribute the attached flyer.

6:40pm: Break for food.

6:51pm: Approval of last week's minutes

6:51pm: Old Business

Campout Report – Allison Schmitt and Rebecca Wilusz

- Campout was a great success this year.
- General statistics:
 - 2500 registered
 - 1800 started Campout
 - 1251 finished Campout
 - 600-700 Community Service participants
 - Parked 97 RVs, approx. 900 RV participants registered.
- There were some problems on Friday night with the neighbors complaining of music and some misunderstanding of the Durham City noise rules. However this was rectified on Saturday and worked smoothly then.
- There was a broken iron gate to one of the parking lots that upset Parking and Transportation. The students responsible are known and their advisors has been involved in the issues.
- The changes to the Medical exemptions were very successful this year.



- The silent auction was successful: IAR & DCRC - \$225.63 each and Emily K Center - \$1424.25.
- Athletics: 58 students at the field hockey game and 280 at the volleyball game. This doubled the games usual attendance and increased awareness within the graduate school.
- The Men's and Women's basketball teams visited campout. Check out the videos at <http://www.dukeblueplanet.com/bptv.asp>.
- Exit survey results from Campout will be available at the end of October. Anyone interested should email bball.cmte@gmail.com.
- There are still Campout t-shirts for sale. \$10 each. Email bball.cmte@gmail.com if interested.

7:02 – Fall Funding Approval – Fallon Ukpe

- Finance Committee met last Thursday. Over 100 applications which is a significant increase over previous years.
- The rules for what GPSC can and cannot fund can be found on our website: <http://gpsc.duke.edu/student-groups/student-group-funding/>
- If a group was not funded at all it was usually due to
 - They were not affiliated with GPSC
 - They didn't breakdown their budget at all
 - Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – do groups get reasons for why they got the amount of funding that they got?
 - Yes. The Treasurer is happy to explain to groups why they didn't get funding.
 - Jordan Eccles (EOS) – Is there a reason that the GA doesn't see the reasons?
 - These can be made available but this can become a hairy issue with mass communication causing a storm of queries.
 - Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – can you go over the total numbers of how much was funded and what our budget was.
 - The max we had available is ~\$23,000.
 - Tiffany Kolba (Math) – a little confused how they were organized.
 - They were organized by the order that the applications came in.
 - Amanda Pooler (Law) – When was it publicized that funds were available cause there are no Law School groups on the list.
 - The funding cycle deadlines were voted on in GA and in the gpscnews and on the GPSC website.
 - Sam Gong – Fallon does not need to apologize as it is the reps job to take the information back to their constituents and the GA was aware of the funding cycle.



- Jordan Eccles (EOS) – motion that we get the reasons on how the amounts that were allocated was selected. Seconded by Alexis Clark (Art). Voted. Motion failed.
- Dan Griffin (EXEC) – in the by-laws there is a guideline on what can and cannot be funded.
- Fallon – the biggest reasons why funding was given is that we cannot fund Speakers fee as well as groups that were affiliated.
- Tabitha Lewis (Divinity) – some kind of auditing is necessary. How would we go about setting up auditing?
 - This has been brought up before but how do we go about it. Not all the groups have accounts with OSAF. Also, what kind of information do we want to ask for? Do we do just a small number of groups and have the threat of that work on the other groups? However this is something that the Finance Committee is working on this and anyone who wants to join can.
 - Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – motion to pass the funding allocations. Tabitha Lewis (Divinity) – seconded. Motion passed.
- Request that Fallon come back to the GA about the auditing situation.

7:21pm Chris Martin – Senior at Trinity & President of the Duke Club Sports Executive.

- There are 37 club sports. Almost 10% of these teams are comprised of graduate students.
- Grad students are very active in club sports and are an integral part of the clubs. Would like even more grad students to be involved in Club Sports.
- Wants to link with GPSC and advertise more with GPSC. Perhaps with gpscnews.
- Funding is becoming limited across the board on campus. For example dues only cover 19% of the budget. The rest of the budget has to be raised.
- \$135,000 from the athlete's department. \$85,000 from FOFC leaving \$550,000 to be raised.
- A request for funding from GPSC for club sports.
- Would like to see Grad Students be able to hold positions. Right now that isn't happening as there is no funding that is received from GPSC. Funding could be arranged where funding goes to the clubs with highest percentage of grad students etc.
 - Alana Belcon (EXEC) – Are the grad students that in the clubs are paying dues?
 - Yes.
 - Stephanie Holmer (Cell Biology) – How many grad students are in club sports?
 - About 150.
 - Felicia Hawthorne (EXEC) – what are the rules for grad students being officers in the clubs?



- There are no rules in the clubs that Grad students can't be officers. But the rules are coming from FOFC, the undergraduate funding org.
- Liz Bloomhardt – DSG gets their funding from student fees, yes?
 - Yes.
- And FOFC gets their funding from?
 - FOFC is the funding body of the DSG. The money from the athlete's department comes from the Recreation fee which is also from Grad students so there is some contribution from the graduate school. However the FOFC then gives additional funds.
- Sam Gong, right now to be affiliated with GPSC there must be at least 30% grad students. There are some grad student sporting clubs that are being funded which have more than 30% grad students.
- Motion by Viresh Thusu (ECE) to extend the meeting by 20mins. Seconded Lucas Dietrich (PA). Motion carries.
- Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – how are funds allocated?
 - A budget is created by each club for trips for races, race entry fees, hotels etc. The Exec Committee then allocates based on how much is available and what was requested.
- Tiffany Kolba (Math) – Are you requesting funding outside of the regular funding cycle?
 - Fallon – Technically these clubs cannot be GPSC affiliated because they cannot be dual recognized with DSG and GPSC. However the provision for this is that non-GPSC affiliated groups can be funded if they have more than 30% grad students.
- Dues collect about \$170,000.
- Chris (Presenter) – though our operating budget is very large please don't think that small contributions don't make a difference.
- Fallon Ukpe (Exec) – do any clubs have more than 30% grad students?
 - Yes but this is a problem as right now this is discouraged as the OSAF funding laws says that Undergrads must be at least 75% of the group membership.
 - Is happy for changes to be made so that only 25% of the clubs need to be grad students in order to get funding but grad student programs must be protected re: funding.
- Dan Griffin (EXEC) – is this going to be an ongoing thing or just for this one year?
 - Chris – yes, this will be ongoing.
- Anna Corliss (Law) – perhaps seeing what will happen if the club sports were advertised and grad students participation increased and then probably apply for funding.
- Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – motion to table discussion and charge Fallon to organize a meeting with the relevant personnel and get back to the GA. Kenneth Alexander (Public Policy) seconded. Motion passes.



7:53 New Business

- Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – Parking and Transportation is going to be doing an audit of the bus system to improve routes etc. Feedback can be given to Liz to be forwarded to the Parking and Transportation. Anyone with comments etc should contact her.
- Kenneth Alexander (Public Policy) – Complaints within Sanford School about Green Zone parking. They give out more parking passes than there are spaces. Some spaces have been removed.
- Dan Griffin (Exec) - this is something that has been brought up in the past and persons with issues should send this info to Liz.
- Dania Frank (PP), Shelley Alfonso – Marsden (Neuro), Karen Lilley (Fuqua) – All have had problems with parking in the green zone. Spaces are over sold etc.
- Jordan Eccles – Spaces in all the parking lots are oversold as overall there is only about 75% usage of lots. The problem is peak hour parking.
- Liz thanked everyone for their input and will be taking the issue back to Parking and Transportation.

8:00pm – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kenneth Alexander (PP), seconded by Viresh Thusu (ECE). Meeting ended at 8pm.