GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda

November 1, 2011 6:30-7:46 pm. Westbrook 0016.

Presiding Officer: Bill Hunt
Refreshments: Bill Hunt & Yang Yang

6:38 PM: Call to Order and Welcome

6:31 PM: Speaker - Sanette Tanaka, Editor, Duke Chronicle

• Goals: aim for comprehensiveness and issues. Do send reporter to meeting; however do not always cover them. We want to focus more on the issues on campus rather than the student government meeting.
• Have begun covering more issues that are important/concentrated on graduate. Would like to continue developing this and bringing more of the issues that are important to graduate students.
• There are three areas of coverage: university, local/national, health and science.

Q&A:
Q – Logan (Div. School) - Partner with any other outside news sources?
A: Don’t partner in terms of sharing content, but may bring in quotes info from these journals.

If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved with The Chronicle you may contact Sannetta at sst13@duke.edu.

6:48 PM: Announcements

Officer Updates:

Felicia – DUU
• events. Grad students do pay for these events. Want to get a poll for whether or not grad students are interested in getting the blast email.

Q: Sarah Denes – what are the these event and where are they?
A: Concerts, activities, etc. on campus.
Felicia takes a poll of people who are interested. Majority of hands are raised.

Q: Viresh Thusu – So this is an email that will come in addition to the gpsc news?  
A: Yes. These emails do not come out in the same time frame, so it will be an additional GPSC email each week.

Felicia – December BOT lunch.  
• 16 students sit down with BOT to discuss Career Services. An application will be sent out next week.

Bill –  
• Next GA will be Nov 16. Speaker will be police chief, John Daily. Please prepare questions for him. Also, will be going over a tentative schedule for spring emails.

Liz –  
• Had a meeting with the transportation department, and safety issues about the buses were brought up. If anyone is interested in the topic or want their input email Liz.

Bethany –  
• Currently organizing fireside chats with people in administration. Setting up a meeting with Dr. John Blackshear, our student Ombudsperson, for November 16. Through the Office for Institutional Equity (OIE), Dr. Blackshear provides services for any student who has experienced mistreatment, discrimination, conflict and/or harassment. His office provides confidential and impartial solutions to conflict through various means such as, private meetings, shuttle diplomacy, and mediation.  
• Looking at the director of CAPS after this meeting. Most likely will set up this meeting at the end of the semester.

Pan –  
• Doing outreach to GPSC GA members.

Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes  
Motion to vote. All approve.

6:53 PM: New Business  
Philip – Fall Budget Approval  
• Article 18 of bylaws states general rules for funding. Look for group events that have high impact on the grad/prof population.

Q&A:  
Q: Jason Evans – How do you define scholarship?
A: Did not have an issue with that this funding cycle but look at the previous precident when this becomes an issue.

Q: Logan (Div School) – Was there any attention actually paid to the event, for example, the Veterans Day event?
A: Philip – Yes. The bylaws were strictly followed for each funding decision. We are not allowed to fund speaker fees.

Jay Stringer (Pharmacology, member of the Finance Committee) – Clear explanation for what the money is going towards is necessary. If you come back with a more clear explanation, it is possible to do something. Look into co-sponsorship with GPSC.

Move to accept the budget as presented with amendment to Veterans Day event. Motion passes.

Q: Tiffany Pross (MGM) – Don’t specifically fund catering, speakers, alcohol, and transportation. If you don’t fund these, do you fund musicians or artists? If so, there is a musician and maybe we could find a loophole.
A: Felicia – Still the best way to do this is to do a sponsorship.

Jason Evans – Motion to make for a resolution to the Milites Christi event with co-sponsorship funding.
All in favor.

Alexis and Nick – Thirsty Thursday Changes
- Thirsty Thursday will be moving to using drink tickets. Will be giving out 2 drink tickets to the first people there until we run out of tickets. Hoping this will encourage people to stick around and socialize.

Felicia – NAGPS Conference Report
- GPSC has been a member for 9 years. When Ali was here we started the discussion of a lifetime membership. Resolution passed to go to the national meeting this year and discuss benefits to lifetime membership, then come back for the proposal.
- One perk that we were looking at was hosting one of the NAGPS meetings. Felicia put together a bid, and we are hosting the next NAGPS meeting in the Fall of 2012.
- What this mean financially is that we have to front the money for the meeting; however we make up the money that is fronted. We could actually end up making money.

Q: Amanda Pooler – If we continue on with these fees as is, it will take a long time to reach the pay off for the $10,000. How do we know if this organization will even be around?
A: This organization has been around for a while. We have been members for almost 10 years which means we would have this half paid off.

Q: Sarah (Div. School) – Can you put together a list of pros/cons to present at the next mtg?
A: Sure.

Q: Sarah Denes – What are their other notable accomplishments?
A: Will talk to ali and put together more info.

Motion to table. All in favor.

Felicia – Dean Wright Stepping Down
Due to the nature of the content, would like to go to closed session.
Motion to go to closed session. Motion passes.

Minutes from closed session have been removed.

Motion to end closed session. All in favor.

**New Issues**
Q: Amanda pooler – Are family tickets for basketball available only for people with kids?
A: No.

7:47 PM: Adjournment

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**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.