GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda

November 15, 2011 6:30-7:46 pm. Westbrook 0016.

Presiding Officer: Bill Hunt
Refreshments: Liz Bloomhardt & Bethany Stafford

6:30 PM: Call to Order and Welcome

6:31 PM: Speaker
John Dailey, DUPD Police Chief –

- To learn more about the DUPD, please see attached powerpoint or visit http://www.duke.edu/police/index.php

Highlights from the powerpoint:
- Mission: respond and stabilization, but what makes them different is that they also deter and reduce crime before it happens. Example. Perkins Library – laptops left unattended in the library are often stolen. Duke police are taking measures to reduce this.
- Events at VA Tech and UT-Austin have changed the way DUPD handle things on campus. Emergency management has been one of the biggest changes for DUPD.
- Number one crime on college campuses is theft. Theft primarily occurred in the libraries because of unattended student property.
- La Salle St – number of initiatives that have occurred to step up the security in this area. Security officer that patrols the area, coordination with Durham officials (police, lighting, shrubs) and coordination between duke and property owners.

Q&A:
Josh Rose – Concern about lighting between research drive and circuit parking lots. Are there any plans to increase security boxes or lighting?
J. Dailey – Actually there have been very few incidents in this area. Over the past few years, there have only been two or three incidents. Also, the security boxes on campus aren’t used because students have cell phones. If there is are specific areas in these lots that are more dark please let me know and we will look into them.
Chris Frank – We have a good idea of the incidents that happen on campus, but do you have a report of incidents that happen off campus? Also, do you patrol more off campus?
J. Dailey – www.raidsonline.com. This website will give you accurate information about crime around Durham.
Yes. Also, if there were a serious incident in which a graduate student needed help off campus, the DUPD would do whatever was within its power to help.

Shannon O’Connor – Some constituents have reported that their laptops have been picked up by duke police. Could you please elaborate more on this?
J. Dailey – Security officer may see a laptop and pick it up to take to circulation desk where it will be safeguarded until the student returns. This is to prevent the laptop from being taken by someone else.

Shannon O’Connor - What are police doing to increase this security in the library?
J. Dailey - Trying to get library hours reduced, limit the number of computers the public have access to and where these computers are, etc.

Inderpreet Jalli – Are laser engraving service still available?
J. Dailey – Yes. Go to website for instructions on how to do this.

Nick – There is a lot of concern from graduate students about how during football games or other major events, the campus is completely shut down. Unfortunately grads students don’t have normal hours and sometimes need to be in on the weekends. Do you have plans to look more into this?
J. Dailey – The hour and a half before kickoff are hectic. Just avoid before and after game for the remainder of the season, but we will look more into this for next year.

Inderpreet Jalli – Do you increase the number of buses that run from east to west during games?
J. Dailey – Buses are about to have counters on them to figure out capacity, but from what I noticed is that the buses are relatively open on game day.

Sidenote from J. Dailey: Also, Trans will push van service back to 11 for exams and into next semester.

Liz – Issue of perception. Could you discuss the police role in addressing this issue?
J. Dailey – Off campus is more dangerous than on campus as is often the case at most college campuses. This gives us the opportunity to give better information to help people’s perception.

Bill – Do the police have policy about riot control?
J. Dailey – Not do what UC-Berkley did.

If you have anymore questions or concerns please email John Daily at john.dailey@duke.edu.
7:01 PM: Announcements

Officer Updates:

Felicia –
• Someone brought up community housing website not up-to-date. Since then there have been several meetings on this and it should be up by February.
• BOT lunch application is out and has to be in by Friday, November 18.

Nick –
• Outing to Carolina hockey towards the end of the month.

Liz –
• Master’s and Ph.D. career fair on Thursday, November 17.
• Also, career services has had a lot of workshops recently. Please go to these and give feedback.

Bethany –
• Luncheon for tomorrow with Dr. Blackshear has been postponed to December 7.

Bill –
• Proposed dates for spring GA meetings:

Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
Motion to amend previous minutes. Please see updated meeting minutes for amendments. Motion passes.
Motion to pass minutes with these amendments. Motion passes.

7:11 PM: Old Business

NAGPS Lifetime Membership (Felicia Hawthorne – 25 minutes)
Please see powerpoint attached.

Q&A:
Kelly Monroe - Any benefits for us from getting the lifetime membership?
Felicia – No official benefits for those who are lifetime members.

Chris Frank – Any competing organization?
Felicia – Absolutely not.

Inderpreet Jalli – are you trying to zero the surplus in the budget?
F – Yes, but not just with this. We want to know exactly how we are spending our money each year, and we don’t want to over charge graduate students.
Chris Frank – Who runs this organization?
Felicia – Student volunteers. What gets done is up to the graduate students that run it.

John Handle – Has enrollment steady or growing?
Felicia – It has been growing.

John Handle – Is there something in their bylaws about what would happen to this endowment if the organization dissolves?
Felicia – Not sure, but they do have a board that includes the founding members that make sure things are run properly.

Kelly Monroe – Do we have a history of student involvement in NAGPS?
Felicia – Yes, and we have also won awards from NAGPS for our graduate organization.

Time expired. Need a motion to extend.
Motion to extend time. Motion passes.

Amanda Pooler – Under 10 schools have done this lifetime membership. This raises a red flag to me.
Felicia – This probably has to do more with lower budgets at the other institutions.

Shannon O’Connor – Since we already have the surplus money, we can go ahead and save future GPSC members from paying the annual dues later down the road.

Jason Evans – Are we pledging this money and making a commitment to be more involved in this organization?
Felicia – We already are pretty involve. The university affairs coordinator has a budget of $9,000 to participate in activities with NAGPS, so we already make a large commitment to this organization.

Ted Graham – Seems to be a wise investment

Motion to put to a vote. Motion passes.

Motion to approve lifetime membership. Motion passes.

7:48 PM: New Business

7:48 PM: Adjournment
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.