



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda

February 21, 2012 6:30-7:56 pm. Westbrook 0016.

Presiding Officer: Bill Hunt

Refreshments: Allison Schmitt & Stacey Turner

6:32 PM: Call to Order and Welcome

6:33 PM: Speaker – Anna Kenyon, Duke Health Insurance Manager

Summary of her presentation:

- Effective April 1, 2012, BCBSNC will change pharmacy benefit providers from Medco to Prime.
- Prime customer service will be available to Duke SMIP holders beginning March 1, 2012 to answer any questions from students at 1-888-274-5180.
- During mid March, students will be receiving new insurance cards with Prime Therapeutics phone number and pharmacy codes.
- All pharmacy prior authorizations and patient medication history currently on file with Medco will be transferred to Prime.
- If using Medco mail for perscription, then you will need to acquire a new prescription, and send the prescription along with an order form to Primemail, PO Box 650041, Dallas, TX 75265-0041.
- If by third week in March you have not received new card, then contact BCBS.
- If you are traveling before 4/1 and need 90 supply, then there should not be an issue for Medco to approve this. If after this date, if the med is routine there should not be an issue, but if the medication has a supply limit or requires authorization, student should obtain the first 30 days supply and contact StudentBlue immediately for them to work on an override. Do not wait until a few days before you travel!!!

6:44 PM: Announcements – Officer Updates

Nick –

Thanks everyone for coming to social. 250 people.

Bollywood party @ Club 9 from 10:30 to 2:00, Friday feb 24th.

Bill –

Organizers of library party are encouraging grad students to attend.

Next meeting will be exec board elections, which will be proceeded by an event for those interested in running for Exec Board.

Felicia –

We created an award in honor of Dean Wright that was presented at the retreat. I talked to Larry Moneta, and the award will be hung in the Bryan Center.

6:49 PM: Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion to approve. Minutes approved.

6:51 PM: New Business

Spring Funding Budget Approval – Brittany

On February 14th, the Finance Committee met to discuss spring funding for GPSC affiliated groups.

Here are some common mistakes that we saw that prevented us from: Some groups would over estimate attendance; others were limiting the attendance to specific grad groups.

We liked creative events, events that spread duke's good name in the community, and events with a reputation of success.

Q&A:

Chris Marsicano– Public Policy is upset about the budget. We received less than 2.5% of what we pay into GPSC. The Sandford Journal was looking for funding for the print journal that was going to be sent out to other Public Policy schools around the country.

Brittany – There wasn't anything real clear in the application that this was different from an online journal.

Chris – Is there a training session for our students to attend for how to write a budget, or are there just written guidelines?

Motion to approve budget as is. Motion not seconded.

Shannon O'Connor – Now that the intentions were made clear, do we have \$500 in the budget to give to them?

Chris Marsicano– I feel that this would be setting a bad precedence. I'm not asking to get the money here and now; I really want to know if this is just a yes or no approval vote.

Felicia – This issue with funding is not something new. This is an issue that we are trying the fix and would love to have a discussion about how to change the funding process and achieve more transparency.

Chris - If there is another way to get money from GPSC, how could we go about doing it?

Nick – If you are looking for food and drink, talk to me and Alexis. We have the money and would be more than willing to co-sponsor so long it is open to the public.

Felicia – We do have summer funding and there is retro-active funding.

Dan Griffin – Personally think it is not a good way to approach GPSC funding by saying my schools groups did not get funding. A lot the groups that actually get funded are ones that bridge many different schools.

Motion to approve funding as is. Motion seconded.
Funding passes.

Election of Young Trustee

Three candidates give their speeches and answer questions:

Malik Burnett - wants to call attention to graduate and professional student issues and enhance the graduate student experience if elected as graduate Young Trustee.

Will Evans - wants to restore the University's commitment to academic integrity and liberal arts education if elected graduate Young Trustee

Felicia Hawthorne - she wants to ensure that graduate and professional students are not forgotten when the University makes major decisions.

Motion to move to closed session. Motion seconded. Motion passes.

Malik Burnett voted in by majority to be next YT for GPSC.

8:20 PM: New Issues/Announcements

Dan – There has been an increased request for people who want tax info. Would GPSC be interested in running a forum on taxes?

- International House does a workshop for international students. Maybe ask them about a forum.

Liza (Nicholas School) – I am reaching out to all graduate and professional students. We are starting to organize our annual Earth Day celebration and are looking for anybody who have environmental related things in their dept/ school to table at the event. Also we are looking for bands. Please contact me if you are interested (elizabeth.schillo@duke.edu) .

8:24 PM: Adjournment

Spring 2012 GPSC GA Meeting Dates: (6:30 pm, 0016 Westbrook)

January 24

February 7

February 21

March 20

March 27

April 10

April 24 (if necessary)

*** If necessary, the General Assembly may vote to hold a meeting on April 24.**