



## **GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda: April 15, 2014: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook**

Presiding Officer: Shannon O'Connor

Refreshments: Tiffany Wilson

### **6:30pm: Welcome and Call to Order**

Shannon O'Connor

### **6:31pm: Invited Speaker**

Aaron Welborn, Director of Communications, Duke University Libraries

- Rubenstein library renovation
  - Scheduled for complete renovation by 2015, currently on track
  - Scaffolding for cleaning façade of the 86 year-old building. They are also re-leading the stained glass windows (keeping panes)
  - Removed books, moved Political Science dept., removed stack core from building
  - Down to bedrock, now moving back up – stronger, sturdier, environmentally stable, better lighting, compact shelving so more rare books can be on site
- What's next: front library entrance/lobby renovation
  - Closing May 5<sup>th</sup> after final exams, opening summer 2015
  - Have to get in through side or Von der Heyden pavilion
  - Side doors won't be locked once they are the main entrance (won't need to swipe) until 7pm, card access only like current front entrance
  - Library help desk will be relocated to near side entrance
  - New entrance will eliminate steps and initial arches
  - New rare book room will be open most of the time, won't have to make special appointment
- Coming soon: The Research Commons
  - Renovating first floor of Bostock library, smaller scale renovation than Rubenstein
  - Starts after final exams, majority of work over summer
  - Target completion December 2014, hopefully November
  - Why: create a space for interdisciplinary, data-driven, digitally reliant, team-based research
  - Part of multi-year planning process to meet campus needs
  - More space like the Link because it is quite popular
  - Will have project rooms like Link group studies. Can reserve for a few weeks up to a semester, with application process for teams of researchers
  - Will also have smaller rooms for first come, first served meetings, easy to access digital tools, presentation rooms, and the new Data/GIS lab.
  - The space will be used to organize workshops
  - During renovations, collections will be moved – mainly current periodicals and journals and microfilms
  - List of what is moving where is on library website
- Grand opening for research commons in January 2015, Sept/Oct 2015 grand opening

- <http://library.duke.edu/research/commons> for research commons renovation
- <http://library.duke.edu/renovation> for Rubenstein renovation
- Sites have info, photos
- Jenni Rinker, CEE – why are doors locked?
  - Most libraries have one entrance for security reasons, but Duke’s library has many, making it difficult to control
  - Side entrance doesn’t have staff, hard to monitor
  - Locked door is effort to keep track, have better access
  - Don’t know if doors will go back to card swipe after renovations, but students are used to having to swipe their cards for other limited-access buildings like dorms.
  - But students are used to having to swipe
- Fumiko Chino, Director of Communications – previously had study spaces for grad/prof students. Will these be preserved or expanded?
  - Hopefully expanded, potentially a new graduate student reading room where Data/GIS lab is now, but it is not definite yet
  - Hope that project rooms provide extra space, intended for upper level research and serious work
- Alicia, History – are there plans to renovate Lilly library?
  - Yes, but need money
  - Library has charm, want to preserve it, but want to expand usable space
  - Have more than enough to work on currently, but Lilly is on their radar, want to do it if they get the funding

#### **6:45pm: Approval of Basketball Campout Policy 2014**

Ben Gaines, one of the Basketball Committee Chairs

- Policy will be mostly the same
- Minor changes:
  - Dates – dates for Campout, registration, etc. that aren’t yet known
  - President tickets – used to say that the second ticket was for an administrator, now it doesn’t have to be
  - Title change from co-chairs to Chairs
- Major changes
  - Advisory committee – committee of admins, students, reps ofUCAE, athletics, parking, etc. to make sure campout is in line with university and athletics goals. Don’t yet have date and location for campout. Grass field is now a gravel parking lot and won’t be resodded. Need new location that can accommodate tents and RVs; this is taking time.
  - Alterations resulting from location/date – policy will change to incorporate dates for campout registration, etc. Possible to have campout on football weekend; this will require adjustments for who can go or not, etc. Changes will not be arbitrary, will work as quickly as possible and keep website updated
  - Committee membership requirements – six hours of campout service instead of three
  - Questions, comments, feedback to [bball.cmte@gmail.com](mailto:bball.cmte@gmail.com)
  - Wei Han, BME – possible location?
    - Several possibilities, some are all tents, some are all RVs, not quite desirable
    - K-ville and card lot possible
    - Upper quad and Allen lot possible – basically grassy area with large parking lot nearby. Need to fit all students, University has to be ok with us using grass, parking needs to be ok with using lot. athletics has to approve as well.

- Jeff Alpert, law school – why no kegs? Will it be considered in the future to cut on bottles/cans, hard alcohol with no knowledge of how much they are drinking?
  - This is for safety reasons, to cut down on binge drinking
  - Only three medical transports last year, better than in the past and we want to continue on that path
  - Policies are not things that committee imposes all the time; often come from University entities
  - Abbe LaBella, Student Group Liaison – we would probably have to hire pourers to fit university policy
  - Most updated policy will be in GPSC News and constantly updated on committee website.
- Motion to approve policy knowing that changes will occur made by Devin Bridgen, BME, passed uncontested.

### **6:55pm: Duke Transportation Advisory Committee update**

Devin Bridgen, BME representative

- Sam Veraldi no longer works for Duke transportation, which is why we haven't been able to reach him.
- Research Drive garage should be working normally, but there have been some technical issues. Email Devin (dtb8) if you've had issues to help them troubleshoot.
- Not going back to paper passes for temporary parking passes for bike commuters due to fraud.
- Some gates being converted to RFID.
- C1 bus – hard to address peak capacity hours. Looking into better communication, more follow-on buses, etc.
  - Central commuters should focus on C1x and C3
  - Make note of driver and bus number for complaints
- Parking communication
  - <http://parking.duke.edu/news> for larger projects
  - They didn't know it was an issue that only permit holders get emails about lot closures
  - Alison Carpenter ([Alison.carpenter@duke.edu](mailto:Alison.carpenter@duke.edu)) can field questions if you don't want to go through reps
  - They like the idea of an app and social media, but it will take time. Won't happen over night
- Infrastructure
  - They want more parking and transportation infrastructure such as bike lanes, but budget and duke/public/private stakeholders a difficult to navigate
  - Working on more lanes from Durham into Duke, Morreene Rd. is one, additional bike lanes on the table

### **7:00pm: Proposed Resolution: LGBT Inclusive Graduate School Applications**

Justin Stambaugh, Duke DPT GSA President

- LGBT-inclusive application – optional checkbox on applications for indicating that the applicant identifies as LGBT, option to receive information
- In order to provide the necessary resources to this group, they need to be notified.
- Why? Failure to identify LGBT means Duke can't determine if there is discrimination or not
- MIT, U of Iowa, Elmhurt U, several law schools are doing this, and there are others.
- Language on application says that it's just a way to gather information, definitely not used to negatively affect application
- Scott Winton, Nicholas school – why wouldn't we do this?
  - We just want everyone to be involved. Administrators want to know that there is

- Could it be considered offensive?
  - Optional, just a way to let people know that Duke actually cares about this issue
- Fuqua rep - If it's optional, not everyone will report – will the data be skewed?
  - This is just a starting point to record data for our own knowledge, since now we don't know anything.
  - This can help Duke find out if they are doing anything wrong to turn people away.
- Josh Rose - what are you doing to make sure it's not used to discriminate?
  - Not sure, don't want to discriminate, but we can tell that something is wrong if there are zero or few people identifying as LGBT.
  - It would be part of the application, but person reviewing the application for merit doesn't necessarily see it
- Valery, cell biology – why does it say “no way negatively impact”
  - Why not say no impact at all?
  - Other institutions have this language
  - Fumiko Chino – it's an aspect of a well-rounded class. It can have a positive impact on your application, so it's best not to say that it won't have any impact
- Paul Escajadillo – Motion to send to judicial committee for review, did not pass
- Justin Stambaugh - GPSC support is just one part to gather student opinion
- Sanford rep – we are just supporting, not implementing? Yes.
- Motion to approve as stands, passed.

#### **7:05pm: Endowment Transparency Committee update**

Endowment Transparency Committee: Lee Hightower, Scott Winton, Evan Speece, Ryan Nguyen, Dmitri Vagner, Stephen Harward

- Changes to endowment to make it transparent and or make fossil fuel friendly. What should GPSC do?
- Duke Open
  - Currently dormant
  - Wanted fully disclosed investments. If we don't know what investments are, how can we be sure they are ethical. Four core organizers are graduating.
  - Progress – ACIR reform – more frequent meetings, working on guidelines for how students can get information. Social choice fund so donors can earmark funds (ongoing).
  - Organizers want GPSC to take on torch and make sure reforms happen
  - Recommendation – monitor progress made by ACIR, see if Duke Open or a reincarnation thereof becomes active in the fall
- Divest Duke
  - Very much active
  - Want transparency and for Duke to divest from top 200 fossil fuel companies
  - Assisted by external organizer (Greencorps)
  - Wanted GPSC to publicize events and to endorse proposal
  - Not likely that requests will be granted, other institutions have rejected similar requests, DUMAC has strong ties with Duke Energy.
  - May not really be grassroots (Greencorps not match Duke's interests)
  - Recommendation: monitor
- BoT perspective from Malik Burnett, GPSC Young trustee
  - Board agrees it's work pursuing, but they're not sure what the best way is to proceed
  - Difficult to implement
  - Duke is concerned about losing competitive edge in investments

- Proposed solution – ACIR formed in 2004, now meet at least quarterly. This committee has full access to see if Duke is investing responsibly without letting everyone see investments
- This solution seems to be working well
- ACIR is an improvement, but necessarily the end of progress
- BoT plans to revisit this in the future
- Recommendation is to monitor situations into the fall. Divest Duke probably won't go anywhere – success rate of similar recommendation is less than one percent. DUMAC perspective – “will never ever reveal that information or divest.”

### **7:10pm: Executive Board Elections**

Tabled last time, continuing protocol from last time

Voting for two winners

- For two positions with three or more candidates, modified instant runoff (one vote per position) or sequential instant runoff (multiple ballots). Doing modified instant runoff. No minutes during elections.
- Election results:
  1. Director of Advocacy – Aaron Towers
  2. Directors of Student Life – Stephanie Reist
  3. Directors of Student Life – Rachel Rothendler
  4. Director of Community Outreach – Paul Triulzi
  5. Director of Academic Programming – Rachel Hesler
  6. Director of Communications – Leo Añó
  7. Executive Secretary – Tiffany Wilson

### **Board of Trustee Standing Committee Elections**

1. Academic Affairs (2) – Colleen McClean and Betty Jiang
2. Business and Finance (2) – Ben Shellhorn and Joshua Rose
3. Facilities and Environment (2) – Elizabeth Bloomhardt Duran and Kevin Anderson
4. Institutional Advancement (2) – Abbe LaBella and Amol Yadav
5. Medical Center Affairs (1) – Tanmay Gokhale
6. Undergraduate Student Affairs (1) – Chris Rowland

### **8:45pm: Officer Updates**

- Abbe LaBella, Student Group Liaison
  - GPSC House needs to be open, inviting, and professional, currently is not
  - GPSC House renovations estimated to cost \$80,000
  - We will embark on a fundraising campaign
- Tiffany Wilson, Director of Student Life
  - Beer tasting and Field Day went really well; many families at Field Day
  - Bulls Game Thursday 4/17; ticket pickup in the Bryan Center at 2pm that day for \$1
  - LDOC on Wednesday 4/23 – 600 t-shirts and tanks, pizza, and Gatorade, no alcohol. Will be in the Engineering Quad (between Hudson and CIEMAS) from 4-6pm.

### **8:50pm: End of Year Gifts!**

### **8:55pm: Reminders and Wrap-up**

- Previous meeting minutes approved
- No meeting next week
- Don't forget to send an update to your constituents!
- Free Happy Hour at West End Billiards, attached to West End Wine Bar!

### **9:00pm: Adjournment**