



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda: February 18, 2014: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officers: Brad Hover, Shannon O'Connor

Refreshments: Yilin Liu

6:30pm: Welcome and Call to Order

Brad Hover

6:31pm: Young Trustee Screening Process

Stephanie Reist, chair YTSC 2013-2014

- She and 6 others comprised the Young Trustee Screening Committee (YTSC) that selected the 3 candidates who are giving speeches today
- The process began with an electronic application that was available to the student body from November through December. Typically, the YTSC aims to receive 30 applications, but this year received about 15. Last year there were about 20. They looked for applicants' engagement with Duke, involvement in organizations especially outside their department, etc.
- In January, 5 applications were selected for interview. Questions were asked regarding what they knew about the position, about the administration, what they wanted to bring to the position, what their vision was for Duke University, and how they planned to serve us.
- The three candidates today (Shannon O'Connor, Amol Yadav, and Bill Hunt) stood out above the others

6:35pm: Young Trustee Elections

Brad Hover, Judicial Committee

- Election process
 - Each candidate will have 5 minutes for their speech, and a 5 minute Q&A. Then, there will be a 10 minute time for the GA to discuss
 - We will use secret ballots, with instant run-off rules, with a simple majority winning the position
 - The order of speeches will be selected randomly
 - We suggest that the GA motion for a closed session for the 10 minute discussion
- At this point, there were speeches given by the candidates, followed by Q&A by the GA members
- The session was then closed for a 10 minute discussion among GA members only
- At the end, GA members voted by instant runoff rules.
- Please congratulate SHANNON O'CONNOR, our new graduate young trustee!

7:20pm: e-Print Sustainability Project

Scott Winton, Fareed Khan, Leah Catotti

- Fareed and Leah are two undergraduate students involved a sustainable living project at Duke, who are looking to address ePrint [over]usage. Although their initiative has been targeted towards undergraduates, they are looking to expand the initiative to graduate students, and have come to the GA to 1) provide information on their initiative thus far, 2) solicit feedback, and 3) note any particular problems their initiative would pose to graduate students. They are not looking for us to pass a resolution.
- Essentially, in the current system, there are 160 ePrint stations, with each undergrad allotted \$32 in arbitrary money per semester (which amounts to 2 cents per sheet), with additional allotments requested at \$10 intervals (again, no charge is actually applied to the student). 17 million sheets

are printed per semester. The sustainability group received anonymized data from the ePrint system, and analyzed it. Their goal is to reduce excessive printing, specifically to curb the printing of the top 20% of users. This would really not impact graduate students very much. Compared to other universities, our printing policies and use is unusual

- They propose to change the semester quota to \$40, but increase the cost to 4 cents per sheet. Although the cost is arbitrary, this would get people thinking about the issue, and act as a financial deterrent.
- They hope this initiative will also increase discussion about other eco-friendly initiatives, such as ecofriendly paper, which is more expensive than the current paper.
- They will be meeting with stakeholders, seek approval by other student councils, and hope this can be implemented during the summer. The technical implementation will be done by OIT and the library behind the scenes
- Feedback from the GA:
 - Betty Jiang (Secretary):
 - Noted concern about printing by student group leaders, who might go over this quota quickly. Asking for reimbursement from the university is a difficult task, with reimbursements not coming for months after the receipts are submitted.
 - Noted also that different graduate schools have different agreements with the ePrint system with regard to how they reimburse OIT/Library for the paper their students use. How would the flow of money change between programs?
 - Ben Shellhorn (student life):
 - What exactly do you want the GA to do? Do you want us to support it at the undergrad level?
 - Answer: we are just looking for feedback now
 - Tiffany Wilson (student life)
 - You can thinking about implementing a per day limit on printing
 - Double sided printing should be the default
 - Answer: OIT is working on this
 - Unknown GA member:
 - Who is enforcing this change and implementing it?
 - Answer: the GP and provost will be approving it, along with other administrative bodies. It will be implemented by OIT and the library
 - Alex Glaser (Med School)
 - Do you have more data on who the top 20% are? Are they all taking the same class? Can we identify them and look at their use patterns to address why they are printing so many papers, rather than hitting everyone with these changes?
 - Answer: they got anonymized data from OIT, so could not look into this. However, there may be a way to get this information...
- Please bring back more information to GPSC once the process is further along!
- People you can email with questions:
 - David.clancy@duke.edu
 - Fareed.khan@fuqua.duke.edu
 - Leah.cototti@duke.edu

7:40pm: Grad/Prof student involvement in the DUU

Harrison Russin

- Harrison is the representative from UUB (University Union Board) which oversees DUU (Duke University Union, the student-led social programming organization)
 - He discussed the structure of DUU, and how it is financed (mostly by undergraduate student activity fees)
- It is hard to tell how many grad students are going to DUU events, but the sense is that not many are. There has been some grad students in leadership positions in DUU in the past, but it is rare

- The primary problem is that most grad students live off campus. How can we promote events to bring people back on campus?
- Another problem is that this has potential overlap with the GPSC mission, which is to also provide social programming for graduate students
- How can we get grad student involved?
 - One problem is that there are so many undergrads at their events. We feel out of place
 - Jazz at the Mary Lou was great
 - Does DUU feel obligated to have events on campus? Hard to deal with parking
 - Graduate student sections at shows
 - We prefer to see our undergrad students at more “grown up” events
 - Get more graduate students on committees, advertise positions on our mailing list
- Email with questions: Harrison.russin@duke.edu

7:50pm: 2008 Housing Survey results and feedback

Housing Committee

- The housing committee spoke to us last time about some of their short term and medium term goals. Today, they would like to discuss what the GA thinks their long term goal should be
- Some background: two professional surveys were done in 2008 then 2012. The first revealed a lot of demand for housing (750-990 beds at minimum), with popular options being central campus graduate student complex, or Duke purchasing a complex and leasing to students. The second survey proposed building a new complex near Brightleaf, but the student interest was low due to the high cost.
- Cost, safety, and transportation were major concerns of graduate students
 - Among students without cars, there is a tradeoff between safety and affordability
- Feedback
 - There are a lot of new complexes being built. Is Duke thinking of working with any of these new complexes? Eg. Duke endorsed housing, or Duke subsidized housing. What are the prices looking like?
 - Brad Hover (Attorney General): Duke does these surveys, but then sits on the data. Durham has changed considerably in the last few years. A well-done survey like the one in 2008 needs to be done again, and done professionally. We need to see what the current demand is
 - Bill Hunt (English): People who don't drive cars have fewer choices. We need to identify who these people are to address their needs
 - The Birch Avenue district is close to campus, and may be a good place to invest in property
 - Stephanie Reist (MPP): As we brought up at the last meeting, we need up-to-date information on people's experiences of their apartments
 - David Yao (Fuqua): Duke isn't going to build commercial housing or do leases. We should run a retrospective survey, asking graduate students to rank 35 options on qualities such as price, safety, etc.

8:10pm: LDOC t-shirt design contest

Tiffany Wilson

- Tiffany showed mockups of several submitted designs. There were 9 options, with the 10th being none of the above
- The GA chose #5 (not my LDOC, but I'll party like I just got paid)

8:25pm: Call for a GPSC webmaster

Fumiko Chino

- We need to overhaul the current GPSC website, which will include redoing the navigation, highlighting great resources, streamlining the content, and keeping the site fresh

- The website technically falls under the communications coordinator, but she is unable to do this in addition to putting out the GPSC news. The webmaster position would entail a lot of work for a period of time, but then not much work maintaining the new site, so the position is essentially temporary
- They actually don't need website programming skills, as we use a program that does this for us. They just need to commit the time to organizing the information and flow of the website
 - Once we have defined the content and navigation, we can give this to OIT who will built it for us according to their template
 - Rename it "Content Manager" position?
- Bill Hunt (English): Perhaps this position can fulfill a committee obligation for the GA
- We will advertise in the GPSC news
- Email fumiko.chino@dm.duke.edu if you are interested

8:30pm: Duke Alumni Association updates

John Bailey

- The alumni board met 2 weeks ago. They are trying to increase the robustness and number of affinity groups within the alumni association (eg. Hispanic and Latino group, Master's in economics group, fraternities, etc.)
- They are soliciting suggestions for increasing engagement in the alumni association while students are still at school
- Email john.bailey@duke.edu with any ideas

8:35pm: New Issues/Announcements

- Patrick Killela (Pathology, Basketball Committee): There is a watch party for the Duke/UNC game in Cameron.

8:45pm: Officer Updates

- Ben Shellhorn (student life): Winter formal this Saturday
 - \$12 online, \$15 at door, masks are required
 - Pays for 3 drinks and heavy appetizers
 - Parizade's
- Shanna Lehrman (University Affairs)
 - If you are interested in the advocacy day (through NAGPS) in DC, there is room for 2 more people in her car! Hotel and travel is paid for. You will be meeting with legislators in Capitol Hill
 - Email: shanna.lehrman@lawnet.duke.edu

8:55pm: Reminders and Wrap-up

-Approval of previous meeting minutes; and don't forget to send out an update to your constituents!

8:57pm: Adjournment

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January 21, 2014

February 11, 2014

February 18, 2014

March 18, 2014

RETREAT: March 27, 2014, R. David Thomas Center, 6-9pm

April 1, 2014

April 15, 2014

April 22, 2014 (tentative)