



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes October 2, 2012: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Shannon O'Connor
Refreshments: Alexis Mann, Pan Wu

6:30pm: Welcome and Call to Order Shannon O'Connor

6:31pm: Invited Speaker: Duke Student Medical Insurance Plan Manager Anna Kenyon

- See powerpoint slides (2-12). Highlights from the powerpoint:
 - Preventative care services are paid at 100% (eg. immunizations)
 - If you are taking a brand name medication, make sure your physician specifies that you need the brand name and not the generic version to avoid paying extra.
 - Let Anna know if your out of network provider wants to be part of the Duke network.
 - If you are graduating in December, you must terminate your insurance in December. You can purchase extra coverage if you desire. Let them know if you are moving away and check to see if you have an outstanding balance.
 - Visit the StudentBlue website (www.bcbsnc.com/duke) and/or contact Anna with questions (919-684-1481 or anna.kenyon@duke.edu)
- Question: For people who are graduating in December, if they want to purchase extra insurance on a month to month basis, is the cost different? (Inder Jalli, Biology)
 - Answer: No, it is the same.
- Question: Are there dental plans that we can purchase? (Bill Hunt, GPSC President)
 - Answer: Yes, you can go to the studentblue website and look up dental insurance under Dental Blue.
- Please distribute these powerpoint slides/information to your constituents.

6:47pm: Introductions from the GPSC Reps

- See powerpoint slides (13-27). GPSC reps that presented:
 - Lauren Beaudry, 3rd year in the Nursing and Science in Global Health Masters programs
 - Margaux Berliss, 3rd year in the Nursing Masters program
 - Clare Callahan, 4th year in the English PhD program
 - Tessa Fraser, 2nd year in the Physical Therapy PhD program
 - Amanda Lea, 2nd year in the University Program in Ecology
 - Yinlin Liu, 2nd year in the Medical Physics PhD program
 - Colleen McClean, 1st year in the MSTP program
 - Casey Migliore, 3rd year in the Nursing PhD program
 - Emily Miller, 2nd year in the Developmental and Stem Cell Biology program
 - Erin Siewert, 2nd year in the Pathologists' Assistant program
 - Kulkaew Sukniam, 2nd year in the ABSN Nursing program
 - Peter Vining, 2nd year in the Political Science PhD program
 - Leigh Welsh, 2nd year in the Physical Therapy PhD program

- Mengmeng Xu, 2nd year in the MSTP program

7:05pm: Mahato Memorial Event

Wei Han (BME GPSC Rep)

- See powerpoint slides (28-35). Mahato Memorial Image Contest and seminar:
 - This is a large engineering event sponsored by GPSC and the Engineering Council.
 - Abhijit Mahato (1979-2008) was killed in January 18, 2008. He was a 2nd year in the Civil and Environmental Engineering PhD program. In April 2008, the memorial was established for him which consists of a scholarship which is awarded to an international PhD student, a seminar, and “Envisioning the Invisible” which is an image and photo contest where people can present everyday objects in a unique perspective or use an image or photo to teach something about our world that we may not have imagined.
 - The deadline for the image and photo contest is October 21 at 11:59pm. Email your photo/image to mahato.pratt.duke.edu. There are awards given by panel of judges and winners are also put in science news. Images from previous years can be found CIEMAS. Encourage your constituents to participate in this contest.
 - The Mahato memorial seminar speaker will be Dr. Kellar Autumn. He is a professor and chair of Biology at Lewis and Clark College.
 - The presentation of Mahato scholarship, Dr. Kellar Autumn seminar, and announcement of “Envisioning the Invisible” award winners will be on November 7th at 4:30pm in the CIEMAS Schiciano Auditorium.
 - If you have any questions, you can contact Wei Han at wei.han@duke.edu.

7:11pm: Internal Committee Approval

Chelsea Gaw, Shannon O’Connor

- There are still 3 committees that need people: Traffic Appealing (2), Transportation Advisory (3), and President’s Council on Black Affairs (1). Please contact Chelsea Gaw (GPSC University Affairs Coordinator) if you would like to be on one of these. Also, remember that these positions are also open to students who are not reps.
- There was a motion to approve the internal committees by slate and have Chelsea fill in gaps as people apply for the positions. Motion was seconded.
 - All were in favor, none were against.

7:21pm: Judicial Committee Elections

Shannon O’Connor, Chris Marsicano

- The responsibilities of the Judicial committee consist of looking over the bylaws, proposing amendments, investigating gross misconduct or if a member of committee has to resign.
- Three people are need to be on this committee (If 3 people are chosen, then we can vote by slate. If more than 3 are chosen, then we have to vote by ballots).
- Nominations for the Judicial committee: Matt Panhans, Gerardo Ortiz, Colleen McClean
- Viresh Thusu (ECE): Motioned to elect by slate. Motion was seconded (by Scott Winton, Environment)
 - All were in favor, none were against.
- Inder Jallis: Motioned to actually vote by slate. Motion was seconded.
 - All were in favor, one was opposed.

The following are the members of this year’s Judicial Committee:

1. Matt Panhans
2. Gerardo Ortiz
3. Colleen McClean

- There are also 3 other committees to join: Social, Community outreach, and Career Advisory. See powerpoint slide (38) for the contact information.

7:35pm: Officer Updates

- Bill Hunt: As for the \$2 increase to activity fee, Amol Yadav (GPSC Treasurer) will prepare a report on this and present it at next GA meeting. Also, changes have been made to the sexual misconduct policy. One of them being

that the statute of limitations has been reduced from 2 to 1 year (to match the employee policy). DSG is working on changing it back. Bill will work on having a speaker come and talk about this at the next GA meeting.

- Question: Will this fee go to GPSC or only half of it come to us and the other half go to DUU?
 - Answer: Bill will work on this to make sure that this fee will come to us.
- Laura Paul (Economics MA): Motioned for Chris Marsicano (GPSC Attorney General) to draft something to present and discuss at the next GA meeting about supporting DSG in their efforts to increase the statute of limitations. Motion was seconded.
- Pan Wu (GPSC Academic Officer): He will host two more lunch sessions this semester. Look out for the emails and in the GPSC News about them to sign up!

7:40pm: New Issues/Announcements

- Fumiko Chino (Medicine): Duke in Durham will be this Saturday. See her for more details and if you are interested in volunteering.
- Question: Are there any NAGPS (National Association of Graduate-Professional Students) updates? (Jonathan Haldeman, CMB)
 - Answer: Things are still being worked out. This conference is on the same day as the Mahato memorial event. We will give an update about it in two weeks.

7:43pm: Reminders and Wrap-up

-Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Sydni Hagens (Divinity): Motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes as they are. Motion was seconded (by Scott Winton)
 - All were favor, none were against.

7:44pm: Adjournment

- Fumiko Chino: Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded (by Scott Winton).

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