



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes April 16, 2013: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Shannon O'Connor
Refreshments: Bill Hunt

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

6:32pm: Invited Speaker: Director of Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), Duke University R. Kelly Crace, PhD

- CAPS focus: "Flourishing in graduate school" which includes productivity, fulfillment, and resilience
- When we are engaged in something, cost, perceived evaluation and uncertainty will be involved along with the fear of failure. Our natural responses to fear are mastery (which fields anxiety) and escape (which fields guilt and depression). If we decrease the importance of what we are engaged, then we increase how calm we are.
- CAPS takes advantage of the 7 paradigm shifts that are used to process and conquer fear which teaches us how to care. They teach students how to hold fear and not conquer it.
- Over half of the students that come to CAPS are graduate students. CAPS offers both individual and group therapy. They do not offer all of their programs during the summer and would love feedback about which programs should be available. Suggestion (by Stephanie Reist, Romance Studies): Their mindfulness program, which is popular during the school year, would be great during the summer.
- Go to lifevaluesinventory.org and check out the CAPS interactive program (that focuses on flourishing and excellence). It saves your data so that you are able to go back to it. It is free to everyone!!

6:58pm: Approval of Basketball Campout Committee Policy 2013 Patrick Killela, Ralph Michael Peace

- The tentative date for Campout next year is September 20-23.
- There were changes made to the policy: the incentive to join the basketball committee (a maximum of 5% of ticket cards will be allocated to the students who are current members of the committee); the basketball season ticket price was increased from \$200 to \$225; the duties and responsibilities of being an active committee member and an usher were clarified.
- There are two ways to be a part of the basketball campout committee: be an active member or an elector who is an active member.
- Question: Why did the ticket price go up?
 - Answer: An increase in the ticket price is due to the conference being larger next year (ie. there will be more home games).
- Fumiko Chino, Medicine: Motioned to pass the 2013 basketball campout committee policy in its entirety. Motion was seconded. The motion passed. The policy was approved ☺

7:10pm: Approval of GPSC Budget 2013-2014 Amol Yadav, Eden Ellis

- \$25,000 will carry over to next year's budget.
- There is an increase in revenue from the student fee increase.

- Some of the new expenditures include the “strategic retreat taskforce”, “GA happy hours”, “DUU news”, and “UCAE meetings”.
- Viresh Thusu, Electrical and Computer Engineering: Motioned to pass the 2013-2014 GPSC budget. Motion was seconded. The motion passed. The budget was approved ☺

7:17pm: New Issues/Announcements

- Abigail Labella, Genetics and Genomics: She is taking charge of the retreat ideas and thinking about events for the next academic year (eg. GPSC welcome/celebration weekend, work/research symposium). She is forming a small committee to help her. Email her (all45@duke.edu) if you are interested in joining the committee or have ideas to add.
- Matt Panhans, Economics: He is wondering if the availability for safe housing is a widespread concern and if there is a person or committee who this issue would fall under.
 - John Dailey (the Chief of Police) and Chelsea Gaw (GPSC Communications Coordinator) would be good contacts. Also, GPSC has reps that sit on the committees that would address this issue.
 - This would be a long term goal for the next GPSC executive board (increase communication with the administration and use current students as resources to help incoming students find safe housing). Perhaps a committee should be formed to investigate the demand for on-campus housing for graduate students.
 - The city of Durham has a website to inform people about housing and crime. The link for this is on the Duke police website.
 - Email Amol Yadav (GPSC Treasurer) with ideas about this to go in an international student document.
 - Currently, there are only 40 beds on campus for graduate students.
- Tiffany Wilson: There will be a GPSC LDOC event on April 24th in the E quad (in front of Twinnies, near CIEMAS) at 4pm. Free t-shirts, Gatorade, and food!!! Come and hang out!!!
- Question: What happens over the summer (with GPSC)?
 - Answer: Over the summer, the new GPSC executive board becomes the GA. Look out for emails; the GPSC news will continue to come out weekly.

7:45pm: Officer Updates

- Bill Hunt (GPSC President): GPSC should continue to advocate for the event with the outgoing Board of Trustee Chair. It is a great opportunity.

7:50pm: Attendance Awards

Pamela Mosley

- At the end of the year, the Executive Secretary gives out gifts to the GA and executive board members and to reps that have perfect attendance (ie. who have been to every single meeting and supplied proxy to the meetings that they could not attend). There were only three people who had perfect attendance:
 - Joshua Rose, Biochemistry
 - Mack Zalin, Classical Studies
 - Gerardo Ortiz, Chemistry
- Those with perfect attendance received Duke blankets and each GA member received a Duke University mug. The people cheered, and all was peaceful in the land of Duke graduate and professional students.

7:52pm: Concluding Remarks

Shannon O'Connor

- Shannon O'Connor (GPSC Vice President) gave a lovely speech. ---Thank you GPSC reps!! Thank you 2012-2013 GPSC Executive Board members!! It has been a pleasure to work with you this year!!! You are wonderful ☺

8:01pm: Reminders and Wrap-up

-Approval of previous meeting minutes
 -Vote on tentative meeting next week
 -Happy hour after meeting!

- There was a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and adjourn. Motion was seconded.

- This was the last GPSC GA meeting of the year!
- There will be a happy hour after the meeting at Six Plates. Yay!!

8:05pm: Adjournment

GA meetings, 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook

January 15

January 29

February 12

February 26 (retreat)

March 19

April 2

April 16

April 23 (tentative)