



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes

November 02nd, 2010: Room 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Felicia Hawthorne

6:35pm: Call to Order

Presentation: Athletic Department - Mitch Moser

- Oversees Business and Finance
- Event Management
- Very grateful for how the GnP students support Duke Basketball and other activities.
- 85-90% of allotment for almost every game used by Grad and Undergrads last year.

6:42pm Officer Update

- Fallon Ukpe, Treasurer –. There will be a presentation at the next GA meeting regarding GPSC funding sports clubs to support grad students.
- Miles Crosskey – Thirsty Thursday at Alivia's this Thursday and Home football game at noon. Tailgating at 9am. This Saturday, Nov 6th.
- Felicia Hawthorne, Vice-President - Young Trustee applications are being collected. Reps, please send this out to your constituents

6:44pm – Minutes passed with no changes.

6:44 – Old Business

- Tentative dates for Spring Dates – Room is still being worked out.
- Tentative date for the Retreat – Jan 22nd.
 - Reps/Student Group leaders are the most likely to be present.
 - Salam Al-Omaishi (MEM) – Who to contact?
 - Felicia.
- GPSC Goals survey results went out. Was filled out by about 1/3 of the reps. Top goals: GPSC Perception, Campus Services, and Alumni Community Network.
- Dan Griffin – The goal survey originally started off as a GPSC Exec exercise and was decided to reach out to the GA. The top goal decided by both is increasing the Perception of GPSC on campus.
 - Administration is very happy with the GPSC involvement with administrative committees etc.
 - We're trying to target our visibility in the Professional Schools. Dan has been meeting with the Presidents of the Professional Student Councils to increase communication across the schools. They will be meeting on a quarterly basis.



- Yang is working on a GPSC newsletter that gives updates on student events and what GPSC is doing.
- Millie Doshi – Fuqua – Are we going to take the top goals and focus on them?
 - In some regards yes but this is a work in progress. Reps with suggestions can contact the exec.
 - Felicia – There are some that we are already working on and there are some we can do more on now that we see that the GA is interested.
 - Liz Bloomhardt:
 - Doesn't the strategic plan have advice on how to move on with these goals?
 - The low participation might mean that we shouldn't put all our plans on the survey.
- Amanda Pooler – Perhaps the reasons why Campus Services was so high is because it was so broad. So someone who has a problem with Parking and someone who had a problem with the gym would both have to choose Campus Services.
- Further discussion regarding the pros and cons about the survey. No decision was made on what the next steps should be.
- Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – If Tallman Trask is presenting at the next meeting then we should prepare questions for him.
- Viresh Thusu (ECE) – Can we get some more information in the Agenda about the person who is coming to talk.

7:13pm – New Business

- **Abhilash Sabarathinam** – Community outreach contacts. There have been activities going out but volunteers were limited. There is a listserv but many people are not aware of this list. Abhilash thinks that having one listserv that includes Community Outreach Point of Contacts from each school/department would enable activities to move forward.
 - Sarah Denes (Musicology) – So people other than the GPSC reps should be the Community Outreach person?
 - Yes. Having someone who is passionate about Community Outreach be the point person would be good.
 - Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – If Abhilash made announcements in the GA meetings then the reps would know about them and be able to spread the information.
 - Abhilash – True but not all reps will spread the information.
- GPSC Newsletter – Anyone interested in helping Yang with the newsletter please contact him or the GPSC exec.



- Salam Al-Omaishi (MEM) – Signed up for a committee (Career Service) and haven't heard back.
 - Ali – has been trying to get all the committees admin to call a meeting. Career Service has not met yet though Ali has been trying to get that going. If your committee has not yet met then please contact Ali.
- Amanda Pooler (Law) – There was a lot of discuss on parking last meeting. Can we make Parking one of the topics at our next meeting with the Campus Services person?
 - Certainly.
- Viresh Thusu (ECE) – For students who have difficulty in finding spots, note that there are parking lots that are further off (H6) that have buses and van service that will take people to and from those lots.
- Inderpreet Jalli (Bio) – Several Bio grads have voiced issues that during game days students have been turned away from parking lots.
 - Ali – The school hires temp security and they don't know the rules. It's just a matter of showing our student card and parking pass and get access to your parking space.
- Caroline Yeager (Medical School) – Perhaps the Parking & Transportation person can come talk to the GA?
 - Perhaps a few persons who are interested in the parking problem can meet and come up with specific questions and possible solutions before we bring someone to discuss the problem.
- Liz – The reason she brought spoke last meeting was about the bus route that is going to be changed and not exactly about the feedback that she had gotten last meeting. Anyone has any feedback about buses, parking and alternative transportation please email Liz at liz.bloomhardt@gmail.com

7:31pm – Tallman Trask will talk at the next meeting. Please send a proxy if you can't make it.

7:31 pm – Viresh motion to adjourn. Salam – seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.