



GPSC General Assembly Minutes (draft)

September 6, 2011: Westbrook 0016.

Presiding Officer: Bill Hunt

6:30 PM: Call to Order

6:31 PM: Speakers

Daniel Griffin, GPSC President (2010-2011)

As the outgoing GPSC President, Daniel spoke on the issues GPSC faced in 2010-2011 and the successes of the organization during that time.

Daniel identified the major issues GPSC faced as:

- Budget issues on campus, budget cuts
- Space issues on campus, particularly parking
- The Duke in China (Kunshan) Initiative, addressed at many levels at Duke University
- The subpar job market graduate and professionals face to find employment after graduation
- The fight for relevancy and attention as non-undergraduates at Duke

Daniel outlined the major accomplishments of GPSC in 2010-2011:

- Reached out to student leadership across all schools through department representatives and student council presidents, amongst others
- GPSC's social agenda was expanded – many events were successfully executed, and attendance seemed to be increased over previous years
- A substantial overhaul was undertaken of the GPSC website, which is still in progress (feedback on the website should be sent to Communications Coordinator Yang Yang, jesseyy@gmail.com)
- Internally, work was done to clarify the roles of Executive Board members and their relationships to GA representatives
- The GPSC Retreat, held in January, was a major success and helped to form relationships amongst campus leaders
- The Career Development Chair position was established as a new role on the Executive Board

Allison Schmitt, GPSC Attorney General

Allison presented a series of slides about basic parliamentary procedure and the general layout of a GPSC General Assembly meeting. Representatives were advised to read the GPSC Bylaws at <http://gpsc.duke.edu/business/by-laws/>

6:44 PM: Announcements

Update from Basketball Committee Co-Chairs, Kristin McDonald and Jonathan Kotula

Important Dates and Statistics:

Website is at: <http://sites.google.com/site/gpscbasketball>

- 10 days until Campout (September 16th – 18th)
- Registration is open and students must register online by Sept 9th at 5 pm
- Students must be at Campout by 7 pm on Friday, September 16th
- Currently, over 1800 students are registered
- Over 400 students have registered for the approximately 750 available spots for community service projects on Saturday, September 17th
- Vendor applications are available for student groups wishing to sell food or services at Campout. Applications are due by September 12th at 5 pm
- RV registration is closed (ran from August 26th – 30th). Students who won parking privileges at Campout needed to follow up by 5 pm on September 6th
- The silent auction will run this year with a number of prizes from Duke Athletics and local businesses
- Entertainment will include a euchre tournament, speed dating, a basketball shootout, and a Kinect dance tournament
- A Craziest Cheers competition will be held to find new cheers
- Participants must agree to follow protocols in the Blue Devil Safety Pledge, available at the website. The noise policy must be followed (noise at respectable level at 11 pm, all noise off at 2 am)
- Pets are not allowed, but visitors who follow Campout policies are allowed

Two major changes have been made to ticket policy:

- Penalties for scalping tickets are much more strict
- A season ticket card will now guarantee admission up to 20 minutes before game time.

Policies are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/gpscbasketball/season-ticket-card-policies>.

Officer Introductions and Updates

Felicia Hawthorne – President

Bill Hunt – Vice President

Bill asked that any GA or Executive Board members with food allergies or other dietary restrictions inform him.

Stacey Turner – Executive Secretary

Philip Weissman – Treasurer

Interested parties can join the Finance Committee. Information is available at <http://gpsc.duke.edu/business/internal-committees/finance/>. The GPSC Fall Funding Application is due on October 7th. Information about eligible funding requests are available on the website.

Bethany Stafford – Academic Officer

Allison Schmitt – Attorney General

The Judicial and Young Trustee Selection Committees will be elected at the next GA meeting (September 20th). Interested parties who cannot attend the meeting should put together a statement of interest and email Bill Hunt.

Yang Yang – Communications Coordinator

Pan Wu - University Affairs Coordinator

Nick Brandley, Alexis Mann – Student Life Co-Chairs

The Student Life tailgate for Duke vs. Stanford is this Saturday (September 10th) starting at 12:30 pm in the Whitford lot.

Brad Hover – Student Groups Liaison

All student groups, organizations, and councils requiring GPSC affiliation and funding must register by October 1st, 2011, regardless of their previous affiliation status. Information on the process can be found on our GPSC website: <http://gpsc.duke.edu/student-groups/group-affiliation/>. For more information, please e-mail Brad Hover, the GPSC Student Groups Liaison, with the subject line "Group Affiliation."

Daniel Brown – Community Outreach Coordinator

Community Outreach is working with Habitat for Humanity and the Durham Science Center to set up volunteer opportunities. Contact Daniel if interested.

Liz Bloomhardt – Career Development Chair

The Career Development Chair is a new position this year. Currently the website is under development.

2011 Mahato Memorial Photo Contest (Andre Vanrynbach)

The submission deadline for entries in the photo contest is September 11th at midnight. The event will be held on September 28th from 5-7:30 pm. More information is available at <http://mahato.pratt.duke.edu>. The theme is “Envisioning the Invisible.”

7:06 PM: Approval of Semester Schedule (5 minutes)

The Fall 2011 GPSC General Assembly schedule was proposed as follows:

September 20
October 4
October 18
November 1
November 15

All meetings for the semester will be held in 0016 Westbrook.

Inderpreet Jalli (Biology) moved to approve the semester schedule. Shannon O'Connor (Medicine) seconded. Motion was approved.

7:08 PM: New Business

University Committee Appointments (Pan Wu)

Pan Wu presented a series of slides describing the University Committees available for students interested in representing the graduate and professional student population. A nomination committee will select nominees for these positions. Felicia Hawthorne reminded GA reps that they must serve on at least 1 committee (internal or University). The review of university committee applications starts next Friday (September 16th).

New Issues

Virginia Palacios (Nicholas School) is starting an interest group in hydraulic fracturing for individuals from across the university. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, from 5-6 pm in the LSRC A wing. Contact Vep3@duke.edu for more information.

7:19 PM: Meeting adjourned

*Respectfully submitted by Allison Schmitt, GPSC Attorney General
September 6, 2011*