



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda

January 24, 2012 6:30-8:01 pm. Westbrook 0016.

Presiding Officer: Bill Hunt
Refreshments: Nick Brantley & Bill Hunt

6:30 PM: Call to Order and Welcome

6:31 PM: Speaker – Brian Williams, Duke Parking and Transportation

- triangle.transloc.com. Duke buses will be going on to a system like this this. You will be able watch the busses moving and know when the bus is coming.

Highlights from his presentation:

- 38% of GP have parking passes, 15 have a GoPass, 408 students carpool, and 374 are registered bike commuters.
- One of the big parts of his job is figuring out how students can spend less time/money on transportation. He said that it has a lot to do with choices. A lot has to depend on the decisions you make, like where you live.
- communityhousing.duke.edu. This website shows local apartments, and their proximity to campus, bus routes, and other transportation options for that area. Depending on where you live you have several options that include Gopass, Wecar, biking, and carpool.
- Bottom-line advice: Encouraged to live along a bus route. This gives you many more options.

Q&A:

Felicia – What if you are bike commuter but have an injury that will require more than 2 day/month pass but will not require a handicap sticker?

Brian – the permits office has daily passes available, and also you can buy a pass for a month or two.

Dan Brown – Game day parking has gotten worse. Why did they reduced the number of parking spots?

Brian – Parking for gamedays used to be a free-for-all. People would get stuck on campus because nobody was there direct traffic. Duke athletics decided to hire Event1 Staff to fix this. Unfortunately, there are functioning buildings around the football field/Cameron, but duke relies on athletics for a certain revenue.

Chris Marsicano – The GoPass is AWESOME!!

Brian – Had over 2,000 people use their gopass last month. It has been great being able to give people the opportunity.

Is the transportation department looking into making it more clear about where students are/are not allowed to park?

Brian – Its about making it more clear about when enforcement begins/ends. Maybe our office should do a better job of making this clear.

The circle in front of LSRC is a designated fire lane; however, people park in it often during the day. However at night somebody may park their car there and then they get a ticket. It seems counterintuitive that people are allowed to park there during the day when there are a lot of people, but at night they are more strict about parking.

Brian – I cannot speak for duke police, but I will talk to them about this.

Amanda pooler – This more of a comment, but the largest number of students that don't know about parking options are first years. If you have a Facebook page or something like that for your first years to educate them, you should pass this information along to them.

Josh Rose – Any effort with the city of Durham to increase sidewalks and lighting?

Brian – When you are developing a new building you are required to put a sidewalk outside. For example, when they did something to the Lemur Center, and they didn't need the sidewalk there so they put it along Morreene Rd.

7:03 PM: Announcements – Officer Updates

Felicia –

- If any grad students, got a notification about a vacation policy, we are currently working
- Peter Lang contacted me about the search for the new Dean of the Graduate School, and there will be a graduate student on the search committee.
- Number of student groups that are affiliated with GPSC have overdrafted on their funds. Please be more responsible with this.
- NAGPS is having a legislative action day. Email Pan (pan.wu@duke.edu) for more info.

Nick –

- On the 30th, we are having speed dating.
- Hockey night will be February 17th. Tickets will be \$5.
- We are planning a formal on February 18th.

Bill –

- Our next meeting will be February 7th, Ali, our Young Trustee, will be the speaker, and he will be skyping in.
- Retreat is a week from Friday, from 6-9 at the Doris Duke Center. Please register as soon as possible. Dukecard.duke.edu/gpsc. Also if you have special food needs please let Bill know.
- We have a new treasurer, Brittany Love (Divinity School).
- Funding application will be going up tonight, and they will be due February 6 at 5pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion passes.

7:10 PM: New Business

Approval of spring semester meeting schedule:

Motion to take out March 13 and put in March 20. Motion seconded.

Motion to vote on revised dates. Motion seconded.

Voted on spring meeting dates. Motion passes.

Community Outreach Update:

1. Durham Museum of Life and Science

Volunteers for the Science Olympiad, Meet a Scientist, other events are needed.

Immediate attention: Needs volunteers by the end of January for the Science Olympiad. Don't need a science background to do this. It will require one training session and the competition will take place in March.

Contact: Trish Limm trish.lemm@ncmls.org

2. Durham Literacy Center

Regular, weekday or weeknight commitment to meet with individual student(s) once or twice per week, for at least one semester. Four days per week (not including weekends)

Contact: Deb Wong deb@durhamliteracy.org

3. Habitat for Humanity

Contact: Heather Graham hgraham@durhamhabitat.org

If you have any more questions or want to get involved with these activities please contact Dan Brown (daniel.r.brown@duke.edu)

BOT Standing Committee reappointment in bylaws:

Please see the powerpoint attached

Q&A:

Chris Marsicano – One benefit to having the president or exec board fill the position would be speed. In which cases could speed be needed?

Felicia – Only if we were not able to have a GA meeting before the meeting of BOT.

What would be the downside to pres or exec board making the decision?

Allison – Don't want to put the president in a place where they may be interested in the committee, and they appoint themselves to that position.

Would delegating this responsibility to someone "below" the president also be a conflict of interest?

Allison – Yes. That is what we are really trying to avoid.

Chris Marsicano – I think nominating committee (option 3) would be good.

Stephan (English) – If we did have nominating committee, what would be the process for deciding who is on the committee?

Allison – It is not necessarily addressed here how we would make this committee.

Motion to approve option 2.

Chris Marsicano – I can foresee a situation in which that option could cause a lot of conflict. I think that the idea of using the YT selection committee as the nominating committee is a good idea.

Liz – It should be noted the YT position is a two year position whereas standing committee appointments are only for a year. There are 4 meetings a year which means there is a maximum of 4 meetings that they would miss.

Chris Voss – I question that when we elected people last year, we elected them through the GA. The nominating committee seems like a complicated process. Why can't we just stick with the way we do it anyways?

Motion to close discussion. Motion seconded.

Vote does not pass.

Motion to continue discussion. Motion seconded.

Motion approved.

Amanda Pooler – It seems that the issue is conflict of interest. I think that the committee is a good option.

Dan Griffin – I like the idea of nominating committee. I would recommend the judicial committee. It is three members. Also, how solicitation of interested parties would work is missing out of there. There may be a good option that we didn't even know was out there.

Jason Evans – Doesn't the president have an option to call an emergency meeting if time is an issue?

Felicia – Yes.

BOT standing committee members are voted on by GA. University standing committee is selected by a nominating committee.

Chris Marsicano – Motion to amend option 3 and replace nominating committee with judicial committee.

Motion seconded.

Motion to vote. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Vote to amend bylaws for replacing a BOT standing committee member.

Amendment passes.

Allison – How do people feel about the removal clause?

Motion to table the issue. Second motion. Motion passes.

New Issues

Shannon O'Connor – Constituents have brought up an issue about lighting. I emailed John Daily, and they are increasing lighting outside Davidson building.

In the case of funding, can we get clarification about what GPSC covers and does not cover?

Brittany – Please email what you do not find clear, and I will see if I can clarify things.

7:56 PM: Adjournment

Proposed Spring 2012 GPSC GA Meeting Dates: (6:30 pm, 0016 Westbrook)

January 24

February 7

February 21

March 20

March 27

April 10

April 24 (if necessary)

*** If necessary, the General Assembly may vote to hold a meeting on April 24.**