



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes September 4, 2012: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Shannon O'Connor
Refreshments: Dan Smith

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

- This year, the GPSC executive board would really like the representatives to get to know one another. By the end of the semester, we would like each rep to introduce themselves (a few reps will go at each GA meeting). These slides (with the reps contact information) will be sent out to the listserv. Not only will this give an opportunity for the reps to meet each other but also make it easier to collaborate to do events.

6:35pm: Introductions from the GPSC Executive Board

President: William Hunt
Vice President: Shannon O'Connor
Treasurer: Amol Yadav
Executive Secretary: Pamela Mosley
Academic Officer: Pan Wu
Attorney General: Christopher Marsicano
Communications Coordinator: Chris Rowland
University Affairs Coordinator: Chelsea Gaw
Student Life Co-Chairs: Alexis Mann, Andrew Schicho
Student Group Liaison: Brad Hover
Community Outreach Coordinator: Daniel Brown
Career Development Chair: Nicholas Brandley
Basketball Co-Chairs: Patrick Killela, Alexandria Marchi

- See powerpoint slides (2-16) for the GPSC executive board introductions.

6:50pm: Basketball Committee Updates on Campout 2012 Patrick Killela and Alexandria Marchi

- Campout is this weekend (Friday Sept 7th (7pm) – Sunday Sept 9th (7am)) in the Blue Zone lot. See powerpoint slides (17-22).
 - 36 hours of awesomeness!
- The basketball committee is still looking for volunteers for the RV rodeo, athletic events, and helping out with waste and recycling.
- Question: Do you think there will be enough food trucks?
 - Answer: Campers will be informed to bring their own food/snacks. There will be 8 food trucks a night (on Friday and Saturday).

7:00pm: Introduction to Robert's Rules of Order and Example: GPSC Bylaw Amendment

Chris Marsicano

- Went over Robert's Rules of Order. See powerpoint slides (23-45).
- Proposed an amendment on majority voting
- Question: Can you talk about the eligibility for voting?
 - Answer: In order to vote in the Young Trustee Elections or the spring Elections session, a representative must have attended, or supplied proxy, for at least three prior Assembly meetings. Proxies representing a member of the Assembly are not eligible to vote for Young Trustee.
- Question: What does it take for a standard issue to pass? (Joshua Rose, Biochemistry)
 - Answer: Simple majority.
- Note that the GPSC executive board cannot vote.
- Question: What is the formal process for obtaining a proxy? (Jesse Colman, Nicholas School Student Council)
 - Answer: Please email the executive secretary to let her know that you will not be able to attend a meeting, the reason why you cannot make it, and the proxy that will be attending the meeting in your place.

7:20pm: Fall Funding Procedures and Deadlines

Amol Yadav and Brad Hover

- See powerpoint slides (46-50).
- Question: As far as eligibility for funding and becoming a GPSC affiliated group, can the group be multidisciplinary? (Betty Jiang, Medicine)
 - Answer: Every group is eligible except if you have a lot of undergraduate members.
- Question: Will there be further discussion on increasing the student activity fee? (Viresh Thusu, ECE)
 - Answer: Yes. We need to discuss that further and will bring it up in a future GA meeting. Bill H. (GPSC President) will follow up withUCAE about this.
- Question: How much does each student pay in tuition? How do applications work? (Scott Kleiman, Fuqua MBA)
 - Answer: \$16 per semester. Half of it goes to GPSC and the other half goes to DUU. The financial committee makes the decisions about whether or not to fund a group and if so, how much. They follow the by-laws. Interdisciplinary events are favored over events that are specific to a certain department and are more likely to get funded. We ask that you advertise your events on the GPSC news. We encourage you to apply for individual events and not a lot of events in bulk. GPSC does not always fund all the money that is requested in the application. We encourage you to look for alternative funding in case we cannot fund everything.
- Question: What about a group with multiple events in one application? (Devin Bridgen, BME)
 - Answer: Please apply for each event separately.
- Question: Can the money that a group receives in the fall semester be used in the spring semester? (Emilie Luse, Art, Art History and Visual Studies)
 - Answer: We encourage groups to do the event when they say they are planning on doing it and use the money.
- Question: Do you have to apply every year for funding? (Wei Han, BME)
 - Answer: Yes
- Question: What about co-sponsorship? (Akshay Raut, ECE)
 - Answer: This is something that the entire executive board has to decide on.
- Note that the GA will be voting on the budget two weeks from today (Tuesday Oct 2nd).

7:30pm: Internal Committee Application and Deadlines

Chelsea Gaw

- See powerpoint slides (51-57).
- Every representative has to serve on at least one committee.
 - Check out the links to the committees and email Chelsea with any questions.
- Question: Are the committees open to students other than the GPSC representatives?
 - Answer: Yes. Please encourage your constituents to apply.

7:40pm: Proposal of GA Meeting Dates, Fall 2012

Shannon O'Connor

Proposed schedule, Tuesdays at 6:30pm:

9/4/12	10/30/12
9/18/12	11/13/12
10/2/12	11/27/12
10/16/12	12/11/12 (if needed)

- These dates do not conflict with any of the men's basketball games and avoids Thanksgiving and election week.
- Viresh Thusu (ECE): motions to approve these GA meeting dates
 - Joshua Rose (Biochemistry): seconds the motion
 - All are in favor. The motion passes.

7:45pm: Officer Updates

- Bill H. (GPSC President): The GPSC executive board is considering moving offices from the Bryan Center to a house at 306 Alexander on Central campus due to the renovations that will occur. This may serve as a graduate student union for the future. Also, he will forward information about the Duke Kunshan committee and put it in GPSC news.

7:55pm: New Issues/Announcements

- Jennifer Rinker (CEE): Will the powerpoint slides be sent out to people other than reps that attended the meeting?
 - No. People who are not reps can email Bill H. for them. Note to GPSC reps: Please forward only the information you think is relevant to your constituents.
- Viresh Thusu (ECE): Is it possible to put the minutes on the website?
 - The GA meeting minutes will be posted on the GPSC website.
- Scott Winton (Environment): People in my department complain about it being very cold in the buildings. Is there anything that can be done about this?
 - We will put this on the Facilities committee's list of issues to address.
 - Claudia Gonzalez (Integrated Toxicology and Environmental Health): It saves energy to keep the building cold.
 - Chris Rowland (GPSC Communications Coordinator): The air conditioning is run year round and heat is added to increase the temperature. The more heat that is added, the more energy needed, so keeping the building colder actually saves energy.
 - Alexandria Marchi (Basketball Co-Chair): They keep the building cold because of the humidity, to prevent mold.

8:00pm: Reminders and Wrap-up

-Make sure to apply for committees; each GPSC Rep needs to serve on at least one committee.

-Go ahead and send an email to your constituents to introduce yourself as their GPSC rep, encourage them to give you ideas to share at GA meetings, and tell them about campout!

-If you cannot attend a meeting, email Pamela.Mosley@duke.edu, and send a proxy.

- An email with the powerpoint slides, proposed amendment, and meeting minutes will be sent out.
- Remember to apply for a committee. The deadline to apply for the finance committee is this Friday Sept. 7th (email Amol Y. (GPSC Treasurer)). Sept 10th is the deadline to apply for all other committees (the application is online, email your application to Chelsea G. (GPSC University Affairs Coordinator)).
- The GA will vote on fall funding and the proposed amendment at next GA meeting on Tuesday Sept. 18th.
- Shannon O' C. (GPSC Vice President) will send out an email to the reps so they can sign up to give a ~1 minute introduction at the next GA meeting.

8:05pm: Adjournment

- Viresh Thusu (ECE): motions to adjourn
 - Akshay Raut (ECE): seconds the motion
 - Meeting adjourned