



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes September 18, 2012: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Shannon O'Connor
Refreshments: Chris Rowland

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

6:31pm: Invited Speaker: Duke Chief of Police John Dailey

- To learn more about the Duke University Police Department, visit <http://www.duke.edu/police/index.php>.
- See powerpoint slides (2-18). Highlights from the powerpoint:
 - Their mission: respond and stabilization and also deter and reduce crime before it happens.
 - The number one crime on college campuses is theft. In Perkins and Bostock library, laptops are often left unattended and stolen.
 - Events at VA Tech have changed the way DUPD handle things on campus. Emergency management has been one of the biggest changes for DUPD.
 - More security officers have been put on Research Drive.
- Question: When there is a Duke alert, is there a website where the alert is posted? (Joshua Rose, Biochemistry)
 - Answer: There is not a website up yet but the Duke Police is still working on this. It is a resource issue.
- Question: Can you give an overview of the listserves that are specific to Durham? (Bill Hunt, GPSC President)
 - Answer: There are "partners in crime" which are souped-up neighborhood watches in different districts that meet monthly. You can figure out which district you live in and sign up to be on its listserv to get the notices about the meetings. Also, neighbors can post information on the listserv (eg. if they see a suspicious person walking around the neighborhood). Hopefully, this will help prevent crime and help people become more aware of their surroundings.

7:00pm: Introductions from the GPSC Reps

- See powerpoint slides (19-32). GPSC reps that presented:
 - Mark Bartlett, 2nd year in the Civil and Environmental PhD program
 - Jesse Colman, 2nd year in the Environmental Management Masters program
 - Jon Haldeman, 3rd year in the Pharmacology PhD program
 - Wei Han, 3rd year in the Biomedical Engineering PhD program
 - Emilie Luse, 2nd year in the Art, Art History and Visual Studies PhD program
 - Taneisha Means, 4th year in the Political Science PhD program
 - Gerardo Ortiz, 2nd year in the Chemistry PhD program

- Laura Paul, 2nd year in the Economics Masters program
- Akshay Raut, 5th year in the Electrical and Computer Engineering PhD program
- Joshua Rose, 3rd year in the Biochemistry PhD program
- Liza Schillo, 2nd year in the Fuqua MBA and Nicholas MEM programs
- Scott Winton, 3rd year in the Nicholas School of the Environment PhD program
- Mack Zalin, 3rd year in the Classical Studies PhD program

7:15pm: Basketball Campout 2012— Recap

Patrick Killela and Alexandria Marchi

- See powerpoint slides (33-34). Highlights from the powerpoint:
 - 2228 students registered for campout this year but only 1070 completed it. There were 400 students who participated in community service. The campout committee collected 1590 pounds of canned food which provided 1339 meals to people in Durham!
- Question: How many tickets were given out at campout? (Laura Paul, Economics Masters' Council)
 - Answer: 725

7:25pm: Fall Funding Approval

Shannon O' Connor, Amol Yadav and Brad Hover

- See powerpoint slides (35-38). Highlights from the powerpoint:
 - The members of the finance committee members are Amol Yadav (BME), Brad Hover (Biochemistry), Akshay Raut (ECE), Eden Ellis (MPP), Fumiko Chino (Medicine), and Jonathan Haldeman (CMB). The finance committee met last week along with members of the GPSC executive board (Alexis Mann, Social Co-Chair; Daniel Brown, Community Outreach Chair; Nicholas Brandley, Career Development Chair) to review applications.
 - A total of 114 applications were received. \$106,318 was the total funding requested and \$23,851 was the total funding allocated.
 - The main reasons groups were given funding were they had a well-planned and well written application with clear itemized expenses, interdisciplinary events which were open to all graduated students, cultural events, community driven events and events that have been successful in the past.
 - The main reasons groups were not funded or only given partial funding were they asked for items explicitly disallowed by the by-laws (ie. food, speaker fees), overestimating attendance and itemized expenses, and exclusive events.
- Please tell your constituents to advertise their events!
- Joshua Rose: Motioned to open discussion for 5 minutes about the fall funding. Motion was seconded.
 - Question: Are these numbers on par with last year's budget? (Laura Paul)
 - Answer: Yes.
 - Question: What were a couple of the larger expenses and how much money was given for them? (Jesse Colman, Nicholas School Student Council)
 - Answer: The largest amount of money given out was \$2000. Last year this group was also given this amount for the same event that is open to everyone and 500 students are expected to attend.
- Eden Ellis (Public Policy Studies (MPP)): Motioned to close discussion. Motion was seconded.
- Fumiko Chino (Medicine): Motioned to pass the fall budget as it stands. Motion was seconded.
 - All were in favor, none were against.
 - Motion passed

7:40pm: Internal Committee Approval and Young Trustee Screening Committee Elections

Chelsea Gaw, Shannon O'Connor, Chris Marsicano

- An email was sent out by Chelsea Gaw (GPSC University Affairs Coordinator) with the list of representatives for each committee to be voted on tonight.
- Horia Todor (Biology): Motioned to table voting on unfilled slots until the next meeting and have interested people email Chelsea G. with their interest (see powerpoint slide 40). Motion was seconded (by Joshua Rose).
 - All were in favor, none were against.
- Fumiko Chino: Motioned to approve proposal by slate. Motion was seconded (by Scott Winton, Environment).
 - All were in favor, none were against.
- The Young Trustee Screening committee consists of one chair and six members. It is responsible for nominating three young trustee candidates who will be voted on by the GA in the spring. Anyone can run for this committee.
 - Question: What kind of time commitment can you expect? (Scott Winton)
 - Answer: November and December are the months where you will have to meet the most frequently to review applications and hold interviews.
- Akshay Raut (ECE): Motioned to vote by slate. Motion was seconded.
- Gerardo Ortiz Jr. (Chemistry): Motioned to talk about who the chair will be for the Young Trustee Screening committee for 10 minutes. Motion was seconded.
- Fumiko Chino: Motioned to close discussion and vote. Motion was seconded.
- Stephanie Reist (Romance Studies): Motioned to nominate Joshua Rose as the committee's chair. Motion was seconded (by Eden Ellis).

The following are the members of this year's Young Trustee Screening Committee:

1. Joshua Rose
2. Abigail Labella
3. Stephanie Reist
4. Betty Jiang
5. Valerie Tornini
6. Eden Ellis
7. Taneisha Means

- Every representative needs to be on a committee. If you are still not on one, email Chelsea G. Remember that you can be on multiple committees.
- See powerpoint slide (42). The Judicial, Social, Community Outreach, and Career Advisory committees are still open and they are also open to non-representatives. Members of the Judicial committee will be elected at the next GA meeting.

8:00pm: GPSC Bylaw Amendment, Article 25

Chris Marsicano

- See powerpoint slide (44). Also see pdf file (Article XXV. Majority Voting) sent out last week.
- Scott Winton: Motioned to approve amendment. Motion was seconded (by Sydni Hagens, Divinity)
 - Motion passed

8:10pm: Officer Updates

- Bill Hunt: The Duke center of community engagement will be having an event on Thursday Sept. 19th at noon. It will be a panel of faculty talking about how they have stayed active in the community. Please let Bill know if you do not receive the GPSC news.

- Pan Wu (GPSC Academic Officer): He is hosting a series of administrative lunches. The previous ones have been great. The next one will discuss library services. Check out the GPSC news to find more information about this.

8:20pm: New Issues/Announcements

- Chris Marsicano (GPSC Attorney General): There will be a Duke Environmental Law Symposium (Conservative Visions of our Environmental Future) on Sept. 24th. The symposium will be a day-long event featuring a provocative list of speakers like the EPA Assistant Administrator and Romney Advisor Jeff Holmstead, Republican Rep for South Carolina Bob Inglis, and Jonathan Adler. Contact Chris if you would like to register for this event.

8:30pm: Reminders and Wrap-up

-Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Fumiko Chino: Motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes from the GA meeting on Sept 4th. Motion was seconded (by Mack Zalin (Classical Studies)).
 - All were in favor, none were against.

8:35pm: Adjournment