

Minutes of Student Government Meeting

Date: February 17th, 2006

Attendance: Natalie Rodic (Chair)
Torsten Jochem (Chair)
Alex Bell
Anushay Anjum
Brian Ziff-Levine
Danielle Rosario-Mullen
Sarah Marusek
Jessica Waverka
Kerstin Mikalbrown
Meriam Filali Adib
Radosh Piletic
Savith Sampath

Greetings. Thanks to all who took time out of your crazy schedules to attend the meeting, and especially thanks for your ideas and energy. Here is what we covered and goals we are working towards:

**NOTE: FUTURE MEETINGS, BI-MONTHLY ON FRIDAYS 5-6PM.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME. NEXT MEETING MARCH 3rd, Room TBA.**

I. Establishing ourselves as an accredited organization so we can get a budget :

1. Natalie is picking up on last semester's initiative and is working on setting up meeting with VP Roger Ward, and will take it from there.

2. What we will spend \$\$ on when we have access to those student fees? Ideas so far include: permanent website domain, gpia gatherings, ...

II. Financial Aid/Scholarships

Jessica has ideas and is working on programs with the federal government and students with disabilities.

III. Keynote-Speech

Rados' initiative to have a more formal and informative "State of the GPIA Adress" (thanks to Alex for that term) each semester where Mike Cohen and other lead faculty figures address the entire GPIA. Perhaps most easily implemented in the GPIA Welcome

Party each semester. Make it more useful for students in the first part of the Party, and more informal and social for the remainder of the party.

IV. Workload of Class Readings & eReserves

Establish some upper limit for class readings and encourage admin to enforce faculty cooperation (pre-semester prepared syllabus)

Encourage professors to use either eReserves or the Portal in order to save the students money and hassle of those supplemental readers and expensive books. New and returning faculty should be urged to use this and shown HOW to use this by GPIA admin before the start of the semester.

V. Evaluations

Alex mentioned the faculty is aware of the importance of these and do take them into account. 1 year contract term is a factor.

Ex: Why is Global Flows so widely diverse between varying professors and not even a comprehensive foundation course in some instances?

VI. Alumni, Faculty, Student Network

Torsten proposes the idea of introducing a system that allows students, alumni and faculty to make and/or keep contact with each other. This would help to strengthen the student body and would add extra value to the GPIA studies. Natalie and Torsten will seek talks with the administration on this topic. Alex mentions that an alumni network is also a requirement to join the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA).

VII. Change of Charter

The change of charter was unanimously agreed upon. The charter including the amendments is online available at www.gpia-student-government.org → Documents.

VIII. Search Committee Representative

Currently Natalie Rodic, others are needed in future searches which are yet to be announced.

VIX. Best time for student government meetings

Confirmed as 5 to 6 pm, Fridays, bimonthly. Next meeting will be on March 3rd.

VX. Concentration Rep's

Please inform Sarah Marusek of suggestions for guest speakers. Be active in concentration by attending concentration meetings, asking for questions and concerns and nurturing further dialogue within concentrations.

(Minutes also online at www.gpia-student-government.org)