

GPIA Student Government

January 16, 2008

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66 West 12th St, Rm 617

Meeting called by: Juliana Farmer

Type of meeting: General

Note taker/Timekeeper: Emily Molfino

Attendees:

Amy Walker, Juliana Farmer, Timothy Lang, Emily Molfino, Mitch Cook, Andy Thornton, Wil Carter, Savith Sampath, Raven Brown

Minutes

Agenda item: Ongoing Student Government Issues (Amy)

Discussion

- Printing
 - Amy is on the Printing Committee and went to her first meeting (thanks to our efforts). About 15 people attended. Amy is going to be doing focused groups.
 - Talking mainly about part-time faculty for they have less money and their policy hasn't been changed. But can't they print in office. Faculty wanted an explanation about change and arbitrary number.
 - How to sell it to students? Not going to save us money. Amy's opinion is going green idea.
 - Printing policy subject to change. Trying out this year and doing a real assessment later.
- Curriculum
 - Last semester survey was mainly a conversation starter

Conclusions:

- Juliana and Sarah's job to keep on Jonathan Bach to establish a "statistically correct" focus group
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Agenda item: Student Support Program (Tim)

Discussion

- Going well and Tim is getting emails.
- First half of advising today was busy, second half was slow.
- Next steps:
 - Panel or focus group of students and faculty to see what went well and what can we do for next time
 - Make April's advising appointments
 - Andy and Amy: maybe not have appointments, make us available open to all
- Pam emailed Tim if SSP could help with welcome back party. Asked for a Power Point of pictures. Andy email Tim IFP Photo Contests. Use same pictures of past Power Point. Ice breaker also (name on the back game)? Done at tables in small groups. Other games mentioned... Pam's idea was first impressions (but can lead to something bad...)

Action items

- Get April's advising planned

Deadline

April, 2008

Agenda item: GPIA Student Community Building Endeavors

Discussion

- Wil will email out first one, but someone can take it over later. (Tuesday the 29th)
 - Needs to be every two weeks and can repeat the same set of bars.
 - Beginning of the semester after party: planned last time but didn't work out. Juliana will figure it out
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Agenda item: Student Government: The Future

Action items

Deadline

- Emily Molfino now holds the Secretary/Thorton Consultant
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Agenda item: GPIA WIKI and GPIA.INFO

Discussion

- New GPIA.info website went up today. Still can't open through New School proxy
 - New website is official and only a limited amount of people can edit it. Wiki will be the more informal site for students
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Agenda item: Media Studies/Production Course

Discussion

- Can media people take cross-listed classes in Media Studies? Yes, more next year. Mainly production courses on how to film. Since people don't have the course, they don't know how to get access to the equipment. (That is an academic technology problem).
- If students want to do it, they should be able to audit it outside the program.
- Contact information: John Freitas, Film Program Advisor, email: freitas@newschool.edu
- Maybe have Student Government hold a workshop or provide a work sheet on how to do this. Can expand this to several areas.

Conclusions:

- Savith will get more information on what student's can and can't do
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Agenda item: Comments, Questions, Suggestions

Discussion

- After Amy pushed and pushed after being denied funding, she got them to listen to us. Amy will email Christi Allen saying Juliana will email Guinevere.
- Amy dealt with financial services about when we are getting our refund. She was told that it will come in over two weeks. But actually coming later this coming week. Tim emailed Bob Kerry about financial aid policy, and we got a response stating that he'll look into it.
- Sarah is currently drafting a petition about Stuyvesant Town issues.
- Wil to Savith: Career placement doesn't exist, but there is a career development position. Mitch: New School, in his opinion, is one of the few that doesn't have one specifically for IA. However, there is a funding issue. Always talked about, but never done. Execution is impossible. Mitch will look into this issue more.