

# GPIA Student Government

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**Meeting called by:** Juliana Farmer and Sarah Cunningham

**Type of meeting:** General

**Note taker/Timekeeper:** Emily Molfino

**Attendees:**

Andy Thornton, Mitch Cook, Tim Lang, Emily Molfino, Juliana Farmer, Sarah Cunningham

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## Minutes

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### Agenda item: Student Support Program

#### Discussion

- Will retouch peer advising in March before registration begins in April for the Summer and Fall 2008 Semesters.
- The How-To Tutorial will be about an hour long. Jonathan Bach mentioned how even professors might want to attend. Maybe the next time this is held, we can get in touch with Jonathan Bach to get faculty involved.
- The library aspect of this tutorial will be more hands on examples. Not getting to in depth with RefWorks. Of which, tutorials are held several times a week at the library (but aren't getting publicized). If we get enough feedback, might want to get a RefWorks representative to hold a specific tutorial for GPIA students.
- Discussion on putting these hand-outs in the welcome packet new students receive
- This semester's Student Support Leader was a pilot program. Want to get feed back from new students on their experiences and feelings to see what should be kept and what should be changed. Juliana mentioned possibly sending out a general email introducing the program and new students who want to participate can reply.

#### Action items

- How-To Handouts will be put on website after Friday

#### Deadline

February 1

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### Agenda item: Wiki issues/GPIA.info

#### Discussion

- Andy: going well and the new site is launched
  - A new web administrator has been hired
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### Agenda item: Bi-Weekly Social Events/Beginning of the Semester Party

#### Discussion

- This week was to busy and planning for the social was lost in the mix.
- Debate on whether an ice breaker should or shouldn't happen as we are all grad students and these types of events are conducive to meeting people.

**Conclusions:**

- Will wait for the next social until after the welcome back party.
- Student Government will make effort to talk to the New Students at this even
- Karaoke after party

**Action items**

**Deadline**

- Mitch will create a picture for Semester Party to advertise S.G. and Socials

February 8th

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**Agenda item: Core Curriculum**

**Discussion**

- Jonathan Bach liked the idea of an Online Survey to get both more respondents and more official survey outcomes.
- These will most likely to be directed surveys
- These surveys should be sent out to alumni also

**Conclusions:**

- Need to come up with survey questions

**Action items**

**Deadline**

- Andy: Find out if possible to do write in surveys on the website
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**Agenda item: Stuyvesant Issue**

**Discussion**

- During their meeting, Juliana and Sarah discussed the email draft and presented the Stuyvesant issue with Jonathan Bach. He was very supportive and gave a couple suggestions on whom to email this to.
- Jonathan Bach mentioned how this can also be taken to the Lang School Newspaper and maybe further. But we realize that this blatant overcharging happens through all New School Housing and in fact is a nation wide problem.
- Need to keep the argument simple as for right now. The money the New School charges us compared to the rent Stuyvesant Town charges "regular" residents. Need an explanation of where this extra \$.5 million is going and how it is being spent.
- Tim brought up instead of going bottom up, start from the top and email Bob Kerrey. Is housing really going to give us a response?

**Conclusions:**

- Need to obtain the exact number of New School Apartments for correct calculations.
- Decide to go bottom-up or top-down

**Action items**

**Deadline**

- Draft will be emailed out and we can proofread
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### **Agenda item: Media Studies/Production Course**

#### **Discussion**

- Savith not in attendance to discuss
  - Tim brought up that they had a class like this offered in previous semesters
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### **Agenda item: ListServ Discussion**

#### **Discussion**

- How can you put rules to this hallway without buildings?
  - Debate on whether we should survey people and see what they want and what is relevant. Is there a way to mark categories to these emails?
  - Make an alumni tailored ListServ?
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### **Agenda item: Career Development**

#### **Discussion**

- We want a fulltime person in this position for two reasons:
  - Compete with NYU and SEPA
  - Many jobs come from faculty ties and doesn't seem feasible for them to trek to Office of Career Development
- Put pressure on certain people. Main issue is that funding for this type of position goes to OCD.

#### **Conclusions:**

- Research needed to compare other programs and other type of data to make a good argument

#### **Action items**

#### **Deadline**

- Mitch will look into this
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### **Agenda item: School Employment Opportunities**

#### **Discussion**

- Andy: Debate on how jobs in GPIA office are filled. Many are filled by who people know. They aren't posted or open up to all GPIA students
  - Needs transparency, possibly a site on the website that lists open positions and detail on how to apply
  - Sarah: Bigger questioned tied in is funding for students
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