

GPIA Student Government

April 23, 2008

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66 West 12th St, Dean's
Conference Room

Meeting called by: Juliana Farmer and Sarah Cunningham

Type of meeting: General

Note taker/Timekeeper: Emily Molfino

Attendees: Mitch Cook, Juliana Farmer, Sarah Cunningham, Emily Molfino, Amy Walker

Minutes

Agenda item: Core Curriculum – Professor Evaluations

Discussion

- After discussing with staff members, Jonathan Bach mentioned how many thought it was a violation of privacy to put these evaluations online.
- There does need to a general announcement (formal or informal?) informing students about the existence and public availability of these evaluations.
- Comments that students write are not included in the public evaluations and returned to the professor. Should they be included? Quantitative data that is provided though does provide information if one were to compare across courses and varying professors.

Conclusions:

- Include these evaluations in student support program and advising. Decided not a conflict of interest of binder is with advisors during that time.
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Agenda item: Student Support Program

Discussion

- Emily gave a report on the past student advisement. It went well, but should not start at 11am. There is not a lot of advisement going on during that time. Professors and students came up and thanked student government for putting it on.
- There was discussion on holding a program separate than orientation with all other GPIA based organizations to help recruit people, provide information, and provide opportunities to meet people. This can be done in accordance with peer advising and during advising have representatives from the organizations participate.
- Beginning with Fall 2008's new students, the SSP will be designed a little different and more group based possibly with get together and/or outing.

Conclusions:

- Things that will be changed: have outside the GPIA office (might be okay if in conference room), bring evaluation binder to the advisement, plan in advance so more people can attend, get [gpiainfo](mailto:gpiainfo@info) webmail address.
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Agenda item: Bi-Weekly (monthly) Social Events

Discussion

- These aren't bi-weekly but bi-monthly... oops!
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Agenda item: End of Semester Party

Conclusions:

- As far as volunteering, after the student government meeting, we will all head over and help set up.
- The After-Party will be held at Japanese karaoke

Action items

Deadline

- Flyer needs to be made to post during end-of semester get together
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Agenda item: University Student Senate

Discussion

- Congratulations Sarah for being elected General Studies representative for USS!
 - \$5 tuition increase to fund USS was passed. This will help make USS more independent and fund other projects.
 - The Grad student party was a success! However, due to amount of people, the room was packed. Heinrich mentioned that this should be once a month, but due to funding and logistics, this will not happen.
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Agenda item: Funding

Discussion

- General Studies does not collect money from students for student governments/unions and Lang does for theirs.
 - As far as obtaining funding, we can ask Michael Cohen and the department to fund Student Government. Jonathan Bach mentioned that money is available. Mitch: logical that funding comes from GPIA.
 - But he brought up the fact that we as students pay a student activities fee and he was wondering where this goes. We have tried previous to have access to this source of funding, but as a student government and "not open to all" we are not allowed (but can fund future School of General Studies Student Government).
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Agenda item: Panel Discussion for PIA versus Thesis

Discussion

- This was also a great success. Students wanted another one held as this one was during the day and many couldn't attend.

Conclusions:

- This will become hopefully a permanent pre-registration program
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Agenda item: Future of Student Government Issues

Discussion

- Meeting times need to be settled. GPIA doesn't lean its way to Friday evening meetings. But great for meetings because no classes are meeting, can go a little long if needed, and can go out afterwards.
- At events like PIA/Thesis Panel and orientation, a signup sheet was discussed that will put people on the Student Government list-serve and ask if they want to participate. For those who do, active, personal emails will be sent to those.
- Juliana is sadly departing and won't be able to act as President.
- Mitch: We need to start setting precedents that get passed down

Conclusions:

- A steady date of Student Government is needed (whether Wednesdays or Fridays) and reserve room (hopefully same room) for most
- Elections for leadership positions are not possible. Will discuss more next meeting.

Action items**Deadline**

- New emails announcing meetings on the list-serve will also include agendas to better interest people in attending (probably start new semester)