

GPIA Student Government

October 12, 2007

18:21 – 20:00

66 West 12th St, Rm 619

Meeting called by: Amy Walker

Type of meeting: General

Note taker/Timekeeper: Emily Molfino

Attendees:

Amy Walker, Aparna Rau, Andy Thornton, Will Carter, Savith Sampath, Emily Molfino

Minutes

Agenda item: University Wide Issues: OSDA

Discussion:

- * Student government bodies are no longer considered official, which means that we no longer receive money (before \$300 were available).
- * We did receive money for the IFP Photo Contest
- * We lost "official standing" because *official* groups must be open to all the student body. Though we are open to anyone who wants to come and have invited people from all departments, we are focused in a single department.
- * Didn't receive warning of this.

Conclusions:

Jonathan talking to the Dean to see what can be done (can we still receive funding?)

Agenda item: Update on printing and possible Wiki-petition

Discussion

- * When Amy went to the contact person in regards to this new program, the answer received was: "Just what we decided."
- * PhD students get free access so do several Parson students in their respective labs. What about others? Should graduate students receive more than undergrad students due to the different nature of our courses (buying one or two books for a class is no longer an option and we mainly read papers).
- * Doesn't solve excessive printing! Just transfers it from one place to another (so can't use ecological position) and some have just stopped printing all together (in some cases, not doing the reading) so can't look at results after this semester and say it was successful.
- * Statistic analysis is needed to see how much people actually print and what limits can be set up so the quality of education and courses isn't affected.

Action items

- Set out petitions on GPIA floor and distribute in classes

Deadline

October 15

Agenda item: Student Government Events: IFP Photo Contest, Darfur Benefit Concert, and Second Event Ideas (Congo Rape Crises)

Discussion

- * IFP participants have been uploading pictures. Official voting will begin Monday (October 15th)
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Action items

- Have issue of focus topic by next week

Deadline

September 21st

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Agenda item: Students: List-serve issues, New School Business Cards, Study Space, IFP Financial Aid Questions

Discussion

- * People are complaining about the debates taking place on list serve and are unsubscribing due to the volume of emails. However, many see this as the best part of the list serve! Plus, repetition is needed for event planning to get people to come to them (wont be able to repeat with a digest even if possible).
- * Forms for business cards are available in the main office. Requirements are changing unofficially so that all GPIA student can buy cards. 150 cards for \$30
- * Study space still an issue but on the back burner for not GPIA specific. Can go to Cardoza library (5th Ave and 12th St on the 7th floor).

* Financial aid for IFP is based on need and grades (cheaper than staying here in NYC and attending classes). Take out \$8-9 K in loans at most (includes money to pay for rent when you come back)

* Andy asked if it were possible to have all professors publish the students GPA's and standard deviation so that suspected grade inflation can be prevented. Some professors already do this. However, this most likely isn't possible.

Action items

Deadline

- Keep status quos with the list serve
 - Make flyer about business cards
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Agenda item: GPIA Student "Community Building Endeavors"

Discussion

- * Social hours... anyone?
- * Every two weeks go meet up at a different location

Conclusions:

- * Will Clark volunteered as unofficial social coordinator
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Agenda item: GPIA Wiki and GPIA.info transfer

Discussion

- * Information is transferred over and now in the "branding and beautification" phase trying to find a nice middle ground between official/academic and unofficial/student based/dynamic.
 - * Announcement when officially completed. A Wiki-party?
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Agenda item: Savith brought up idea of GPIA student government mass email about two current events

Discussion

- * Send out an email supporting Al Gore's win of the Nobel peace prize and how it shows the importance of the environment and the 515th anniversary of Columbus' arrival and giving kudos to those states who have changed this day's name to "The Day of Indigenous Resistance."

Conclusions:

- * Amy: not appropriate for Student Government to speak for everyone in the GPIA community when there can be those who disagree
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