

GPIA Student Government

October 26, 2007

18:00 – 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 Hadsam, Emily Molfino, Nick Barber, Sarah Cunningham, Juliana Farmer, Stephanie, Anita Rohira, Tim Lang, Daniel Gore

Minutes

Agenda item: Printing Issue Update

Discussion

- * The meeting with the Associate Dean was successful. She agreed that the implementation of the new printing policy, while well intentioned, was poorly planned and problematic. Possibly didn't realize the negative impacts. Plus, no formal documents are available to look on how they came up with this.
- * Needs assessment of varying needs of different groups and programs did not occur prior to implementation.
- * The Associate Dean would like the Printing Policy document created for her meeting with Lillian Sartori (VP of Academic Technology) who is in charge of the printing program. She will be meeting with Lillian next week and will update Amy and Andy when ready.
- * Is NSSR also petitioning? Should we mobilize entire school? (One program can't change the entire program).
- * Tim – Someone researched other schools' programs last year before this implementation. But then why are we the lowest?

Action items

Deadline

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wait until we hear back from the Associated Dean's meeting | November 9 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita: research what other programs are doing in this regard. Can we work together? | November 9 |
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Agenda item: Student Government: The Future

Discussion

- * New president term will begin in January (January to December terms) and elections should be held either the last week in December or the first week in January's semester.
- * Want to start up the Mentor Program that has been on the back burner for a while. Want a first year paired with a second year so that they can get information and be pushed to get involved.
- * Discussion on how there is a gap between first and second years (possibly worse now that certain classes are required certain semesters so less interlay). We can use the Wiki to help alleviate this.
- * Get other GPIA student organizations more involved with GPIA student government. But what incentives do they have for we have no funding. Should they even be considered "under us?"
- * Find speaker for Congo issue (Andy said he will find out if the women is still here or not)

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

Discussion

- * Darfur Benefit Concert will be held next Friday at 7. The winners of the Photo Contest will be shown here. Congratulations Eric and Lisa!
- * Want to hold a second event before the end of the semester (something to break away from the administrative aspects) on the Congo Rape Crises.

Agenda item: Students: Study Space, Curriculum Issues, and Community Building Endeavors

Discussion

- * Study space is an important issue for GPIA for many want to get together and study but have no common place to go. This is only going to get worse as the 4th floor also closes. Possibly make the hallway more accommodating to study (but loud for classes in session.)
- * Discussion about how Global Flows is too theoretical and for people with backgrounds in politics and international affairs. Even though these classes are standardized, still lots of variance. Also, questions raised about the repetition of information along classes (Global Flows and Comparative Development especially).
- * Possibly have syllabuses and/or better course descriptions available before registration so students (especially newer ones) have a better idea of what they are signing up for.
- * We can use the mentor program to correspond with advising meetings so people can receive candid advice about professors and classes.

Conclusion

- Thanks Will for planning October 24th's get together! Next one November 8th!

Action items

Deadline

- Tim will develop a "mentor program" and create a student-advising program for the beginning of next semester. **End of November**
- Amy will speak with Jonathan regarding new student curriculum issues and update after meeting **November 9**

Agenda item: Student Housing Issues

Discussion

- * The issue was brought up about Stuyvesant Town Dorm issues for GPIA students. There are concerns about implementation of these living places (partly due to the fact that they got them mid August). Also, the residents are being overcharged about \$7,175 per apartment (with three people for the two bedroom), which totals \$430,500 for all apartments in 9 months. Questions on why so much overcharge and where this money is going. Just one consequence of The New School growing so fast!

Conclusions:

- Advice given to write a formal document with complaints. GPIA student government can help with the writing and help build a stronger argument. Possibly pass a petition around later.

Action items

Deadline

- Juliana and crew will put together a formal document listing the issues, the financial implications and general assessment and meet with Amy and Andy at when complete. **When ready**

Agenda item: Event Planner Change

Discussion

- * Nick Barber takes over the position of GPIA events planner this coming Monday, Oct. 29th.
- * Should “cross pollinate!”