

Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Graduate Student Assembly

Minutes – 12/2/08

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by David Tiscione– Vice President

II. Executive Board Reports

David

- Attended UWGC meeting earlier today and discussions were put forth concerning various online programs. David also noted that a separate committee would be formed to deal with this new development.
- The UWGC will also need a new representative for the GSA since Natalie will be graduating in December. Interested persons can contact any executive member.

Donna

- Updated the members on recent discussions concerning the service project.
- Donna noted that ideas were put forth such as utilizing 2 days where individuals could go out and collect donations under SECA umbrella with their support. Donna spoke with the contact person for SECA and he showed interest in this idea.
- We would need to organize a meeting with GSA reps and SECA and any other organization that would be involved in this service project to iron out issues and suggest a way forward.
- The idea is to propose that funds collected be designated to United Way through SECA.
- Donna will convene a working group around the first week of February 2009
- Donna informed the group that the Graduate School lost a position and they are not allowed to fill this vacancy.
- December Graduate Commencement will be held in Fisher Auditorium

Stephanie

- Contacted Jennifer concerning Java City discount coupons for graduate students.
- Jennifer confirmed that 10% discount would be offered to all graduate students on coffee purchases at the Java City in the library between the hours of 8am -3pm on Tuesday, December 9th.
- It was suggested that we also utilize the time period to attract students to the GSA and be on site to answer questions or gather comments from students.
- A list was circulated and members agreed to work shifts at the library and represent the GSA

III. Nominations for Secretary

- Stephanie Young will be graduating December so we need to fill the post of Secretary
- Akemi Parker and Germaine McArdle were nominated for Secretary
- Elections will be held at the first meeting for the spring semester

IV. Ideas for Spring Semester

- Ruben engaged the group in discussions for the spring semester and urged members to remain active and continuously promote GSA meetings and activities within their respective departments.
- Suggestions for activities include: pot luck, activities at the Lodge, raffles (massage coupons), another Mix & Mingle at the beginning of the semester
- Partner with clubs and other organizations on campus
- Panel discussions via IUP TV Station/ radio – have students send questions and comments
- Create a commercial to promote GSA

V. Meeting schedule for Spring 2009

- Majority agreed that meetings should take place on Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Possible dates:
 - January 20th, 2009
 - February 10th, 2009
 - March 10th, 2009
 - March 31st, 2009

VI. Meeting adjourned

- Happy Holidays!!! Be Safe!!!