



MINUTES
Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
October 6, 2014
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall
5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

I. Welcome and Introductions

R. Walroth called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

1. Introduction of voting members, 1 min.

Voting Members Present: A. Bybee-Finely, J. Goldberg, W. Nicholson, K. Schlauraff, I. Small, T. Snider, A. Thompson, R. Walroth, K. Weng Wong, L. Xu, C. Yao

Voting Members Absent: J. Bergfalk, C. Best, J. Balaes, A. Jones, I. Roberts

II. Approval of the Minutes

1. September 22nd, 2014, 1 min.

Under C. Yao's presentation, strike out increase in graduate student tuition. Strikeout lower cost of tuition to match peer institutions.

New Business, Approval of the Budget – correct spelling of “and.”

Approved as corrected following vote by affirmation.

III. Presentations

1. Dean Barbara Knuth - Procedures for Graduate Student Injuries, 20 min.

Barbara Knuth, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate School, was present at the meeting to follow-up on Resolution 9 that focused on graduate student injuries and illness. Graduate School instituted task force and brought them in to consider not only work-related injuries but injuries in general to any graduate students. Developed a list of procedures, which can be found on the graduate school webpage. Will have a discussion following presentation. Students includes are registered graduate student at time of injury. Injury must have occurred in related and affiliation with University activity. After medical attention, student should fill out a University Injury Report Form. Will trigger notification of several offices. Jana Lamey will serve as advocate. For students who are injured outside of duties and assistantship, medical coverage will be determined by medical insurance. New York Board will determine compensation.

Injury report form – new specific category for graduate student that will now help trigger offices.

Toor asked if international students are eligible for coverage as well. New York Board will decide based on assistantship regardless of citizenship status.

Workers' Compensation Board has authority and right to make final decision about compensation.

Workers' Compensation will cover out-of-pocket coverage, short-term stipend coverage for 13 weeks. Long-term stipend coverage will be decided by Workers' Compensation Board.

Cornell has a workers' compensation office that will provide assistance in filling out form.

2. Kevin L. Sutherland - Mayor's proposed parking plan, 15 min.

Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office. Task force created to address parking for the city of Ithaca. Discussed current parking plan and then the proposed plan.

Opened floor to Q&A. ksutherland@cityofithaca.org if anyone has ideas or other questions

3. Nate Rogers - BEAR Walk Review and Plug for The President's Council on Hazing Prevention, 10 min.

Reverse trick-or-treat for making community connections. Visit homes and apartments in college town to engage in conversation and hand out resources. Giving everyone a heads up and would like a larger graduate student participation.

Position available on Hazing Prevent Organization for a GPSA representative.

IV. Reports of Officers and Committee Updates, 15 min.

1. Executive Committee (R. Walroth)

No updates

2. Operations (A. Gardner)

No updates.

3. Appropriations (I. Small)

No updates.

4. Communications (M. Daniels)

No updates

5. Finance Commission (C. Wider)

No updates.

6. Student Advocacy (P. Berri)

No updates.

7. Faculty Awards (D. Citron)

No updates.

8. Diversity and International Students (K. Herleman)

Has talked to Chavez. Wants students to attend Dinner.

9. Programming Board (L. Munguia)

If Zombie Lurch happens, will be very soon. First meeting will be on Wednesday at 5:30pm, will be discussing Lurch.

V. New Business

1. R.3 — Welcome and Invitation to Incoming President Elizabeth Garret, 5 min.

Informing her about GPSA and what it is about. Inviting her to participate in shared governance and pitching GPCI.

T. Snider proposed a series of grammatical errors. Amendment accepted by vote of affirmation. C. Yao suggested addition of clause to specifically invite her to talk to GPSA at least once a semester continuing the precedent set by President Skorton. Amendment approved by universal consent. Another series of grammatical changes were approved. Resolution approved with 12-0 with 1 abstention.

VI. Open Forum, 5 min.

A. Bybee-Finley announced a workshop in Investigative Biology that will be held this Wednesday. J. Allen announced an upcoming workshop about tax obligation for both citizens and international students on Tuesday at 3pm in Memorial Room, WSH. T. Bollu shared information about current relations between TCAT and University discussed at UA following which N. Baran explained the TCAT issue.

R. Walroth adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aastha Wadhwa