GPSF Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2013  
Hooker 3005

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Dylan Glatt, Chief of Staff

**Attendance:** Dylan, Julie, JP, Eleanor, Corey, Antonio, Mary Scott, Vicki, Mark, Sean, Sara, Veeral, Kyle, Amanda, Marisa, Daniel, Kiran, Jayme, Shelby, Ryan, Xin, Autumn

**Dylan’s Cabinet Updates**
- No issues reported with online reporting system
- Meetings next semester will likely be in this room as well
- External appointments – talk with Xin Liu, VP External Affairs
- Cabinet member profiles – please do them on the website
- New administration – Provost Dean going to be attending the November 19th 6:30-8:00pm Hooker 3005
  - Ideal for them to come at the same time

**Cabinet updates and Open Floor**
- **Amanda + Corey (Academic Policy)**
  - Copyright committee: new members, pretty receptive to a new focus this year and different focus
    - Electronic dissertation availability issue – currently have to give UNC the rights to electronically publish the dissertation
    - Meeting with Anna Krome-Lukens before the next committee meeting
    - Push from the committee to push forward a recommendation about this to the University Affairs Committee at the Board of Trustees (in March)
    - Discussions with Dean Matson about this
  - **Mentorship**
    - Focus this year as identified from the RA/TA survey last year
    - Deficit of mentorship opportunities and inadequate mentoring themselves
- **Kyle (Student Opportunities)**
  - Emergency Fund updates
    - Trying to work on making the review process fair and consistent and handling privacy issues – Kyle is chairing this committee
    - To date:
      - Published the Sakai site to the committee only and established a form to review the applications
      - Question of sustainability
      - Went through a mock application process to trial the committee
      - Not yet open for actual applications yet
      - Dean of Students office will refer graduate & professional students to this fund
- **Sara (City & Local Relations)**
  - Panhandlers
    - NOT recommended – discussion going on with Chapel Hill and future information will be disseminated to graduate students
- There are other organizations which students should donate money to instead – this information will be publicized – pamphlets will be distributed
  - Guns in Bars
    - Downtown Chapel Hill Partnership has distributed stickers for establishments to decide whether or not guns are allowed in the bars
- **Marisa (Outreach Coordinator)**
  - Outreaches officially completed to all of the different departments
    - 66 departments contacted
    - 44 had come
    - 26 declined or did not answer
  - She plans to try to continue getting a hold of the department to find the correct contact
  - Get a new banner (non-URD) – wants to do this
- **Sean (IT Admin, IT Policy)**
  - GPSF Forum links are down
  - Wiki needs to be upgraded – IT across UNC needs some push to finish the process
  - Connect Carolina getting an upgrade – can give access to others; this is getting worked out
  - my.unc.edu going to be decommissioned
- **Eleanor (Transportation)**
  - Contacted about bike funding sources
  - Bike pump/repair station funding
    - Similar to cyclelicious
    - Possibly rented out through the Student Union – something to consider down the line
    - Possibility of hiring an undergrad for work study brought up as a suggestion
    - Recylory brought up as a suggestion
    - Chapel Hill Transit – brought up Friday Center as an issue in particular (Business school has one similar to this) – Carpool permit for the Business School

**Upcoming Cabinet events**
- **Jayme (Social)**
  - DefyGravity Social Event – opening it up to general population – stay tuned
  - GPSF Trivia Happy Hour possibly in the near future
  - October 24-26th – scary movies – Amphitheater – possibly going to be an event as well
- **Kim (Public Service)**
  - Putting together a googledoc
    - Robert McDonald House
    - Possibly Can Castle

**Collaborative Opportunities**
- **Veeran (Sustainability)**
  - Idea for a printer for the reverse side of flyers that are being printed
    - Need to put in a high population area
    - Group was generally pretty receptive to this
    - Working with undergraduate counterparts as a suggestion
    - Possible to set up a sustainability survey
    - Suggestion to come and talk at a Senate Meeting
Is it possible to be reimbursed for the printing student fee ($40) if not used – another suggestion
Reminder about RESPC student fee ($4 student fee for each student)

Table Discussion

- Shelby (TA/RA Advocate)
  - Graduate Assistants and Stipend Pay Issue
    - HR would likely not give this information
    - Possibility of presenting this issue at Board of Trustees
  - Legislative Affairs
    - SAGE coalition brought up as a potential option
  - Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor
    - First meeting with the Chancellor this coming Monday
    - SACC does projects
    - Major issues to bring up suggestions:
      - General theme of student self-governance always a consideration when a new Chancellor/Provost appointed
      - Vast influence of graduate and professional students across campus
      - Send Shelby an email about any of these issues
  - Roy Charles from Diversity department the Graduate School
    - 9th most diverse school for graduate/professional students in the country (including HBCUs)
      - 400 black graduate and professional students
      - We should host an event about this
      - Definition of “diversity” questioned – black, latino(a), native american

- JP (Diversity Advocate)
  - SafeZone Training
    - Not certain how many graduate students are actually trained
    - General sense of a lack of awareness about SafeZone training
    - Looked into the online document available about those who have received SafeZone Training (and have made their information public)
      - Fewer than 50% of the programs at UNC for graduate/professional students have someone (non-faculty, non-staff) with SafeZone Training
  - Both SafeZone and Haven can do full departmental trainings brought up as an option
  - Haven Training on September 30th
    - Can actually have someone come to a full department
    - JP figuring out whether there is capacity to train large amounts of students
  - JP suggested to come to the Senate meeting and find advocates within each department
  - LGBT.unc.edu – where to go and look for trainings
  - Suggestion to schedule a big group for Cabinet and Senate

- Vicki
  - Reminder to ‘LIKE’ GPSF on Facebook (UNC Graduate and Professional Student Federation)

Executive Board Updates

- Kiran (President)
Second semester Check-in – especially for 2nd semester 1st year students – now that you know things, what should you ask?

- Resources on campus that may not be fully apparent the first semester of graduate school
  - Interlibrary Loan document
  - Library resources in general
  - Printing from own computer (CCI)
  - Room reservations in the library
  - Virtual Computing Lab
  - AFS – server space
  - Center for Faculty Excellence
  - Training sessions for how to find grants (Pivot)
  - Graduate Student Center (programming and availability)
  - Dean of Students
  - Career Services
  - Media Resource Center
  - Discounted movie tickets in the box office at the Student Union (if been out for more than 2 weeks)
  - Announcements posted on Sakai – we can post this on Sakai!

- Xin (VP External Affairs)
  - Check with him about the external appointments

- Autumn (Treasurer)
  - Cabinet programming budget $3,000 total
    - $2,500 remaining for the year

- Dylan
  - Composting will be possible for future Cabinet meetings

- Julie (VP Internal Affairs)
  - Feel free to come to Senate meetings to talk about your issues and projects!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next meeting on October 15th at 6:30pm in Hooker (MHRC) 3005.