

GPIA Student Government

March 11, 2009

18:00-19:00

65 West 11th St, Room 001

Meeting called by: Sean Thomas

Type of meeting: General

Note taker/Timekeeper: Ashley Soutor

Attendees: Sean Thomas, Brian Terranova, Ashley Soutor, Amy Frame, Josephine Vu, Shannon Smith, Taylor Janes, Rob Shepherd

Agenda item: Greetings and Agenda Breakdown

Minutes

Discussion

- Overview of meeting from last week to present attendees. ST handed out outline for current meeting.
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Agenda item: New School in Exile Forum with GPIA

Discussion

- ST began the meeting with last week's proposal from Tyler Schuenemann, for a possible forum between New School in Exile and GPIA students, as a way to engage dialogue and communication. ST mentioned Wednesday, March 25, from 6-7:00pm, and afterwards a social event at Honey, as a possible date.
- Discussion on follow-up with Tyler from BT and ST from the previous meeting.

Action Items

- **In Progress:** BT verifying room for Wednesday.

Agenda item: Town Hall Meeting

Discussion:

- Attendees agreed on the success of the Town Hall from last semester. Great way to air concerns, comments and feedback between students and faculty.
- Discussion on whether April was a feasible time frame.

Action Items

- **ST to talk with Mark Johnson about date, time, location and participants.**
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Agenda item: Thesis vs. Practicum

Discussion

- ST discussed possible dates and discussion format.

Agenda item: Day Classes

Discussion

- Discussion from last week's meeting on classroom size, sections available to current students – not enough options, possibility for a few afternoon sections mentioned by attendees.
- Also, the class size (if more than 15 students) seems more like an undergraduate class at times. Could we allocate for additional sections or afternoon options?
- The proposal is to look into more sections of the foundation classes offered to students at different times and specific concentrations (i.e., Governance and Rights, Development).

Action Items

- **AF and SS to distribute a student satisfaction survey via email.**
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Agenda item: Methods Class

Discussion

- Discussion on revising the current Methods classes – format not as helpful, consensus agreed, or possible suggestions to mirror the course offered in the Milano School.
- Attendees discussed Milano's current research classes – positive feedback and response on their format. A few mentioned that they did not have a problem with the current course offered at GPIA.

Action Items

- **ST discussed a format/or proposal from students on a Methods course, ways to improve or expand from the current course offered. Connects with student satisfaction survey that AF and SS will distribute by email.**

Agenda item: GPIA ID Cards

Discussion

- TJ asked where we could the new ID/ or affiliation cards available to New School graduate students, location on site and format. ST and AS mentioned where to find the cards – my.newschool.edu – under the student tab, form available to submit online. Attendees discussed color, design of the new affiliation cards, cost involved.
 - Discussion on storage lockers and location – available to students at Arnold Hall (computer labs in this building).
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Agenda item: Coffee House Cabaret

- Cabaret event on Thursday, March 11, 6:30pm, on the Fifth Floor – “Artists for Change”. Event info will be on listserv. SS mentioned membership/support, sponsor children in Uganda whose parents died from AIDS.

Agenda item: Radio Show/Podcast

Discussion

- AF and JV discussed ideas for radio show – format for GPIA and issues relevant to international affairs and news.
 - Possible podcast – AF and JV to follow-up with Jen Miller.
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Agenda item: Student Council

- New student position available – candidate from GPIA . AF held current seat.