

GRO GC Meeting

Date: October 22nd, 2018

Location: Great Hall, Levering

Minutes Recorded by: Eugenia Volkova, Secretary

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes (10/08)
2. Eboard report
3. Elections
4. Intercampus Events for the year
5. Updates of the PATH committee
6. Updates on Security town halls
7. Updates on JHU-ICE Response
8. Questions/Concerns

Two minor amendments were made to the prior minutes. **Motion to approve the minutes.**

Motion passes.

E-Board Report:

- There are still open positions on grievance committees for graduate students.
- Grievance committees exist within several divisions. Usually meets when a student makes a grievance or an appeal to something that has happened. Usually it has to do with cheating or academic misconduct. Can also have to do with harassment or discrimination.
- Open spots. 10 spots and 1 nominee.

Elections:

- **Motion to vote by show of hands. Seconded. Motion passes.**
- Communication chair: No nominations, no one was elected.
- GRO Guide to Living in Baltimore: No nominations, no one was elected.
- PATH Representative Nomination:
 - PATH Representative from GRO E-Board from KSAS
 - Nominees:
 - Lauren Mushro
 - Advocacy Chair, 1st year in GRLL Department
 - Lauren wins the PATH Representative Position unanimously.
 - Michael Busch, declines the nomination

Intercampus Chair Update

- Bar Meetings
 - Mount Vernon Bar, 2nd Friday of the month
 - One time event
 - If the first event goes well, then we will continue and we will have more events.
 - Suggestions that they be called "intercampus mixers."

- Ping Pong Contest
 - One time event
 - First weekend in December
 - Maybe have a small participation fee.
- Formal
 - Glamorous prom-like event
 - Food and drink will be included
 - Mount Vernon: The Engineer's Club
- End of the Year Barbeque
 - How we close the GRO year
 - Last year it took place in the Glass Pavilion, and there is usually food.

Discussion about Intercampus Events:

Have we talked to people at other campuses and asked them if they would be willing to suggest other events or partnerships? Yes, this year only two people responded from surrounding campuses. Note: For many of these events, the GRO ends up being the primary or only benefactor of the events. Though they are open to all campuses, and we want all campuses to be there, we are usually the ones supporting and organizing the most for this.

There is a committee of intercampus events that we would send this out to via listserv and that we would advertise the events using the listserv.

If at the end, we do not have the money to run an event, what do we do? Especially if this happens at the end of the year.

With the exception of the formal and the BBQ, We have the money to run the main events, and for the rest of the events, we will have to wait to see. The way that we should attack this is to prioritize the vote on have the BBQ and Formal first before we fund the ping pong tournament and the bar meetings.

Last year we ended up with a deficit in this account. Last year we had 3 events, the BBQ, the formal, and the Bar Crawl. The Bar Crawl usually gets organized by the SOM, but this year they did not reach out to us. The formal is about 17-20,000 and the BBQ is usually 4,000-5,000 dollars, so that will eat most of our finances from this account. We need 6 weeks before we act to get approval from Hopkins. Otherwise we will lose the chance to run an event. Is there a time frame for these events? As soon as possible, but we cannot do anything until the GC approves them. Ideally we want to use Flavor for the bar.

Motion to plan the events one at a time, prioritizing the Formal and the BBQ, temporarily approving the secondary events, waiting for approval from Hopkins for the Formal and the BBQ and the breakdown of the finances for the secondary events prior to acting on any dispersal of funds for the secondary events. Seconded. Motion passes.

Updates on the PATH Committee

- Positive PATH Meeting on 10/10
 - Benj and Lauren attended. Alireza (TRU member) also attended.
 - Next meeting is in November

- Dental and vision coverage will stay, no known possibility of withdrawal in future years.
- If you are fully funded, you have all the premiums that are paid for.
- If the premiums are not covered, that usually means that you are part time
- 15% of PH doctoral students are not funded at all.
- What happens to medical coverage if there is a medical leave of absence?
- 6 main concerns
 - The idea of establishing more all-gender bathrooms and establishing resources for students who need them.
 - Access of intercampus students to healthcare resources near them
 - Possible emergency fund for graduate students
 - Hospital resources or coverage for students internationally
 - Resources for student parents
 - Statistics about student parents and gauging what will be needed in the future.
 - The parent's concerns working group is up and running and we will notify you once we know anything more about this.
 - Clear, concise information about the health insurance plan

JHU-ICE Response (Aidan)

- Following from letter from last year
- 2 contracts that we have with ICE
 - School of Education executive class program. The contract runs out in 2019
 - Medical Training at SOM. They do for many people and services. The university said that they will not stop doing this.
- Basis for this response is on “academic freedom” and the ethics of being able to teach medicine to people who want to learn medicine.
- This is a strange defense, as the school has not cared about this in the past.
- Did they say that the SOE contract will be renewed? No, they did not say anything about this contract winding down.

Security Concerns Chair Update (Steph)

- Crime statistics from all three years across all campuses. Plans going forward for security and policing and
- 120 page document.
- State definition of offenses
- Steps to reporting
- Resources
- Security Breakdown
 - Armed off-duty officers
 - Jurisdiction is unclear.
 - Unarmed officers
- Graphic of crimes that happened

- Rape (11 counts in 2017, 121 were reported). Cases that went to OIE that went to resolution that went to closure.
- The actual number for the sexual assault number is so much higher than what is in the table.
- Liquor Law Violations (260+, Effectively decriminalized on campus).
- There is no breakdown by grad vs. undergrad. They don't break down who these people are at all. The geographic region includes on campus, off campus, and the surrounding neighborhood. They do not show what is affiliate vs. non-affiliate in both perpetrator and victim. The Clery Boundary makes it very challenging to hear where these are happening.
- 10/29 Forum on Policing with Pres. Daniels, rep from Coppin, and rep from UPenn. Steph will be going to this. You need to register to make sure that you have a seat.
- What is the difference between what we have now and a full police force? A police force will have full legal jurisdiction to detain and arrest. Drugs and Alcohol are still decriminalized for students but not for non-affiliates. Accountability mechanisms, if the police force were private, then there is no way to file a FOIA and get crime stats.
- Clarification: The Baltimore Police Department that you see this semester are in a program by which an officer can retire by a private company on their off time. But this has not been formalized or announced. Off-duty public officers can get extra time by working for JHU. Otherwise, JHU would be able to administer all of the police activity.
- Can we email these slides to everyone.
- They don't have to keep the same liquor policies, and if they bring a police force in that doesn't have to impact the students in the same way. That could change.
- There will be 4 forums about bringing in an outside professional person. Asked about more transparency about how the meetings will be run. It will not be a presentation and 5 minutes of questions.
- The university is clearly following up on this.

Motion to send out an email about the security concerns update. Seconded. Motion Passes.

Motion to send out an email about the event entitled "Where We Stand: Women at Hopkins". Seconded. Motion Passes

Personal Relationships between Faculty, Graduates, and Undergraduates (Michael)

- It would help JHU if we had something like this
- Provost, students, and a lawyer
- Open comments for a draft policy that will happen in November
- Policy will be made in the Spring.
- Have they started writing it? They have bits and pieces of the policy but they don't have a draft of this.

- What falls under this policy? A case-by-case basis. The consensus about this is that relationships between faculty and undergrads are prohibited. If there are people working in the same lab
- There are consensual relationships, but this would impact the dynamic of a whole lab. Grad students and faculty members, you wouldn't want someone you're seeing on your GBO committee.
- The policy only impacts cases of power dynamics.
- If we strictly prohibit it and do not have a path to report it, we are not protecting the younger party.
- Ethics Board for a case-by-case basis.
- There is a new person in the Vice Provost's office that reached out last week. It may be an ad-hoc basis and there may not be a new meeting. 4 students, 3 faculty members, lawyer, and 3 people from the Vice Provost's office.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passes.