GSA General Assembly Meeting
11/12/14

Meeting Start – 7:01 PM

I. Approval of Minutes
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Reports
   a. Ivy+ Summit – Joori
      i. Purpose
         1. Every year meeting – 8 ivies plus MIT.
         2. Share best practices and issues.
         4. Find out where each university is at.
         5. At Yale this year.
      ii. This year’s meeting
         1. Brian D. helped plan; Steering attended.
         2. Theme: Building a cohesive flourishing student committee.
         3. Compared to other universities – we are doing well.
         4. Gregg C. (GPSS President) – meeting to create a summary for Dean Cooley, Kim Goeff-Crews.
         5. Gained ideas for how to advocate for better resources for Yale.
      iii. Questions
         1. What does Yale do better at?
            a. Teaching – some departments at certain universities don’t compensate financially after teaching years.
            b. TF verification survey – make sure the hours match.
            c. What we don’t?
               i. Gym hours, library hours.
               ii. Things we are working on.
         2. Wendy – how do other universities handle childcare?
            a. Penn and MIT have a good childcare system.
b. From very well to nonexistent.

c. Penn – $1.5 million
   i. A lot of the things are funneled through the student organization that we do not here.
   ii. No student activities fee here.
   iii. A lot of the budget comes from the fee.

b. Department Meeting Chemistry – Ben
   i. General Complaints
      1. A lot of people have to go to the west campus for lab work.
         a. Bus drivers smoke a lot, does a double loop around West Campus.
         b. Doesn’t follow the schedule.
      2. Some safety training is hard to find.
         a. No one is going to follow through with you to check.
         b. A lot not really relevant.
      3. If you are inside, buses won’t pick you up.
      4. Weekday activities are hard to attend
         a. Go for weekend activities.
         b. Put more events online.
      5. No places to eat on science hill.
      6. No 24 hour workspaces.
   ii. Questions
      1. Consuelo – Ask-a-lawyer is from 5:30-7:30PM.
      2. 9AM-9PM are their hours on a weekday.

c. Department meeting Microbiology – Nick
   i. T&S
      1. Door to door shuttle won’t go to some places (Westville).
      2. A lot of students were excited to hear about the cedar street shuttle.
      3. Better advertising of shuttle information
ii. In support of CTL and OCS.

iii. Apartment yelp

1. Wendy – we do have such a site already.
2. Send email about it.

iv. Can’t do activities during the day.

v. Aren’t worried about the library hours or gym hours.

vi. Increased transparency within department – tenure, faculty hires.

vii. Question

1. Harkness dining area – Is Marigolds shutting down?
2. Feces leaking from the ceiling
3. Wendy – will ask dean of med school.

IV. Old Business

a. Resolution F14-002 – Will

i. Basically the GSA supporting the Center for Teaching and Learning.

ii. Can we insert something about the budget? It’s vaguely worded now. They need resources to change the things we’d like.

iii. Joori – budget is set by the provost, CTL cannot control things like budget.

iv. Joachin – How about saying we support the work; cutting the budget will adversely affect the graduate school and students; this budget cut is unnecessary as the endowment is large.

v. Colton – You must propose exact wording to be included.

vi. Ryan – Those budget cuts took effect the exact same day that the CTL, wasn’t convinced by her arguments that they were not related; the center for teaching and learning is a budget cut.

vii. Who is this aimed at? Isn’t this going to the provost? Is it possible to table this?

viii. Consuelo – I support the motion to amend this to reflect the budget; they have a seat at the table - have the director advocate for keeping the budget.
ix. Patrick – How will this be distributed?
    1. On the website.
    2. Talk about it with the Dean.
    3. Send email saying “please disseminate this.”

x. Procedure
    1. Amend, table, or reject.
    2. Nazanin – Can we amend for it to say completely the opposite thing?
    3. Colton – I’m going to move that we table this and have everyone who wants to amend this resolution and meet with Will in HGS 117 after the meeting.

b. Charter update – Colton
   i. Background
      1. GSA is formed under a charter that the university, graduate students, and faculty approve.
      2. Our power comes from charter.
      3. Every four years do a revaluation to make sure all parties are satisfied.

   ii. Charter update requirements
       1. Two grad students from each division, two faculty from each division.
       2. Discuss current language of the charter
       3. Wrote it vague on purpose – 3-page document to read.

   iii. Questions
       1. Are there reps who are automatically on this committee? 
       2. No
       3. Bill – who decides the faculty members?
          a. Dean Cooley will call for volunteers
          b. After the committee meets, GSA, faculty senate, and Dean’s office must approve.
       4. What happens if we reject it?
a. It reverts to its current form.

iv. Volunteers
   1. Social Science
      a. Chris Price – Political Science
      b. Alicia Steinmetz – Political Science
   2. Humanities
      a. Sebastian Bezerra – Medieval Studies
      b. Amanda Lerner – Slavic Languages
   3. Sciences
      a. Joori Park – Molecular Biology
      b. Ben Rudshteyn – Chemistry

c. Yale United Way
   i. Two-Three volunteers to help organize the event.
   ii. Organizing an event to provide support to new haven locals.
   iii. Dean Judith Hackman
   iv. December 4th at 2:30 PM
   v. Amanda Leiss – Anthropology
   vi. Jeremie Koenig – Computer Science

V. Transit and Security Deep Dive – Ankit Disa
   a. Projects
      i. Yale shuttle and door-to-door
         1. Talking about improving communication, dissemination, and services.
      ii. Lab Safety
         1. More tailored.
      iii. Security
         1. Yale police.
         2. New have police.
         3. How they work together.
iv. Bike and pedestrian
   1. Bikes around campus.
   2. Monthly bike mechanic show up as a possibility…
   
   b. Transit
      i. The problems
         1. A lot of services are unknown.
         2. Misinformation about current services.
         3. The website is not useful: overpopulated with said misinformation
      
      ii. Our plan
         1. Create documents with the unambiguous information about the Yale shuttle.
         2. Riders’ Bill of Rights
            a. Where certain services will/won’t take you?
            b. What are your obligations?
            c. What are the drivers’ obligations?
            d. Where to go if you aren’t getting the service you are deserved?
         3. Rules document
         4. Getting around campus document
            a. If you are at one part of campus, how can you get to any other part of campus or New Haven?
            b. Already created one for the med school
      
   iii. What we’d like from you tonight.
      1. Go over common misconceptions
      2. Get feedback about what you would like to have on such a document
   
   iv. Common Misconceptions
      1. If you have issue, contact Ed Bebyn at ed.bebyn@yale.edu
         or go to http://to.yale.edu/feedback.
            a. Very interested in helping with shuttle problems.
b. There is a comment section on the app with a please email me back selection.

2. Late night shuttles
   a. After 6PM, Blue line and Orange line perform to-door service after prospect and sachem
   b. It means door not the intersection near your house.
   c. Always gets back on the route at the specific stop.
      (Blue – Whitney and Humphrey; Orange – Edwards and Orange)
   d. Text service on the app, does not work, is not real

3. Door to door shuttle
   a. Before 1AM
      i. Will not take you to union station.
      ii. Will take you to Phelps gate instead to catch Blue line.
   b. Picking up from union station after 1AM
      i. You are allowed to call from Milford.
      ii. If there are delays, it will not wait for you beyond the normal 3 minutes.
   c. Dispatchers should not make you take a fixed route unless you are directly on the shuttle line.

4. To-door shuttles
   a. Law school and med school.
   b. Not restricted to any students.
   c. Will not check credentials.
   d. Should never tell you to take the next one.
   e. Should be able to get on the bus whenever.

v. Questions
   1. When do you plan on having this documents?
      b. We will give it to the general body.
2. The bus drivers don’t know what they are supposed to do? Get everyone on the same page?
   a. These documents will help tackle these problems.
   b. The drivers will have this information and can reference it.
   c. Ed will have a training session.
3. Consuelo – can we have an app that can direct us to certain places? Like routing? Google maps?
   a. We discussed this with Yale transit people.
   b. Technical logistics of creating such an app.
   c. Eventual goal is to make such a thing.
   d. They are gathering information about routes through the getting around campus documents.
4. Colton - Can you get on the to-door shuttle as it’s going?
   a. Yes, if you flag them down and they stop.
5. Rattling of the handicap equipment?
   a. Working on upgrading all the buses to a new system that is better all around.
6. Daisy – They sometimes swap out big blue or orange shuttles during bad weather? It creates problems when trying to commute during the busy hours.
   a. Not sure about that.
7. Why can’t people stand on the small shuttles?
   a. Not sure.
8. Joseph – what’s the policy for the door-to-door if you call for one? Can another person get on?
   a. Yes technically you can, if they have room on the shuttle.
   b. Yes, if they know they will have access
   c. Maybe they should but they have to reroute everything else.
9. West Campus – communication poor between the transit and west campus?
   a. Ed is working on that.
   b. Can track when the shuttle leaves a stop.

10. Can there be a separate line to cancel a door-to-door shuttle? Sometimes, have to wait for a long time on hold. Or if we could text to cancel…
   a. Good idea.
   b. Will address that.

11. Will – could they use a van instead of a small bus to get to West campus during the day? Every twenty minutes is unnecessary?
   a. They are trying to provide easy transit between the two campuses.
   b. Especially between med school and West campus.
   c. Green line doesn’t have to run as often?

12. Blue weekend – smaller bus since there are so few riders?

13. Any chance they will run at a regular schedule as in the bus leaves from this stop at this time?
   a. Not for most of the routes.
   b. Some buses do have specific times that they leave.
   c. To-door shuttles – on top and bottom of the hour.
   d. Blue night – leaves every fifteen minutes from Humphrey and Whitney starting on the hour.

VI. Announcements
   a. CTF readers – sent out applications, will be available for a few minutes after the meeting for any questions.
   b. APD meeting after to talk about resolution.
   c. OCS seminar- November 17th.
   d. Steering and committee chairs see Joori after the meeting.

Meeting close 8:08PM