

## 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.
      3. Brainstorm solutions.
      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.
      - 2. More useful.
      - 3. More efficient.
    - 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](mailto: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?

- a. Deadline – Yale transit no later than Christmas.
- 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 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Steering and committee chairs see Joori after the meeting.

Meeting close 8:08PM