

GPAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Jen was late and apologizes for missing a few key things at the beginning of the meeting.

Professional Development Update

Derek Larson: Some changes to mock interviews. Dates are being pushed back for all except nonprofit interviews, going ahead as planned this Thurs/Fri (3/23-3/24).

MMASC event on April 5th ♦ GPACers should attend if at all interested in local government.

Chris Myers: Feedback on last networking night (speed networking)?

Xylophone, 5 minutes ♦ didn't seem too popular.

Julayne liked the improved name tags and the professional introductions before we began. Maybe we should group the professionals by field. David did not like the speed networking (neither did Derek). Erica liked that it helps you escape an unpleasant conversation. Rosaline noticed it was dominated by very young alums without much experience. Chris will ask Sandy for a feedback form for the alums.

Nonprofits Update

March of Dimes (4/29)

We need to raise \$2500 and have 30 walkers (working with Karen from GPSS.

Maybe pasta dinner the night before.

Megan: Habitat this Saturday (3/25). Same place they primed before.

Spring Break Volunteer Updates

New Orleans -- 25 SPPD & Social Work students, plus Prof. Moody.

Gutted church in Lafayette, and two houses in N.O.

Ashley & Jason = it's worse than they thought it would be. Paralysis by gov't agencies. But lots of good work by NPs and community groups. The group enjoyed being detained by Homeland Security as suspected eco-terrorists.

Navaho Reservation ♦ Puna went to do volunteer work at high school

Costa Rica ♦ Julayne & Jen worked at two schools in SW Costa Rica

Social Committee Update

Erica ♦ Bill Kelly at Speaker Series this Monday, 3/27

Then we'll head downtown to Ciudad to celebrate GPAC elections (we should invite alumni).

Bowling cancelled ♦ maybe reschedule for April 1st.

Upcoming events:

April 7th ♦ Dean's Merit Event ♦ we should have a happy hour

April 8th ♦ Luau at a park in Beverly Hills

(More info coming ♦)

Yulia ♦ intro lunches are going well, but we should institute new strategies for integrating new intro students at beginning

of Fall semester. They might need help learning about the university, the city, etc.

Int搆 job searches (varying VISA and immigration status per student)搆

Doug 搆 the Dean is finally ready to work with students (it seems)搆

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getting his head around the opportunities here.

PROCESS 搆 reach out to Sac and int搆 students more.

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