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Minutes Feb 18, 2010

New Issues

- Prof Lewis mentioned last year's APA ambassador program;
 - Megan W., Sara L, and others made outreach to community and minorities by going out to high school career days, and Albany Community Day
 - He is looking for students to work with on this outreach this year
 - Can be possibly tied-in with Albany 2030 K-12 outreach.
 - Contact Prof Lewis if interested dalewis@albany.edu

- Prof Lewis is working to set up a Fall Welcoming Committee with events for new students possibly including an Albany Tour/Scavenger hunt/Duck Tour

- The department needs student input as it works to revamp MRP curriculum based on recent PAB (Planning Accreditation) review
 - Changes to specializations' required courses.
 - Consolidation of specializations
 - Can be an item to address at another general meeting
 - To be implement Fall 2011 and will not affect already enrolled students
 - Michael Williams will be getting a group of students together to give input on this revamp process. Contact mw.gpsa@gmail.com

- Planning Presentation in Troy by Bob Bristol on Thur 25th at 6PM, RPI 1301 Peoples Ave.
 - More info: http://albany.bizjournals.com/albany/stories/2010/02/15/daily11.html?surround=etf&ana=e_article

- Begin organizing end-of Spring Semester event

National APA Conference

- Volunteers have to pay the fee and will later be reimbursed. Deadline to apply to volunteer is March 9th <http://www.planning.org/conference/>
- CDPA is allotting funds to assist students going to conference (see below)

GPSA Events

- March 5th First Friday in Albany; students getting in touch with local art scene
- Night Out and Fundraiser at Bayou Café March 18th/19th (TBD)

Student Spaces in Department

- An update to the student profiles display case on the 2nd floor is needed. Send self pic and class year/specialization to planners@ualbanyplanners.org
- Students can use the 1st floor display case for internship announcements and other planning-related items
- Faculty is supportive of students making the graduate rooms (mailroom in 225 and computer room in 223) more comfortable and making it our own.

Upstate NY APA Articles

- A few students will be submitting articles on Fall Planning Studio and Albany 2030 for the Upstate NY APA newsletter
- They are due for submission on Feb 26th
- Contact Upstate APA Rep, Joe Donnelly Jd983199@albany.edu

Update on CDPA

- The Capital District Planners Assoc (CDPA) is providing \$900 toward students going to the National Conference; the method of distribution is still up for discussion
- CDPA will be holding a day-long planning event to be hosted on campus
 - They are looking for students to help plan the event;
 - student groups have free access to campus rooms and can use Dept AV equipment;
 - The event will be held in September with possible to hold in collaboration with GIS/World Town Planning Day.
 - Contact CDPA Rep, Kisha Santiago kishasantiago@gmail.com about helping organize this event with CDPA
- CDPA is also looking at making community outreach with planning related issues. Can be possibly tied in with our efforts (see above)

Albany 2030

- Feb 25th Storm Cunningham Event - 7pm @ College of St. Rose
 - More information: <http://albany2030.org/participate/event/albany-2030-and-21st-century-restoration-economy>
- UAlbany Charrette
 - GPSA is on the way to organizing a on-campus forum to get the crucial and so-far missing input on the comp plan from university students
 - A meeting will be held to discuss further details during the week of Feb 22nd
 - Students are needed to help organize and run the event. Contact planners@ualbanyplanners.org or franklychrs@gmail.com

Budget

- \$266 in slush
- Waiting to hear back from GSO about Spring budget; requested \$2400 for the year

Student Outreach

- Concern about improving the way GPSA-related information is sent out to students
- Regular emails are being sent via university email to all matriculated MRP students and will be continued, with listserv (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sunya_gpsa/), facebook, and website (www.ualbanyplanners.org) notices. Reading is Fundamental. Students are encouraged to read their emails.
- An effort will be made for more and bigger signage
- Ways to reach out to undergrads will be discussed before the next GPSA general meeting (March 18th)