



ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

November 14, 2012

I. Call to Order

II. Speaker: Mayor Gorham

More apartments than dormitories – downtown. Public urination ordinance – minimum \$300 fine.

(statecollegepa.us > Community central > Living in State college > Residents > Student Life – lists general information for students, activities, conduct, violations etc). Noise ordinance violations fine between \$250 - \$1000. Two magistrates in borough.

State pattees day – challenge is to make it unappealing holiday. People with no homes just want to spend entire day by getting drunk risking arrest. We are trying our best to have minimum alcohol availability – all bars agreed to close.

Becky – State pattees thing came several years ago and students responded to move spring break etc. Do you think the university and the borough are communicating on such things so that the academic calendars, etc are undisturbed.

Mayor – they meet weekly actively.

Becky – Lot of grad students face issues with the relationship between the landlords and renters. Does Mayors office have any thoughts on how to work on that?

Mayor – I think the borough needs to provide additional facilities. There are two attorneys with good ideas. If you have issues, you can send them to me. Lot of students feel hesitant to have their name known on complaints.

How about having a mediatory renters thing – go through point by point what the policies are.

Mayor – That is a great idea. Some landlords require you hire cleaners to clean apts before you leave.

Others make agreement to pay so n so money an hour so that you keep the place clean.

For anyone who has renters issues, I go with my lease and point out things before I move in. Make sure that when you get the lease, don't sign blindly. There are people who know the law very well can help you. We have a tenant friendly borough.

Katie – Grads are diff people and how we treat our properties.

Mayor – The change in permits is to focus attention on providing proper.

If you have any problems with rentals, call ?? This year lot of pressure on landlords to shape up.

Jesse – You could go to state attorney general with documents before and after move in. That is the job of the state attorney generals.

III. Approval of Minutes: 10/31/12

Katie motioned to approve. Becky, Evelyn seconded.

Minutes approved.



## IV. Executive Officers' Reports

### a. Wanika Fisher – President

6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Happy Thanksgiving.

- Honor code on hold from last meeting. Brian and commission fellows will be meeting and our commission would continue to work. Thanks Brian for stepping up and doing that.  
Advocating for more student representation at the BOT meetings. More representation of Grad students in BOT, Transportation in Penn State campus and Graduate Bill of Rights will be discussed in the next meeting.  
President of UPUA and myself email every Penn State student the policy initiatives. The guidelines from UPUA and GSA was submitted to Damon Sims and he is going through it.
- Graduate Cup 11 people delegates got students to sign up. The minimum number on an actual team is 10 to go to another team. Talking with BJC. Please email [graduatecup@gmail.com](mailto:graduatecup@gmail.com) if you want to get involved.
- UPAC transparency policy memo has been submitted by UPUA and GSA sponsorship. Suggested policy changes include online minutes recommendation, open minutes.
- GSA Video commission – no one signed up yet. Christine did a great job during orientation. Please email Robbie if you are interested, otherwise its going to be me and Robbie's beautiful faces ;)
- Student dinner with auxiliary and business services. Robbie, Dave and me and Brad attended. Theresa Davis said universal Cata Bus survey will be completed in June.
- Couple of subcommittees – CCSG is funded by Damon currently. Currently discussions on how CCSG is to be funded.
- GSA Budget approved. The board is uncomfortable on how much we are spending on food. Do we need pizza? Just giving presidential recommendation – we could think about it and see if we can spend that money in something else. Budget is going tight. We will need resources.
- CCSG council – cool subcommittee meetings.
- Upcoming events – Thonvelope party coming up and Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm we have “building a stronger relationship” with Dr. Alan Booth. Committed couples forum – sponsored by GSA & White course council.
- Spent money on polo shirts, Please buy polo shirts.
- Sustainable committee – GSA needs to be part of it. Anyone interested, they meet every Monday 5pm.

Becky – professional babysitting by committed couples committee – Grad school has some standing offer for professional groups?



Wanika – Haven't asked Dr. Foley, but not sure about what the budget is. He can be open to mass crowd event that we are trying to promote, so he should be ok with that.

If we sponsor it, the regulations are entirely different from what the Grad School sponsors.

- b. Robbie Fraleigh- Executive Vice President

Send blurbs, pics, info about your committee to Christine.

- c. Dave Rench – Vice President of External Affairs

Freeh Advisory meeting right after GSA meetings. Went over changes to Penn State police department. CALEA complete by Jan 2014. Not all police items are university wide - Most are university park specific.

Clery reporting – one recommendation was – their position title is to be documented and be available to entire Penn State community.

Recommendation – Penn State culture – being discussed in next Freeh Advisory committee meeting.

What does anyone think about what to change?

Wanika – It doesn't have to be a change of culture. Football is not the only culture. I also think there are so many different cultures. Research is a huge part of Penn State culture.

Dave – Penn State culture is not limited to only Football is one change recommended?

Kamika – One example indicating we are not celebrating Penn State culture is Penn State theatre run by lot of minority groups that hardly anyone hears about. It has been overstated by Football. These are one way to celebrate Penn State. The theatre group, music groups that have nothing to do with Football

Dave – Can be advertised to all people well.

Brian – For that recommendation, lots of things going on apart from this.

Katie – Distinguishing student & faculty/staff is clear. Students need to pay 10\$ to get access to building, permits etc whereas faculty/staff get these for free/ minimal amount.

One way to change the culture - Lions Den – talk to football players. Make football program more community oriented.

Becky – One reason why Freeh report is because it's the easiest thing to see. Finding things Penn State's doing – everyone knows what's going. Real pl

Nikki – Thon has Pepp> thing – make a wish kin of thing – volunteering cheer leaders, etc. Thon has like 15k students involved.

Jesse – I am on the Together we are one committee, and the whole committee feels the same.

- d. Bhargavi Panchangam- Secretary

No Report.

- e. Brad Sottile- Treasurer

Prepared budget. It was approved and I will discuss our operations with the board.



V. UPUA

Last weekend went to Philadelphia to attend PASS meeting. It came down to whether or not we are doing another rally. Wanika would be invited and we want to work together. Dept of Energy transportation.

Mental health awareness program this week. Please stop by tomorrow or Friday. PTSD – top of the HUB stairs – sometime in the mid day. Today we had free massages until 2pm.

We also bought ourselves a website. We are also considering eye clickers (rectangular thing with A B C D on them). Professors also use it for taking students opinions, multiple choice thing.

Kamika – PASS group – did you ask the question whether we want so n so amount of money and they would be advocating some kind of law to approve part of the budget.

VI. UPAC

Jesse – Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in 302 HUB – Student transition programs – An organization part of student activities standing allocations for many years. It's a policy meeting. Feel free to come.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

a. Community Service and THON – Cherelle Douglas and Nicole Breeden

Nikki :

Thonvelop party Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 5-7 in 197A Hub.. Google doc out for addresses. Peer to peer giving online donations has a long url, email [gsa@ftk@gmail.com](mailto:gsa@ftk@gmail.com) and I will send it to you. We need males for our calendar, email the above address if you know of someone who is interested. Bracelet sale Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 11-5 in HUB. There are 3. Still looking for fundraising ideas, email for ideas or Would like more information about THON. PSU pledge.com + tweet for THON -> donate a few cents for every tweet you send between now and THON and credit GSA. I am donating 5c for my tweets.

Happy quarters -> Jar is coming – 25c everymeeting will be in GSA office for committee meetings. Say what you are happy about that week. Raffle tickets are being sold in 210 HUB \$5/ticket can win trip to Europe, a car, a new computer and other various prizes, plus u can donate that \$5 to GSA.

State pattys day has nothing to do with tHON! It is not an after THON event. State Pattys day was created because st. pattys day was over break.

THON does not allow alcohol at their events nor do they allow anything that is not family/kid friendly.

We might have dancers depending on the lottery. \$2600 gets us in the lottery and if we reach that and are given dancers turning them down will not be good for if/when we want dancers in the future.

herelle:

Last date to donate blood – November 16<sup>th</sup>. There are flyers all over the campus. You can sign up at [psuredcross.org?](http://psuredcross.org?) to make an appointment.

We are also collecting food and clothing for victims of Sandy. If anyone has non-perishable food or clothing please send them to law school or email me and I can take them.

b. Internal Development – Brad Sottile and Doug Whalen



## 1. Term Limit Bill

Not quite ready and will be brought next meeting.

### c. Human Diversity – Ashwini Tiwari

Latin film series – going well, good attendance. Euro club, Turkish student association and Chinese Student association meeting to discuss collaboration. We are thinking of doing some kind of panel discussion – more educational. Audience who do not know about diversity history – we are starting to reach out to speakers.

David – suggestion – It might be good to put it on weekend. People who might be interested might be more service oriented as well.

### d. Professional Development – Bill Dusch and Melisa Ziegler

Bill:

Collaboration with GWIS was a success last Friday. Videos will be published online in a few weeks.

We developed a really good relationship with GWIS and Office of Scientific reach?

Moving with soft skills and ? – 2 hour session each day (Workshop and practice sessions) – in late March. We also collaborating with GWIS

Dissertation boot camp – Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeting tomorrow 6pm to discuss budget, etc.

### e. Programming – Antwain Hunter and Stephanie Wilson

Becky – Luau for next year. So far hosting in mine and Dave’s house. Really hoping to find a different venue for Halloween party, Luau etc since we are both graduating next year. If you have any ideas, that would be great.

GALA – a success – lot of people came. \$1000 donations.

### f. Publicity – Christine Sylvester and Elise Stevens

Website updated.

### g. Student Concerns – Gabe Caceres

## VIII. Judiciary Report – David Simpson

## IX. Reports from Liaisons

### a. Faculty Senate – Brian Aynardi

### b. Grad Council

4 out of 5 reps in the meeting today. Voted on moving Penn State MBA degree to have an off site delivery. Decent amount of discussion on revisions of Grad council. Grad Schools policy is to not allow grad and undergrad in same courses. They should not be concurrently offered for both levels in the same classrooms. Code of conduct was mentioned.

Dave – During recent meeting Damon Sims – we discussed difference between code of conduct and Honor code. Code of conduct – set of rules. Honor code – as a part of being a student at Penn State.

### c. Liaison Reports



Brandon:

Talked to you about Human resources project. They want to focus on situations where spouse or partner are in a position where there are abusive spouse on status. They are still trying to get it out to people. The communities they want to reach out, its hard. Ideas are welcome.

- More outreach to community
- Last Monday – state college purification – refiguration of downtown are. Seems like a lot of sustainability and usability of downtown area. They are looking at how to increase the ability to make downtown area more walkable. Trying to get bike programs. Bike share things that are there in DC, Portland areas. Link on state college website where you can submit ideas. I think we should all take the opportunity and submit ideas.

- Had a meeting with Marylyn about getting a panel together to get undergrads and grads get involved in landlord tenant relationships. If you have any ideas let me know.

Kamika – As far as the domestic violence case is concerned, Amy Wilson works with a lot of different students who are women. We could talk after meeting. She is great.

Jesse – Bike share thing – Student organizations who are interested in the bike share program (already there is one in the campus) to get involved with the borough.

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Dave – Lots of student organizations – transportation issue – you can talk with Davis.

Med School – children’s medical hospital in Hershey has an extremely good facility.

- X. Delegate Reports
- XI. Open Forum
- XII. Adjourn