



ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

September 11, 2013

- I. Call to Order (6:07 pm)
- II. Approval of 8/28 meeting minutes 1Min
  - a. Motion: Brad S. Second: Nicole B.
- III. Approval of Minutes for 6/2013 will happen next meeting 1 Min
  - a. Motion to move the approval to next
- IV. Report by the President - Scott Rager 10 Min
  - a. Introduction of Delegates
  - b. Committee Chair Appointments by President
    - 1. Student Concerns - Gabe Caceres
    - 2. Professional Development- Bill Dusch and Sherry Rice
    - 3. Programming-TBD
    - 4. Human Diversity - OPEN
    - 5. Internal Development –Doug Whalen
    - 6. Publicity and Media Brittany Wong and Nicole
    - 7. Community Service - TBD
    - 8. Grad Cup –Marcella
    - 9. THON – TBD
  - c. PSU Culture Survey Update
    - 1. Met on 9/10 to give feedback from students
    - 2. Being designed and administered by the Ethics Resource Center
    - 3. PLEASE RESPOND WHEN YOU SEE & SPREAD THE WORD TO CONSTITUENTS
  - d. Student government Leader Initiatives
    - 1. Discussed possibility for Penn State mobile app, or improving existing m.psu.edu
      - 1. Need volunteers to work with UPUA and CCSG reps to determine goals/needs
    - 2. Other large-scale issues can be brought to other SGAs or Student Leader Roundtable
      - 1. Give suggestions to me or during open forum if there are any issue you think need to be addressed on campus
  - e. Come join GSA Tailgate on September 14
    - 1. Email will be sent out once we get our spot
  - f. Facilities Fee Advisory Annual Budget
    - 1. Reminder: "...used to accommodate improvements and expansions to non-academic, recreational and/or multi-student



- g. New Meeting Space (Executive Education Building)
  
- V. Report by the Vice President of External Affairs - Antwain Hunter 5 Min
  - a. Freeh Advisory Council –
  - b. HUB Advisory Board
    - 1. First meeting next week
    - 2. Ground breaking will be forthcoming
  - c. Facilities Fee Board
  
- VI. Reports from Liaisons 3 Min
  - a. Open Liaison Positions
    - 1. Council of Commonwealth Student Governments
    - 2. UPUA
    - 3. Married and Committed Couples Meeting
    - 4. Shields Advisory Board (some leads)
  - b. Sustainability Liaison will be presenting
  - c. Student Health Liaison
    - 1. Aetna meeting proposed by Katie B-K
  - d. Student Advisory Committee
    - 1. Email Brian Aynardi for
  
- VII. Report by the Secretary - Brandon Merritt 3 Min
  - a. Open forum questions:
  
- VIII. Report by the Treasurer – Marika Merritt 3 Min
  - a. Constitution
    - 1. If you are interested in coming to the Constitutional meeting please fill out the doodle poll
    - 2. Resolutions will be grouped by like before passing
    - 3. Next meeting will be 2 hours long
  - b. Discussion of budget 3 Min
    - 1. Committee needs to give proposed budget to Marika by Friday (any group who doesn't will get one imposed on them)
    - 2. If requests are below \$1000 E-board would approve; above \$1000 goes to Assembly
      - 1. Questions regarding how many request GSA gets
    - 3. GSA has a budget of about \$60k
      - 1. If anyone ever wants to see the budget, just ask Marika
      - 2. Committee Meetings will not have food budget this year (except one meeting in the fall)



## 4. Marika explained Student Activity Board

IX. Report by the Faculty Senate – Brian Aynardi

5 Min

### a. First UFS meeting held Tuesday, September 10

1. To view the agenda from yesterday's meeting visit [senate.psu.edu](http://senate.psu.edu)

#### 2. Student Life Committee

1. New Student Orientation went very well this year

#### 2. Sexual Assaults

a. Despite new reports, follows same trend as most years

b. More efforts to address sexual assault will be made at University Review

c. Clery Act Review will not be made public for about one year

#### 3. Counseling and Psychological Services

a. CAPs has been overwhelmed this year, if you need CAPs services, seek help early to avoid delays

#### 4. Alcohol Issues

a. 2013 PSU Pulse Survey

b. 2013 Annual Alcohol Assessment expected soon

#### 3. Engaged Scholarships

1. See report for more details

#### 4. UFS Meeting

1. PSU moved up nine spots to number #8 in best Public Institutions

2. This year 700 more paid accepts, 4200 less offers (better students...)

#### 5. Healthcare Changes

1. 60 min session with VP David Gray, VP Susan Basso, representative from Highmark

##### a. What to know as a graduate student:

i. Does not effect grad student healthcare plans

ii. After initial Senate meeting when changes were mentioned, 73% decrease in employee contributions

iii. Over next 5 years, would be a \$39m cost to keep same benefits

##### b. Why the changes?

i. Current program is not sustainable

ii. No erosion of benefits

iii. Value based incentive plan, if followed, would mean no co-pay or deductible for chronic conditions

##### c. Savings account/High-risk reduction Plan

i. Could save \$6500/year (pre-tax)



- d. Foreseeable Problems
  - i. Privacy/identity leaks
  - ii. Non-compliance=\$1200 penalty/year/person
  - iii. Intrusive personal questions
  - iv. Roll-out plan not well received
- e. Solutions
  - i. Senate task force charged with addressing benefit changes
  - ii. Additional special senate meeting will be held before end of month
  - iii. PSU administration has extended child-care contracts at Hort Woods through June 2014

- X. Report by Graduate Council – Katie 2 Min
  - a. Next meeting will be next month
  - b. Topics to be discussed:
    - 1. Revisions of constitution and policies
    - 2. Forming graduate student exhibition sub-committee...encourage constituents to participate
- XI. Report by the Judiciary – Nicole Omni 2 Min
  - a. No report for this meeting
- XII. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Internal Development – Doug Whalen 2 Min
    - a. No meeting tomorrow night. Talk to Doug about next meeting.
  - b. Professional Development- Bill Dusch
    - a. Had first meeting last week (come join next time)
    - b. Hosting 2 events (fall/spring)
    - c. Having a scientific workshop in the spring
    - d. Dissertation Boot Camp Sept. 23-27 (40 spots available)
      - i. Contact Bill Dusch if you want to attend
- XIII. Report by the Executive Vice President – Evelyn Miller 4 Min
  - a. Liaison Movin On Report Evelyn Miller 2 Min
    - 1. Call for headliner suggestions
    - 2. Survey coming out soon
  - b. Announcement of Committee Meetings 2 Min
    - 1. Several committees have met already...if you are interested please sign up through Evelyn Miller
    - 2. If you want to help plan events, just join a committee!
    - 3. Need chair of human diversity committee



(47 Min)

- XIV. Open Forum
  - a. Material Science comedy presentation
  - b. Scott informed Assembly that there is task force that will be formed for Daycare issue.
  - c. Problem with limiting hours on Graduate Students
    - 1. Issue is PSU has no good way of tracking where you are working.
    - 2. Anne Weiss spearheading a draft letter to Administration
  - d. Scott asked interest on streaming these meetings to other campus
  - e. Call for Grad Cup Committee members. Currently there are only 3 people on the committee.
- XV. Adjourn (7:17pm)

**Fall 2013 General Assembly Schedule: Next Meeting:** September 25, 2013 **6:30-8:30 HUB 129 B&C**

**Save the date:** GSA Tailgate September 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm (Facebook for updates)

Date Auction October 24<sup>th</sup> Café 210