



ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

October 23, 2013

- I. Call to Order (6:37)
- II. Approval of 10/09 meeting minutes next 1Min
 - a. Approved.
- III. Report by the President - Scott Rager 10 Min
 - a. Open delegate positions:
 - 1. White Course – Katie Kragh-Butow (approved)
 - b. Student Activity Fee Board
 - 1. Kudos to Marika on her stellar budget.
 - 2. UPAC Quorum requirement changes proposed
 - c. Meeting with Dr. Nick Jones
 - 1. Encourages GSA to:
 - 1. Remain agile in practices
 - 2. Focus on “doing the right thing” instead of being driven by budgets...budgets will resolve themselves.
 - 3. Continue to engage graduate and professional students to enhance their experience and connection to the university.
 - d. Facilities Fee Advisory Meeting
 - 1. Working on developing a framework for accepting proposals and selecting projects for funding:
 - 1. Contact Scott Rager or Antwain Hunter if you have additional questions or ideas.
 - e. Auxiliary Services Meeting
 - 1. Transportation issues discussed at last Assembly meeting presented
 - 2. Contact Gabe Caceres if you have additional concerns
 - f. Supporting Scholarship
 - 1. Restructuring General Education (for Undergraduate degree programs)
 - 1. Initiative of University Faculty Senate
 - 2. Enhancing students as engaged citizens in community after graduating
 - 3. Includes service learning, study aboard, undergraduate research, etc.
 - 2. Potential impact to grad students as TAs and Instructors
 - 3. Requesting GSA’s support initiative.



- 4. Scott is looking for GSA Assembly support to pursue the initiative
 - g. Penn State United Students Against Sweatshops
 - 1. Requests GSA sign on to the Worker’s Rights Coalition
 - 2. Current Campaign
 - 1. Revise Code of Conduct for Licensees
 - 2. To increase worker safety in Bangladesh
 - 3. Can invite representative to meeting for more information
 - h. David Sims, VP of Student Affairs will speak with GSA.
 - i. Still looking into employment impact of the changed caused by Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- IV. Report by the Vice President of External Affairs - Antwain Hunter 7 Min
- a. Take the Culture Study! Closes on November 15.
 - 1. After close of the project, a report will be published in December or January.
 - b. Hub Robeson Advisory
 - 1. Construction is fully underway.
 - c. Student Sustainability Advisory Council
 - 1. LED Street Lights (on campus)
 - 2. Trayless Dining
 - 3. Dining Hall Left overs and food waste recovery.
- V. Reports from Liaisons 3 Min
- a. No reports.
- VI. Report by the Secretary - Brandon Merritt 2 Min
- a. No report.
- VII. Report by the Treasurer – Marika Merritt 2 Min
- a. Budget Updates
 - 1. No report.
 - b. Constitutional Update
 - 1. Next meeting will be held at the GSA Office on Nov 3 in HUB 315
- VIII. UPAC
- a. Meeting October 24 in Executive Education Building at 6pm.
 - b. Newly appointed student rep.
- IX. Report by the Faculty Senate – Brian Aynardi 10 Min
- a. Engaged Scholarship
 - 1. Defined as: “Engaged scholarship is out-of-classroom academic experiences that complement classroom learning”



- 2. Characteristics:
 - 1. Out-of-class, curricular-based, hands-on experiences
 - 2. Integrates strengths of academic curriculums
 - 3. Other large academic institutions are engaging in offering these components
 - 4. Senate was charged with figuring out how to implement the plan
- b. Capital Plan Projects
 - 1. Ford Stryker: “5 year capital plan and borrowing authority” 2014-2018
 - 1. 35% of UP buildings are 50+ years old
 - 2. 30% of UP buildings are 25-50
 - a. 3:1 ratio for renovating these buidlings
 - c. Charity Date Auction: Cancelled and moved to the Spring
- X. Report by Graduate Council – Katie 1 Min
 - a. Council met and had Nick Jones speak about reducing bureaucracy at PSU
 - b. Let GC know if you have any questions.
- XI. Report by the Judiciary – Nicole Omni 1 Min
- XII. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Internal Development – Doug Whalen 1 Min
 - a. No report
 - b. Community Service 1 Min
 - a. No report
 - c. Student Concerns 2 Min
 - a. Discussing CATA issues.
 - d. Grad Cup 1 Min
 - a. No report
 - e. Professional Development 1 Min
 - a. Asking for the publicity and media to help about advertising.
 - f. Programming Committee 3 Min
 - a. Date auction is postponed until the spring.
 - g. Publicity and Media 1 Min
 - a. Willing to help Professional Development.
 - h. Human Diversity 1 Min
 - i. THON 1 Min
- XIII. Report by the Executive Vice President – Evelyn Miller 2 Min
 - a. Movin’ On 10 Min
 - 1. UPUA is not funding Movin’ On
- XIV. New Business



- a. Andrea Dowhower 32 Min
 - 1. No report.
- b. Name Change Resolution
 - 1. Passes 10-2-2
- c. Delegate Change Resolution
 - 1. Passes 14-0-1
- d. Proxy Change Resolution
 - 1. Passes 13-2
- e. Judicial Change Resolution
 - 1. Passed 15-0.
- f. Disciplinary Action Resolution
 - 1. Sent back to committee

XV. Open Forum

- a. Aaron Miller was wondering about childcare initiatives and if we should support the childcare task force.

XVI. Adjourn (8:03 pm)

Fall 2013 General Assembly Schedule: Next Meeting: November 6, 2013 6:00-8:00 Executive Education Building

Save the date: Date Auction October 24th Café 210 **POSTPONED**