



ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2013

- I. Call to Order 6:01pm
- II. Speaker: Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
 - a. Did not get to visit last year. Came into his position suddenly. Did graduate work at Rutgers and participated in GSA there. The provost role at Penn State is a prevalent one in colleges and universities. Compares his role to our Internal Vice President Robbie. Has four offices that report to him and then all of the other offices report to the President or provost role. These days more Provosts are involved in the financial roles of the University. This is because of the reduction of funding from the state, especially here in PA. Commonwealth appropriation, 14% and then 86 percent is tuition for our revenue, and then most of that revenue is from undergraduate students. Grants in aid covers a lot of university funded TAs and GAs which support the University's research mission. This gives us a little bit of a picture of what the university looks like. Took a big hit in the common wealth in the last fiscal year. This cut was 20% or 80 million dollars. When he came in last November a budget planning task force was established. Have done planning around how they can adjust to a smaller fiscal landscape. Have done so by including groups from all over the university including students. Looking at the basic budget model: Tuition Structure (no changes in mind for graduate tuition but maybe some changes for undergraduate tuition). May do different tuitions for different programs for undergraduates. Also have a group looking at online learning and the world campus. About 80 million dollars comes in from world campus. Noticing that as a result of the interest in online learning it is changing the mix of students. Have noticed a decreased in the Masters students population about 2000. Does not mean doing less masters education, just means that they are moving online. About 3400 of them. Also have students who are studying online as non degree programs. Another group that is part of the task force is a research prioritization group, some of us may work in SSRI, Huck Institute for the life sciences. Cyber sciences, and penn state institute on energy and the environment. A number of these institutes that cut across many disciplines. Also putting additional resources into an institute on sustainability. Aims to bring together members of the community to promote the sustainability interests of the community. Dean of the law school intends to move to become the dean of the Peking University Transnational Law School. Will be looking at our law school programs and how to reorganize them. Will seek acquiescence from the ABA to divide them into two separate campuses. Will take more action when president Erickson returns from Capetown, SA. There have been some discussions in the GSA in an honor code. Administration is also interested in this. Giving the issues of the past few years, this would be something beneficial that would overlay the entire community. Prefers it to be a student led initiative



- b. David: lost 2000 masters students, gained 3400 world campus students. How does this affect Faculty members? Are we losing good faculty members because of budget concerns? World campus has no authority to put forth programs they all have to go through the college. Most of the world campus course are taught by regular faculty. Most of the programs are similar to the on ground programs. But there are some fix term faculty teaching some of these courses. There pros and cons to this issue. How can we encourage more professional masters programs offered on a regular basis? Tuition that comes into the university comes into a central pot. No incentive for colleges to offer new programs. This has led him to introduce a Responsibility Centered Revenue Model.
- c. Wanika: Have talked about on blue and white council is making courses fresh on world campus. Is plan to institute when and how world campus refreshes their courses? Well, online environment is a very competitive environment. The business model is what happens after a student is attracted by a mooc and then heads into the program. This will keep our programs competitive.
- d. Kathereine: Mentioned changing tuitions for programs. What does that look like? Already have tuition changes in science engineering and others. This only applies for undergraduate students. Already have something in place, it may be that they expand that differential which is a fact of life. It cost more to operate certain programs like engineering. If you are trying to stimulate enrollment in a given field the last thing you want to do is raise tuition but there is a lot to consider here. Online PhD? Nursing program not research based so there is talk about this being the first one.

Robert Pangborn and his administrative fellow, Kathy Bieschke 10 Min/10 Min Questions

III. Confirmation of newly appointed positions 3 Min

- a. New delegates from GSA from SMEAL Travis and Gary
- b. Confirm Dustin from White Course
- c. Move to approve these delegates, approved by majority.

IV. Old Business: Internal Development – Brandon Merritt 2 Min Intro/13 Min Disc.

- 1. Resolution 2012/2013-6 (see attachment)
- 1. Proxy Votes:
- 2. [Proxy Voting for Resolution 2012/13 -](#)

[Jay Patten - Proxy is Scott Rager](#)
[Runkun Jiang - Proxy is Scott Rager](#)
[Nancy Kahlil - Proxy is Cherelle Douglas](#)
[Evelyn Miller - Proxy is Cherelle Douglas](#)
[Nicole Benevento - Proxy is Antwain Hunter \(she may have to leave early\)](#)
[Nikki Breeden -Proxy is Talia Carroll](#)

Daily Collegian is Here

Introduction of the Bill: There was a change in the voting from 2/3 voting to just a majority vote.

Wanika- Structured discussion or not?

Point of order: Cannot dictate how the discussion goes



Katie: If someone else runs and the president is taken off the ballot this is not fair to the spirit of competition.

Doug: Not in the spirit of competition to mandate that two people run in order to get the president off

Judiciary: it doesn't matter the precedent having just one on the ballot

Why has this 'problem' come up? It is not necessarily a problem but a way to promote growth and change in the organization. Also, with a term limit bill, it incentivizes the president to lift up other leaders in the organization

Becky: in opposition: Reasons to Vote Against Term-Limits in GSA

1) History: Unlike the Presidency of the United States, GSA often has difficulty filling positions. The past 3 GSA presidents have struggled with finding someone to run for president when they have graduated or left GSA, despite their many calls upon the Assembly and offers to describe the duties and/or shadow the office. This has put a great deal of stress on these presidents and all executive officers demonstrating a lack of interest from the general graduate student body to take on such a role. By disallowing someone from continuing to serve, we as the Assembly are taking an unnecessary risk for our student government. Starting a school year without a President leads to chaos and a lack of leadership. Additionally, it can force other Executive Board members to resign due to unexpected additional duties and pressures. We are dangling ourselves over a cliff and there may not be anyone there willing to grab us before we fall.

2) Strangling Democracy: The term-limit resolution in front of us today strangles the will of the graduate students by disallowing a graduate student from running for an office because someone else is running for it. If our ultimate goal is to strengthen democracy within our organization, I see this as the most inappropriate way of going about it. Read closely as the exemptions in this resolution are based on whether another person is running. IT has nothing to do with whether the three-term seeking president is good at the job, inclusive of others, a promoter of diversity, etc. Rather than striking someone's name from the ballot, either before or after they are given an exception, is not the spirit of democracy. Even if you are looking to the Constitution of the United States, that history lesson does not uphold this resolution.

The term-limit of the President of the United States was not put into place until 175 years after George Washington established the tradition! Despite the fact that it was challenged by Ulysses S. Grant, Grover Cleveland, and Theodore Roosevelt. None of these men were elected to a third term because they didn't have support. FDR was and did have support and he also led us through WWII.

3) Better Options: There are much better options and methods to increase diversity in our organization and to promote "new blood" without stifling the democratic process. The real key here is to inform and engage our constituents in order to have them make the best decisions and to run if they see a place to serve.

"The 22nd Amendment is an insult to American voters who are wise and well-informed," Representative Vander Jagt, of Michigan.

I say this resolution is an insult to the Graduate Student Body at Penn State.

4) Power: The President of GSA does not have the ability to rule with an all-mighty fist. The Assembly is given the bulk of the power in our organization and must approve all of the Presidents appointees. Term-limits would be better suited for those with the most power- delegates- rather than our President. The President of our organization does not dictate what can and cannot be voted on by the assembly. The President does not dictate who serves on committees as they all require approval of this body. Why I ask you is this our goal-- it seems counter-intuitive and ill-informed? It is also the Assembly, and only the Assembly, that has a means of removing someone from office with 2/3 vote.

Dough extend discussion:

Motion 10 for 9 against



Marika: This room is more full that it has ever been. We will find more people running for positions. New blood is important to position. Our number one point is to put GSA out there and find new positions

Brian: we already have people that want to run for president (six people signified this)

Lea: we don't want to encourage cronyism

Another: there are procedural safe guards

Brad: absurd that we think new blood is better than old blood

Cheryl: motion to call into question

Vote: 10 for, 11 against

Called to question: motioned and seconded

Doug: Point of clarification what are the options? This can be sent back to the committee and extended

FOR: 19 AGAINST: 7 ABSTENTION: 2

Another: proposing this to the solution to finding people is not accurate and inappropriate

MOTION PASSES

- V. Report by the President - Wanika Fisher 10 Min
- a. SEE POWERPOINT.
 - b. Committee Chair appointments: Yihan Li Robbie Fraleigh confirmations
 - c. Seconded and approved
 - d. Graduate cup over 282 people signed up and over 20 teams sign up!
 - e. Programming is on board and helping
 - f. Presidential search committee is out and Brian Aynardi is to serve on this committee
 - g. Facilities Fee update: Made decisions are parts of IM to be funded
 - h. Board of trustees New chairman is Keith Masser
 - i. Information on graduate programs on which programs that are dropped and added
 - j. Blue and white vision council: Planning for a new higher education ecosystem was her committee.
Talked about equity in technology on all fronts. MOOCs massive open online courses
 - k. Mass Emailing updates have to start incorporating grad students at other campuses World Campus
Harrisburg Erie York Great Valley College of Medicine (Hersey
 - l. Expanding our liaisons Dave Rench will form an application for liaisons for the afore mentions
campuses (see POWERPOINT for numbers)
 - m. Investment workshop is on March 18th
 - n. Graduate exhibition is March 22-24 (they are looking to bring in recruiters)
 - o. You can also be a judge if you do not want to present



- p. Email lobbying on legislation policy discussion. This is a concern for some members exec board is looking o the assembly to figure out what policy should be. Internal development committee will be charged to listen to feedback
- q. There was a question about the writing of the bill and whether or not the person who wrote the bill and whether or not the represented the ID committee.
- r. Office hours of Marcella our office manager: (SEE POWERPOINT)
- s. Office items, polo’s, paper, poster boards
- VI. Report by the Executive Vice President – Robbie Fraleigh 2 Min
 - a. Welcome video- contact Robbie to help and take your iPhone to events to capture GSA events.
- VII. Report by the Vice President of External Affairs - Dave Rench 5 Min
 - a. No report had to leave
- VIII. Reports from Liaisons
 - a. UPAC – Jesse Scott 3 Min
 - 1. Standing allocations on the 5th of Feb SPA is the budget for that evening. Last year budget was a little over 1m dollars. Starts at 7:30pm

(point of order minutes from last meeting? Will be done next meeting. All info is up on website)

 - b. UPUA 3 Min
 - 1. Record keeping and creating position of outreach coordinator was discussed. If you have any questions can ask the rep.
 - c. SAAC – Brian Aynardi 2 Min
 - 1. State patty’s day was discussed, alcohol policy was discussed, which is a no alcohol policy on campus in all residences. This committee is looking to reinstate this in some residences but there is no bill on the table. Also looking at how other Universities handle this issue. Does not want the collegian to report this. This includes Nittany apartments. Is there any talk about having wine on campus? Can do that by consent of your dean.
 - d. Movin’ On
 - 1. Have the lineup and waiting on confirmation on all the artists. Asking for 5000 from GSA. Goes toward food for the artists. Email brad to ask for the money (there is a procedure that needs to be followed if GSA will be co-sponsoring
- IX. Report by the Treasurer - Brad Sottile 2 Min
 - a. No report
- X. Report by the Secretary - Kimeka Campbell 2 Min
 - a. Send info by 12pm on Sunday, put newswire in title of email, and cc on proxy votes
- XI. Report by the Grad Council – Becky McCauley 5 Min



- a. Meeting at Becky’s house for grad council this Monday
- XII. Report by the Faculty Senate – Brian Aynardi 10 Min
- a. University faculty meeting was yesterday. Gave the address to the body. Went very well. (SEE POWERPOINT) called for person with disabilities to be added to the task force. Recommendations from student senators were taken strongly into consideration. Faculty leaving early. Possible new committee named for educational equity and campus environment to be named “cultural diversity and campus environment’ majority would like to order implemented in meetings to make them more efficient majority wanted time limits on meetings to be kept to 2-3 hours. Though, will martin spoke, raised 10.6m last year, 15,000 student volunteers 10m recently pledged to PSU Hershey children’s hospital ton weekend is 15-17 Feb. World campus. Presentation on status of world campus and where it will go from its status. Generates 80m due to the increased number of MOOCS. Enrollment for world campus is on senate.psu.edu. Projected income for next year is 90. Also has 42m dollars in revenue sharing. Completion rate is 90% across the board.
 - b. State patty’s day: there are some ideas being floated around on the unlike end of the ideas. He feels that if you get caught getting in trouble then you can go to jail for the night, there is a video that Wanika will be in. He is on the drop policy task force, which deals with transfer students with high GPA’s that can come in and fail out for at least 4 semesters. Wants to try to get this around 2 semesters. And if you don’t meet requirements academic probation and then, may be dropped from Penn State. Student life committee working with Dr Barry Lee in global programming working jointly with them to develop more conducive website and environment for international students. Goes along with cultural diversity awareness. One of the model University is Ohio university. Was satisfactory academic progress discussed? (not a clear answer) this would apply to students who are paying on their own. A question about whether grades applied or just credit any additional comments contact Brian.
- XIII. Report by the Judiciary – David Simpson 5 Min
- a. About 2 months out from elections. Last year was a ‘scramble’. Last meeting is April 10th. Wants to have new elected officials confirmed by then
 - b. Multiple days last year count went down, possibly because of a lack of competition
 - c. Graduate cup on the sixth and nice if they can do elections after the graduate cup.
 - d. If you have opinions, the judiciary will hear them.
 - e. UPUA will do their elections on the 27th of march says jessed. But judiciary david says that there is too much confusion surrounding having elections the same day.
 - f. World campus: we represent them, and we are there voice, they can do satellite meetings but these are things we need to consider.
 - g. Had a mini retreat what are the expectations for delegates were discussed by Antwain and another GSA delegate.



- h. Fliers. Need a big push to know that positions are open fliers went out to late last year.
 - i. Work on finding people to replace your position early.
- XIV. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Internal Development – Brad Sottile and Doug Whalen 5 Min
 - a. New piece of legislation. Double Jeopardy pertaining to the number of times a bill can be reintroduced. This is not in working order as yet, in development.
 - b. This matter of ‘inappropriateness’
 - c. Wanika highly recommends changing that title.
 - d. Marika- Internal development folks should go to the meetings so that it does not take so much time in the general meetings.
 - e. When you do contact internal development, you have to digest and deal with the answers that are given by the committee
 - f. Doug- they have been operating as ad-hoc status. Did not have meetings. Explained some of the positions of members.
 - g. David disagrees with Wanika and if you send something to the internal committee they can come to assembly, Wanika counters with if you have problems with the bill on the floor write another bill.
 - b. THON - Nicole Breeden 2 Min
 - a. Marika has her report: if you buy raffle tickets, credit to the organization. Thon weekend will be making plans to go together as an email.
 - c. Professional Development – Bill Dusch and Melisa Ziegler 2 Min
 - a. Has 51 applicants for dissertation boot camp Feb 11-15
 - b. Investment 101 will be making app forms a.s.a.p.
 - c. Regarding science talk will begin recruiting
 - d. Needs more man power to help with workshops, especially over the summer see Bill for more information. Brian says we should live stream that investment 101 workshop. Is workshop open to graduate spouses.
 - d. Programming – Antwain Hunter and Stephanie Wilson 2 Min
 - a. Thank you for coming to mini-retreat
 - b. Met new faces and hammer out issues. Most of you know that by this time, they are gathering at Rotelli’s on Monday for karaoke free pizza
 - e. Student Concerns – Gabe Caceres 2 Min
 - a. Discussing things about CATA and bus passes that are non existent, a little bit tied into grad council.
 - f. Human Diversity – Yihan Li and Robbie Fraleigh 2 Min



- a. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact the new co chairs.

XV. Delegate Reports

- a. Antwain Hunter liberal arts, and Scott engineering spearheading a delegate review taskforce. To discuss what the roles of the delegates are in the GSA. There are a handful of goals are in exploring: need to better define delegate position within the college, addressing inclusion and retention of delegates, and working on the communication and finding a good way to talk between delegates. Also want to lock down should there be expectations or general guidelines of what they should do and how those expectations should be implemented. Looking to meet next Wednesday to talk it down, somewhere downtown. Six o'clock at the dark horse saloon on next Wednesday
- b. May be a good idea to find another room since this room is so packed.

XVI. Open Forum

2 Min

- a. Honor aspirational code policy task force meets February 22nd. Brian is on this task force
- b. Commission for women family leave committee survey has gone out, send Becky an email if you have not gotten it. Have had 15% respondents which is about 1500 grad students. Can we send it to the newswire? Would prefer it not to do that. Can forward it's own email to the listserv not in the newswire
- c. Heard from Carry and Dan they are leaving from Florida and so the committed couples committee needs a leader (Katie)

XVII. Adjourn motion to dismissed seconded all in favor 7:49

Fall 2012 General Assembly Schedule: Next meeting: Feb. 13th HUB 330 6PM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Pangborn and his administrative fellow, Kathy Bieschke



Dr. Pangborn, Professor of Engineering Mechanics, assumed responsibilities as Interim Executive Vice President and Provost of The Pennsylvania State University on November 15, 2011. As Provost, he is the chief academic officer of the University, responsible for the academic administration of the University's resident instruction, research, and continuing education, and for the general welfare of the faculty and students. In his role as Executive Vice President, he serves as the chief executive officer in the President's absence, and is centrally involved in most operations of the University.

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Dr. Pangborn previously served as Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education since 2006. In this position, he was responsible for providing leadership in undergraduate education, including support for general education, active and collaborative learning, student research experiences, internships, service learning, cross-campus curricular integration, and the development of facilities for technology-enhanced learning. He also oversaw the University's enrollment management (comprising Undergraduate Admissions, University Registrar, and Student Aid) across Penn State's 20 baccalaureate degree-granting campuses, a role he will continue as Provost.

Dr. Pangborn holds B.S. and B.A. degrees from Rutgers University in Civil Engineering and Economics/Business, respectively, as well as M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanics and Materials Science. He has taught and conducted research since 1979 in the Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics in the areas of engineering mechanics and structures, failure analysis and engineering materials, publishing over 90 papers. He was elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1999, served as Senior Vice President for Strategic Management from 2006 to 2009, and is currently a Governor for ASME International.

As an associate dean in engineering for over 10 years, Dr. Pangborn provided oversight for the preparation for accreditation review of undergraduate engineering programs, curricular development and assessment, instructional services, student recruitment and retention, diversity programming, advising, cooperative education and international programs. He served as Chair of the Intercollege Graduate Program in Materials from 1993 to 1999 and as Interim Campus Executive Officer and Dean at Penn State Altoona in 1999-2000. Dr. Pangborn chaired the University Faculty Senate in 1993-94. He has led and/or collaborated on programs on educational innovation and assessment, reform of the University-wide general education curriculum, cross-disciplinary curricular initiatives and faculty development; been recognized by the Penn State Engineering Society for both outstanding advising and outstanding teaching; and won a Provost's Award for Collaborative Instruction and Curricular Innovation and the McKay Donkin Award for service to the faculty.