



ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

January 16, 2013

- I. Call to Order 6:03
- II. (Special Announcement: We are moving the judiciary report up in the agenda. There are time limits on the right side of the agenda. Please adhere to them during your reports- Robbie)
- III. Executive Officers' Reports
 - a. Wanika Fisher – President
 - b. Introduction of new faces to GSA: STAC Representative, Lauren from HDFFS, Laura from English department is a New Representative, A representative from the Collegian is also here, Ms. Martinez from the College Student Affairs program
 - c. Introduction of the advisor, Andrea Dowhower (see Power Point)
 - 1. Please email Robbie or Wanika if you would like to use Andrea as a resource.
 - 2. Andrea is the Assistant VP in Student Affairs. She also teaches in the college student affairs program. She attends all of our GSA meetings as our advisor. Her office is next to the Vice Presidents offices. She also chairs the Student Activity Fee Board. Works directly with the 19 commonwealth campuses and is the primary liaison for them. Works with all three student governments GSA, UPUA, and CCSG. While her calendar is tight, she would still like to be a resource to the GSA. Also listed many other responsibilities and duties she is involved with around campus.
 - d. Penn State Student Policy initiatives (See power point) waiting for the commission to proceed
 - e. The Policy Initiative- Arranging to have a third party visit to help determine areas of need with intercollegiate athletics, office of the physical plant, and student affairs. Also working with UPUA to create a mission statement on the program.
 - 1. Had a listserv meeting, and we will actually have a graduate student listserv within a month or so from now. Met with ITS. Submitted a memo about who is needed on the listserv. Requested four emails a semester instead of three, because GSA is more program based. President and the Secretary will have access to the listserv. The end of the semester emails will be done in conjunction with UPUA. It is easier for IT to have the Student Governments do end of semester emails together. Once you are on the listserv you are on. It is more difficult to remove yourself from the email list once it is created.
 - 2. Graduate cup- Currently have 210 people signed up. There are at least 15 colleges and departments enrolled (see power point). This shows that the commission needs help in planning in this event. Please email gsa@psu.edu to pay, or to email Brad Sottile. Please email or call Wanika in the transition period as we reinstate our GSA office manager. If your



college is not there and you want to be part of a team, you can contact Wanika. You can also join a team that is not connected with your college. Please encourage students from your college or program to have students get involved. Brianna offers to help get volunteers for the event.

3. The GSA video still does not have any participants. As an organization, we need to get this done to help with participation and visibility.
4. All co-sponsorships need to be cleared with the GSA Executive Board. Please contact Brad for ALL co-sponsorships whether financial or not.
5. SAFB- had a sub committee meeting about students who do not pay SAF.
6. Upcoming events: graduate mixer (tomorrow) and Graduate Exhibition (Deadline to submit February 15th)
7. Office items: if you need a Polo shirt, especially if you are representing GSA please contact Wanika.
8. Questions: Graduate Exhibition: Is there is an informational session on how to make a poster? Yes. It is the 150th year of the graduate school so there is a big push. Last day to sign up is February 15
9. New White course Representative, second year law student, Dustin Sagovia introduced.

f. Robbie Fraleigh- Executive Vice President

1. Welcome video- two to three minute video that communicates what GSA is, and what we do, and what. Passed around sign-up sheet for various roles. May co-sponsor with the Graduate School, to make sure the quality of the video is high. Sign up or send him an email if you are interested in participating.
2. Committee Chairs, please send events to manager to be put on the calendar.

g. Dave Rench – Vice President of External Affairs

8 Min

1. Had two meetings for the Freeh Recommendations since the last meeting. (See Power Point). There are a plethora of resources to report abuse and violence within the PSU structure. There are changes to the Board of Trustees. 3 to 6 standing committees. From 15 to 12 years term limits. May add an at-large position.
2. If you are interested in BoT matters and have constructive criticism, please feel free to attend the public sections of the BoT meetings. On Friday, at 10:30 am (no comments from the public) and 3:15 pm comments from the public will be held.
3. Organized future goals, split into four categories. Next meeting is Tomorrow.



4. HUB Advisory Board. Went over architectural designs of HUB Starting constructing in March. Moving bookstore out into the HUB lawn in May. Whole project will be done in 2015.
5. Facilities committee
6. Capital Day – Tuesday April 9 tentative day meet state legislatures and see connections between education and government. See Dave he is in charge of the GSA end of organizing for this event.
7. The partnership Campus and Community United and Against Dangerous Drinking. Met on 1/14/13 Main focus on St. Patty’s Day. See Dave for more information.
8. Questions: Do you have to register to communicate at the Board of Trustees meetings? Yes please go to the website to for further information.

h. Brad Sottile – Treasurer

5 Min

1. Community chairs Brad needs two weeks notice with items that need to be bought
2. New office Manager Marcela introduced.
3. Audit has been completed. Thanks to Nicole. First time in many years judiciary has completed role in auditing. Was submitted last Thursday. Will provide more details when the report is returned.
4. Babysitting updates for Committed Couples forum (and other events?) - As long as we have the event off campus, baby sitters do not need to be background checked. Currently working on baby sitting for the committee couples forum
5. Jesse reminded Brad that UPAC needs to be notified when GSA plans to sponsor something that UPAC is also funding.
6. Question for baby-sitting: the rules on campus are very complicated on campus for who can fulfill the role for babysitters. Have to find somewhere to hold it. Some sites off campus were suggested.

IV. Judiciary Report – David Simpson

10 Min

- a. Special Election of Executive Secretary- Bargavi stepped down and moved back home
- b. Kimeka Campbell elected by special election

V. UPUA

3 Min

- a. UPUA- Google doc was updated Dave will find the update- They are reviving their elections code, and voting against CCSG voting. Voting on \$12,000 of funding for Movin’ On (End of Year Concert).

VI. Movement to append the agenda moved seconded and voted.

- a. UPAC Standing allocations coming up Jesse will send an announcement to the listserv.
- b. Question: What is the answer to SAF for Graduate Students in residence? If you are registered for 600 601 610 or 611 do not pay SAF and should not benefit from SAF (Jesse, UPAC Chair).

VII. Standing Committee Reports



- a. Community Service - Cherelle Douglas
 1. MLK day of service on Monday
- b. THON - Nicole Breeden
 1. Meeting on Mondays on 5:00pm so please attend. Have to raise money with out SAF funds. THON is 30 days away. Gsa.ftk@gsa.com to get more information about. Have been getting a return on thonvelopes have 150 out, and sending more out. Do have two dancers, not guaranteed. Also thinking of doing a twitter fundraiser. Please email any contacts to thon if you know of any businesses. Have a recycling effort four diamonds recycling effort contact FTK. Follow the twitter page.
- c. Internal Development – Brad Sottile and Doug Whalen
 1. Has a resolution on the floor. It cannot be voted on this meeting but it can be voted on at the next meeting. Term limit bill has been brought back to the assembly. Committee has tried to incorporate everyone’s concerns. Exception that has been put in is that if no one made an intent to run, then a person who has already served two terms can then make an intent to run on the ballot. However, if someone else is nominated, before the election the former a former president (board member?) who has reached term limit, who has received the OK gets removed from the ballot before the intent to run deadline. Amends the bylaws and the constitution and to make sure it lines up with the constitution. Judiciary chair wanted to discuss the 2/3 amendment versus a simple majority when voting on whether a 2-term officer should be on the ballot. A discussion also brought up considering a move to strike the part that their name be removed from the ballot says one committee member. If you have any amendments, you can email them to Brad. Becky- Point of order, will we be able to vote on this at the next meeting even with large changes? It is up to the delegates to decide whether or not to table something if changes are worthy of tabling it for another meeting says David. Other than what was voiced in the assembly, the judiciary has not received any other comments. David, voting by proxy- send an email to the chair who is Robbie that you are sending a proxy, but you cannot send an email vote. Make clear to your proxy how you want to vote. They have to be from your college, Robbie has to know about it, and David as well, and whatever the proxy votes is what happens Gabrielle: what is the difference between tabling and never voting on the issue? Make sure to email the entire judiciary and read the entire document. Even though the author of the bill is on the internal development committee, as long as there is something that not is very contrary to the bill then it can be introduced. Not something contrary to the bill. May be a hearing if needed, but if not it will proceed on in the next meeting.
- d. Human Diversity – Ashwini Tiwari



1. There is a co-sponsored seminar next Friday Difficult Dialogue Next Friday 12pm-1pm
- e. Professional Development – Bill Dusch and Melisa Ziegler
 1. Bill D. –Tuesday meetings 4:30 to 5:30
 2. Dissertation Boot camp Feb 11th Need volunteers during this time to ‘staff’ the rooms while people work.
 3. Finance camp investment 101 in Bank of America Building March 18th
 4. Science Talk- Deliver and captivate March 27th and April 4th
 5. Need new members. More help to plan and develop events.
 6. Registrations for these events are forthcoming.
- f. Programming – Antwain Hunter and Stephanie Wilson
 1. Tomorrow GSA/SBA mixer is tomorrow! Café 210 free food (not drinks)
 2. Next Saturday- Save the date on a mini retreat Will be sent by Wanika
- g. Publicity – Christine Sylvester and Elise Stevens
 1. Tacking on to programing (repeated what programming said)
 2. Need to update the website (Christine)
- h. Student Concerns – Gabe Caceres
 1. Meet on 6-7 on Tuesday, starting next Tuesday
 2. (All committee Chairs, please send Wanika information on when you meet and where to put on the website and on the GSA office door.)

VIII. Grad Council 5 Min

- a. Approved many issues today. One thing was tabled. Termination of a graduate student for unprofessional conduct. Changing the wording in this document. There were enough changes in the document that students should observe and read this document. These changes will be sent out to the assembly to review. Some of the issues that were talked about had to do with the word ‘moral’. Had to do with the student ‘code of conduct’ that the office of Student Affairs drafted. GSA May need to come up with with an alternative to how this is written to make sure to counter their version of this issue. Is this available on our website? We can put up the current termination document on the website, but not the one that is in the works. Is there a way that graduate students who have concerns can have input? Wanika asked for the proposed changes, to send out to graduate student college presidents. Discussion ensues about the who, what, and whens about how termination of a graduate student starts. This is not affecting law students or medical students just graduate students. Also, affects graduate students as a whole not just TA/GA’s.

IX. Faculty Senate 10 Min

- a. Vanguard and TIACreff are coming to the March 18th Date. Joint senate committee meeting between student life and global programs about internationalization to University Park (can refer to the



website). Engage Scholarship Committee- Pangborn, Sims and Weideman. To get faculty to engaged with students. Honor code- student caucus (all three student govts) will meet with Brian after he meets with the Honor Aspiration Committee. USF Meeting December 4. As of the 3rd of December 61% of the Freeh report were implemented. Fixed term vs. standing term faculty. There is a 2:1 ration of fixed to standing faculty would like to see a larger number of standing term faculty. New Senate Committee for Campus athletics. Another NCAA Statement was withdrawn. Behavior yourself! 12/24/12 new fines for DUI and alcohol misconduct. January 29th statement to be given to the senate by Brian Aynardi with a history segment to be read by Melissa Creely on increasing cultural diversity awareness. What has been done is include members of the culturally diverse student organizations at Penn State met with faculty senate. Met with Faculty Senate Chair Becker. Spoke with Dr. Hayes about commonwealth campuses, among other entities. It appears to have strong support. Wanika Comments – Brian chairs subcommittee in UPUA on academic policy with diversity.

X. Reports from Liaisons

a. STAC – Jason Wittenbach

1. Student Tech Advisory Committee. Made up of Reps of Vice Provost for IT and other parts of campus. Want to be a resource for delegates regarding IT. Does not handle issues that deal with specific computers or printers, but does deal with policy. Also making a push to get information from students on IT policy. Goal for this semester is to figure out what services are not going to be essential for Penn State to provide and how to handle this. Wanika suggests Penn State App? Has been talked about. “Computing on computing” App is in the works. [I am not sure what that means KGC]

b. GSAS

1. No report

c. Married and Committed Couples- Katie Kragh-Buetow

2 Min

1. Need a new liaison and a new venue to bypass some of the red tape that has come up to provide baby sitting. One day a month. Or just one month. David suggests being clear in your search about what should be done. It is a volunteer position.

d. Health Insurance - Katie Kragh-Buetow

2 Min

1. No report

e. The Medical School – Mike Perone

2 Min

1. There will be six more joining us in July. 20 medical students. Seminars will be continued or modified. We do not have any committees or voting power or funding, so there is nothing else to report.



- f. Movin' On report- Evelyn Miller 2 Min
 - 1. No report
- g. Global Programs Subcommittee –Dave Rench 2 Min
 - 1. General meeting with the student life committee to talk about international student life experience. Damon Sims attended. Discussed the state international graduate students the most and following them as much as they can.
- XI. Delegate Reports
 - a. No Reports
- XII. Open Forum 2 Min
 - a. Who is going to be at PSU next year? About half of the attendees in the room raised their hands
 - b. Discussed finding a co-delegate for Katie's college [name?]. Can be automatically replaced. David will look at the rules to see if he can be replaced.
 - c. Next Meeting: Special Guest: Dr. Pagborn.
- XIII. Adjourn 7:37

Fall 2012 General Assembly Schedule

Next meeting: Jan. 30th HUB 330 6PM

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