



# Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, February 11, 2016 | 6:00pm | 134 HUB-Robeson Center

## I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by the President at 6:07pm

## II. Roll Call

- a. Please see Addendum I

## III. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Hearing no objections to the adoption of the agenda, agenda is adopted as distributed

## IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Hearing no objections to the approval of minutes, minutes approved as distributed

## V. Open Student Forum

- a. No discussion

## VI. Special Presentation: *Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Michael Verderame*

- a. Oversees graduate faculty process and curricular review process
- b. Q & A session:
  - i. For social scientists, how do we see the difference between research and professional?
    1. Business: to understand how business practices work and how to improve them see the doctorate, to learn to run your business better do an MBA. BUT there is often overlap – the designation between professional and research is never so tiny- consider what the heart of the program is- creation or implementation of knowledge.
  - ii. Why is it a good idea (systematically) to separate these?
    1. An MD/PhD gets first independent job at 40, grant at 43. Most breakthroughs and creativity is in the 30's. It takes so long to develop expertise that we worry that you've missed your most creative opportunities and you're starting your career at 40. It is best to be experts in our own area.
  - iii. Part of the impact of the changes are in divisions between faculty. Sometimes the best educators are a mix of professional and research experience. Maybe division is good for students but not in the classroom?
    1. Professional experience doesn't exclude you, but minimum qualification for research doctoral experience is a doctorate.
  - iv. How have other universities dealt with this? Does this change make PSU less attractive to grad faculty?
    1. We are pretty unique, not many schools have grad and professional degrees under the same school. It took 2 years for the grad council (representatives elected from grad faculty) to approve this, and the vote was unanimous with one abstention. It will make us more attractive because we are offering the best education possible

## VII. Report by the Treasurer: *Ayla Gafni*

- a. Budget spreadsheet is up to date on the website: <http://gpsa.psu.edu/about-the-gpsa/budget/>

## VIII. Old Business

- a. Bill 65-13: Movin' On Co-sponsorship (appendix II)
  - i. Allocation of \$3000 will pay for lunch and dinner for performers
  - ii. There will be a battle of the bands where graduate students can enter via an application
  - iii. GPSA logo will be displayed on promotional materials
  - iv. Genres and styles should be attractive to graduate students
  - v. There are volunteer opportunities available
  - vi. Moved to approve by Jesse Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alison Franklin – motion approved – see addendum III for roll call vote

## IX. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Student Concerns:** *Daniel Brenner*
  - i. If you know of someone who has been impacted by grad council decisions please put them in touch with GPSA
  - ii. Community forum on race and the community
    1. February 27 from 10-2pm at Easterly Parkway Elementary
      - a. Not sponsored by GPSA – this is a community event
- b. **Grad Cup:** *James Fan*
  - i. Meeting at 6pm on Monday (2/15) in the GPSA office (315 HUB) to decide the activities and plan the agenda
- c. **Professional Development:**
  - i. Please contact Anthony Christina (aoc5144@psu.edu) if you are interested in the chair position
- d. **Programming:**
  - i. Please contact Anthony Christina (aoc5144@psu.edu) if you are interested in the chair position
  - ii. Need someone to take charge of BIG upcoming events – will cancel room reservations if someone does not take these on by next week
    1. Graduate & professional student appreciation week
    2. Multi-cultural week
  - iii. Mixer at Café 210, Wednesday February 17 at 7-9pm
    1. Will have veggie and vegan options available
    2. Will be entertainment – the band will come at 9pm
  - iv. Healthy cooking workshop
    1. If there is interest in this, please get in touch with Alison (alisonfranklin@psu.edu)
- e. **Publicity & Media:**
  - i. Nothing to report
- f. **Healthcare & Health Insurance:** *Alison Franklin*
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- g. **Community Service:** *Jesse Scott*
  - i. Last Thon blood drive on Friday, February 19th in the Nittany Lion Inn
    1. Need donors and volunteers, check the newswire for details
    2. Participants get a \$2.25 contribution for Thon from the Red Cross
    3. Food catered by the Inn
  - ii. State day of service on February 27

1. Run by the Council of Lionhearts - check it out on the volunteer.psu.edu website
  2. Need graduate student representatives to lead group of undergraduates, may also participate as a regular volunteer
  - iii. Food drive the weekend of the March 20<sup>th</sup>
    1. Have volunteer grocery stores, are still coordinating with local food banks on the drop-off of donations
    2. Need volunteers to man the tables to solicit donations and collect food
  - iv. Maple harvest festival: March 19-20
    1. Trade time for syrup and pancakes
    2. Engineering will participate, if anyone else wants to let Jesse (jus121@psu.edu) know
  - v. Meetings in GPSA office (135 HUB) at 5pm on Thursdays of the non Assembly meeting weeks
    1. Email Jesse (jus121@psu.edu) if you have suggestions but cannot make the meeting
  - h. **Human Diversity:**
    - i. Please contact Anthony Christina (aoc5144@psu.edu) if you are interested in the chair position
  - i. **PACCC:**
    - i. Committee chair position is vacant. Email Anthony (aoc5144@psu.edu) if interested in serving
- x. Report by the President: Kevin Horne**
- a. Thanks to those who came to the sexual assault meeting
  - b. Student Activity Fee board met
    - i. Approved the \$1.00 increase for student legal services
    - ii. Approved a \$0.00 increase for SAF
  - c. Office manager
    - i. Updated office, books rooms, ordered chairs, etc.
  - d. Thanks to those who have contributed to the governing documents
    - i. Constitution is done, currently working on the Bylaws
    - ii. Google documents are updated in real time so that everyone can view changes
    - iii. Please email Kevin (kvh5130@psu.edu) if you'd like to give feedback
  - e. Capital Day – April 6
  - f. Borough Zoning
    - i. Planning commission had issues with it:
      1. Didn't want potential pool of renters to increase for neighborhood stability reasons
      2. Thank that there is plenty of other housing option available
    - ii. Planning commission did not support the changes, so this will go back to the council for further debate
      1. There has been NO graduate student support at these council meetings
      2. We NEED students to support/lobby for this change
  - g. Great Debate
    - i. College Democrats and Republicans sponsor a discussion/debate and would like GPSA to co-sponsor
    - ii. Is there interest?
    - iii. Event would cost \$2000 from GPSA
  - h. Ride for five
    - i. The final decision is coming – be on the lookout!

**XI. Report by the Executive Vice President: Anthony Christina**

- a. Nothing to report

**XII. Report by the Secretary: Courtney Davis**

- a. Nothing to report

**XIII. Report by the Judiciary: Jeremy Johnson**

- a. Nothing to report

**XIV. Report by Graduate Council: Brad Sottile**

- a. Jeffrey Masko has resigned as a Graduate Council representative
- b. 2 seats are not available on the Graduate Council – please contact a representative if you are interested in learning more about the opportunity

**XV. Report by the Liaisons**

- a. Sexual Violence and Awareness Roundtable: *Marina Cotarelo*
  - i. Roundtable meets every Wednesday
  - ii. Screen movie ‘The Pursuit of Truth’ on March 31<sup>st</sup> and have a meeting with the director after
    - 1. This will cost ~\$150.00 for us to sponsor – is there interest in this?

**XVI. Report by the Student Trustee: Allie Goldstein**

- a. Upcoming board meeting in Hershey February 25-26, more details will be announced once they become public

**XVII. Report by the Advisor: Philip Burlingame**

- a. Town & Gown magazine cover of the February issue featured Alison Franklin! Congrats! Jesse Scott also featured!

**XVIII. Comments for the Good of the Order**

- a. Ayla Gafni
  - i. As Director of Fun, moves for everyone to go to dinner afterward

**XIX. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted with the help of Delegate Charbonnet (thank you!!),  
Courtney Davis

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## **Addendum I**

### **GPSA Roll Call**

- P** – present
- P/R** – proxy sent
- A** – absent
- W** – left early
- L** – late
- E** – excused

### **Executive Board**

Kevin Horne	P
Anthony Christina	E
Nicole Benevento	E
Courtney Davis	E
Ayla Gafni	P
Phillip Burlingame	P

### **Faculty Senate**

Azita Ranjbar	A
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### **Graduate Council**

Brad Sottile	P
Morteza Karimzadeh	A
jeffrey masko	A
Sidharth Agrawal	A
Marina Cotarelo	P

### **Agricultural Sciences**

Alison Franklin	P
1 delegate seat vacant	

### **Art & Architecture**

1 delegate seat vacant

### **Communications**

1 delegate seat vacant

### **Education**

Junxian Zhang	A
Daniel Brenner	P
1 delegate seat vacant	

### **Dickinson School of Law**

Christina Gallagher P

Jessica Tully A

1 delegate seat vacant

**Engineering**

Jesse Scott P

Ashish Shah A

Wenjie Fei A

**Smeal College of Business**

James Fan P

Alexander Murdoch A

Steven Di Grazia E

**Earth & Mineral Sciences**

Yiming Zhang P

1 delegate seat vacant

**Liberal Arts**

Veronica Anne Charbonnet P

Stacey Mitchell P

1 delegate seat vacant

**Health & Human Development**

Adam Copeland P

Hannah Van Every A

**Information Sciences & Technology**

1 delegate seat vacant

**International Affairs**

Jennifer Gibbs P

**Nursing**

1 delegate seat vacant

**Eberly College of Science**

Will Wright P

2 delegate seats vacant

**White Course Apartments**

1 delegate seat vacant

**Inter-College Degree Program**

David Dopfel P

Lillian Hill E

1 delegate seat vacant

**At Large**

Chao Su P

Casey Millburg A

Penina Backer P

Hye Won Chai P

1 delegate seat vacant

**Judiciary**

Brian Aynardi A

Alex Park A

Jeremy Johnson A

Bill #65-13

**The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)  
The Pennsylvania State University**



**of the 65th Assembly**  
11/4/2015

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**Movin' On Co-Sponsorship  
Funding of Food for Movin' On Performers**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Movin' On is one of the largest student-run music festivals in the country, and a Penn State  
4 tradition now in its 40th year, Movin' On brings the top music of today, tomorrow, and yesterday  
5 together as a celebration of those graduating Nittany Lions "movin' on" in their academic and  
6 professional lives.

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8 Since its inception in 1975, Movin' On has remained true to its roots by providing a fun-filled  
9 day of diverse music, exciting events, and plenty of freebies donated by generous corporate and  
10 local sponsors, all in a substance-free environment and at no charge to students or guests. (taken  
11 from the event's website <http://www.movinon.org/index.html>)

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13 Historically, the GPSA has contributed funds (\$3000) that go to support the hospitality services  
14 for the musical acts that come to Penn State. The funds have gone directly to providing breakfast,  
15 lunch, and dinner throughout the day to the various performers. This is an essential feature of the  
16 event, and without it, the Movin' On would have to draw from extremely limited funds or seek  
17 sponsorship to cover the cost. Not covering those costs could negatively affect the overall  
18 quality of the day's event.

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Year (Spring)	Amount
2013	\$5,000
2014	\$3,000
2015	\$3,000



1 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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3 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Publicity & Media Committee  
4 to publicize Movin' On to the graduate and professional student body through social media, the  
5 GPSA website, and the GPSA calendar.

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7 The Graduate and Professional Student Association commits to co-sponsor the event by  
8 providing financial support in the amount of \$3,000 toward the cost of food for the performers.

9 This amount will be payable directly to the caterer of the event.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Adam Copeland**

Delegate, College of Health and Human Development

President \_\_\_\_\_ Affirm Veto

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### Addendum III – Roll call vote

<b>Roll call vote</b>	<b>Movin' on Bill 65-13</b>
Alison Franklin	Y
Christina Gallagher	Y
Jessica Tully	-
Jesse Scott	Y
Ashish Shah	-
Wenjie Fei	-
Adam Copeland	Y
Stacey Mitchell	Y
Veronica Anne Charbonnet	Y
Alexander Murdoch	-
James Fan	Y
Casey Milburg	-
Hannah Vanevery	-
Yiming Zhang	Y
David Dopfel	Y
Penina Backer	Y
Will Wright	Y
Hye Won Chai	Y
Dan Brenner	Y
Junxian Zhang	-
Steven Di Grazia	-
Chao Su	Y
Jennifer Gibbs	Y
Lillian Hill	-

A = abstain    Y = in favor    O = opposed    - = not present