I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting was called to order by the Executive Vice President at 6:24pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Please see Addendum I

III. Approval of Minutes
   a. Moved to approve minutes of March 18, 2015 as distributed, by unanimous consent by Jesse Scott, 2nd by Ayla Gafni – motion carries

IV. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Internal Development: Kevin Horne
      i. Nothing to report.
   b. Community Service: Erica Hildabridle
      i. PAWS drive is currently underway! There will be an email distributed in the coming days regarding the location of donation boxes.
         1. Please email Erica (esh5111) if you would like to set up a box in your college/building!
   c. Grad Cup: Ayla Gafni & Marika Merritt
      i. There are 5 days left for registration! Please send out emails to get teams together!
      ii. The proposed budget for assembly approval (please see addendum II)
          1. These are all cost estimates as we will not know exact numbers until registration is complete – this will need to be approved as a range of values by the Assembly based on the potential number of participants
          2. Total amount requested from the Assembly is $9000-10500 (minus the registration fees paid by each team)
             a. Motion to approve budget as present by Luis Ocampo through unanimous consent, 2nd by Erica Hildabridle – dissent By Kevin Horne
             b. Motion to approve budget by Ayla Gafni, 2nd by Erica Hildabridle (14 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions) – motion carries
             c. Motion to extend report by 5 minutes by unanimous consent by Kevin Horne, 2nd by Jesse Scott
      iii. End-of-year mixer to celebrate elections
          1. Asking for $1000 for this event
             a. Location is TBD, but suggestions can be sent to either Marika (mnm5084) or Ayla (arg225)
             b. Potential date will be Wednesday, April 22
c. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend! Everyone should meet their new representatives! Please send the dates that will not work well for you to Marika (mnm5084)

d. Motion to approve $1000 expenditure for this event through unanimous consent by Luis Ocampo, 2nd by Ayla Gafni – dissent by Kevin Horne

e. Motion to approve by Luis Ocampo, 2nd by Ayla Gafni (16 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions) – motion carries

d. **Professional Development:**
   i. The position of chair is open - please email Doug (dkw5064) if you would like to take on this responsibility! It would be great to have someone before the summer term!
   ii. The Graduate School would like to work with our professional development committee to fill in gaps in opportunities for graduate students. If you have ideas on where these gaps might be, please email Nicole (nmb5273)

e. **Programming Committee: Marika Merritt**
   i. Delegates, be on the lookout for an email in the next week with the G&P Student Appreciation week schedule, to be forwarded to your constituents
   ii. Mixer at Champs went very well - Congrats to the committee on a successful event! There were approx. 80 people in attendance
   iii. Blue & White tailgate will be happening, more details to come
      1. If you have a large vehicle you would be willing to donate to the cause, please email Marika (mnm5084)

f. **Publicity & Media: Nicole Benevento**
   i. Please send Nicole any advertisements for events to be posted on our social media!
   ii. If you have Facebook pages for graduate student groups that you would GPSA to follow (so that we can share and publicize their events), please forward those to Nicole (nmb5273)

g. **Human Diversity: Luis Ocampo**
   i. Meeting with Dean Younken was cancelled, but another meeting will occur before April 20th (hopefully!)

h. **PACC: Nathaniel Porter**
   i. There was a recent inquiry regarding spouse discounts to Penn State events
      1. The funding for these events is collected through the SAF, and as such cannot be discounted for non-students
      2. Events such as late night movies at the HUB, or events that are not ticketed and therefore not likely to reach capacity, are free to spouses
   ii. Inquiry about university policy regarding full-priced tickets for children

i. **Healthcare: Alison Franklin**
   i. Location for the healthcare presentation has not been finalized, but we will need everyone to publicize the event once a location has been secured
   ii. Trying to coordinate schedules for an additional workshop this semester – the committee will keep the Assembly updated on the progress

V. **Report by the President: Danielle Rhubart**
   a. Board of Trustee Meetings (3/19 & 3/20)
      i. Report was made to the trustees on the efforts within the various student government organizations this year
         1. There was lots of positive feedback!!
2. This is the first time in a long time that the presidents have given formal reports before the entire board! Great job, Danielle!!

b. Graduate School Alumni Society Meeting (3/21 & 3/22)
   i. Student Trustee applications are still being processed but this is a confidential process

c. House & Senate Appropriation Committee Meeting (3/24)
   i. Need to invite more students to come to these events and ask for more funding
   ii. The more students we have, the stronger the case is for the university!

d. Facilities Fee Advisory Council (3/23 & 3/26)
   i. Smaller scale pilot project (irrigation and tool shed) of Student Farm Initiative was approved unanimously for an amount of $223,434.00
   ii. Six hydration stations will be installed throughout campus (2 in HUB, 1 in Pegula, 2 in BJC, 1 in Moore) – cost estimated at $26400.00
   iii. IM Phase 3 was approved for $26 million
   1. Negotiations were made to increase money for allotment to 500000 for smaller projects (there would be an additional 250000 for other projects)

e. Student Activity Fee Board (3/27)
   i. Handbook changes were approved by the board
   ii. Language to restrict funds for non-academic purposes as presented in the previous meeting was approved officially as well

f. Town Hall on budget (3/30)
   i. Check out budget.psu.edu, where this will be uploaded soon!

g. Capital Day (3/31)
   i. Thank you to Allie, Nicole, Kevin and Danielle for participating!
   ii. Danielle walked the last 2 miles to Harrisburg with the undergraduate students – you go girl!
   iii. Danielle also gave a short speech at the rally, which emphasized the importance of a healthy allocation for graduate & professional students

h. GPSA Annual Survey has been released in a mass email!
   i. Please disseminate information to constituents
   ii. This will also be placed in the upcoming newswires
   iii. Survey will close on April 10

VI. Report by the Executive Vice President: Douglas Whalen

   a. Committee chairs that will be continuing in their role throughout the summer include: Erica Hildabridle, Ayla Gafni, Alison Franklin, Nicole Benevento, Nathaniel Porter
   b. Committee chairs that will vacate their position during the summer term: Kevin Horne, Kyler Sherman-Wilkins
      i. Preferably do not want to have vacancies throughout the summer term. If you are interested in these positions, please approach Doug (dkw5064) or his successor

VII. Report by the Vice President of External Affairs: Nicole Benevento

   a. Graduate School Alumni Society Board (3/21)
      i. Reports made by Dean Younken, Neil Sharkey (VP for Research) & Renata Engel (Associate Provost for Online Programs)
         1. GSAS would like a graduate or professional student on every internal committee, which include:
            a. Awards Committees (liaison needed)
            b. Global Outreach Committee (Brad Sottile)
            c. Communication Committee (Danielle Rhubart)
d. Professional Development Committee (Nicole Benevento)
   2. GSAS would also like to fill in some gaps in professional development opportunities and work with GPSA to ensure that all the needs are met
      a. Please send suggestions from your constituents to Nicole (nmb5273)

b. Student Health Insurance Advisory Board (3/23)
   i. Debriefing on vendor presentations
   ii. Negotiations are still happening – please to reach out to our liaisons to answer questions

c. Middle State Evaluation Team (3/24)
   i. Representatives of Middle State Evaluation Team met to give feedback on topics including:
      1. Graduate student experience on campus
      2. Available funds for travel related to research
      3. Resources available when graduate students are having problems with advisor
      4. Reasons for graduate students leaving programs
      5. Teaching

d. Facilities Fee Advisory Committee (3/26)
   i. Funding for permanent infrastructure for the pilot phase of Student Farm passed unanimously
   ii. Funding for 6 new hydration stations on campus passed unanimously
      1. Locations include: HUB (2), Pegula, BJC (2), Moore
   iii. Funding for IM Phase 3 Expansion passed

e. Capital Day (3/31)
   i. Thank you to everyone who participated!

f. HUB-Robeson Center Advisory Board (4/1)
   i. HRCAB Channel Selection survey can be found here:  bit.ly/HUBTV
      1. Last day to fill our survey is Friday, April 3
   ii. Space Allocation Committee
   iii. Paul Robeson Cultural Center
      1. Ahsan Watts, 7pm, Heritage Hall
         a. R&B singer from Newark, NJ
         b. Mission to help ‘bring soul back’ to today’s over-polished sound and shallow lyrics
   iv. HUB Expansion update
      1. Soil will be placed on the greenroof in 2 weeks!!
      2. Trailers are now hone from the lawn and re-seeding will begin shortly!

g. UP Student Transportation Commission Survey
   i. Bike Share survey is live! Find it here:  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/psubikeshare
   ii. Live until Wednesday, April 1, 2015

h. GPSA Annual Survey
   
     i. Sexual Violence Awareness Week (4/6-4/10)

VIII. Report by the Secretary:
   a. Nothing to report.

IX. Report by the Treasurer:  Courtney Davis
a. Co-sponsorship request from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
   i. Miss Black & Gold Pageant
      1. Nittany Lion Inn on April 19
      2. This pageant has been going for past 32 years and GPSA has given support in the past
      3. Contestants are all undergraduate students, but there are graduate students that were brothers of the fraternity that are involved
      4. In the past, approximately 200 students have participated but this year they are expected ~260 students
         a. Student tickets will be $15.00, $30.00 for guest tickets (non-undergraduate students are included in guests)
            i. Students should not have to pay for tickets
      5. Funds would be used to help pay for equipment, such as the videographer, at the Nittany Lion Inn
         a. UPAC will be used to cover the facility fee, but does not typically fund food or program books
         b. Request that was presented to the assembly is different from that which was submitted to the treasurer
      6. There is a beauty component (swimsuit section) to the pageant (as well as a Q&A section, a scholarship section)
         a. This should not be supported by the GPSA and is not an appropriate use of our funds
      7. There is value in increasing our involvement with the undergraduate community
         a. This event has limitations in the long run but this type of connection might be nurtured into something significant
         b. Adds diversity to the assembly
      8. There is a lack of clarity in what we would be funding, the organization has not been proactive and emails have not been acknowledged
      9. Call the question by Kevin Horne
     10. Moved to approve $750.00 to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for the Miss Black and Gold Pageant (3 in favor, 13 opposed, 1 abstention) – motion fails

b. Co-sponsorship request from PALS (Parents Attending Law School)
   i. Easter egg hunt for students with families
      1. Did not ask UPAC for funding because events where children are in attendance can be a bit difficult to organize with risk management
      2. This event will allow parents to mingle and socialize while children are hunting for eggs, which can be difficult for parents to during other activities
   ii. Asking for $850.00, given an estimate of 50 people in attendance
      1. Actual costs will be less if fewer people attend or if we find a cheaper food source
   iii. Received $75.00 from the Penn State Bar Association
      1. There are statutory caps on the amount of funds the Bar Association can give to new student organizations, such as PALS, which are less than 1 year old
      2. Bar Association also does not have a whole lot of funds to go around
iv. This event will be open to other denominations and dietary restrictions will be accommodated to the best of our ability
v. Call the question by Jared Kephart, 2nd by Kevin Horne
vi. Moved to approve this co-sponsorship request in the amount of $850.00 by Jared Kephart, 2nd by Kevin Horne (15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions) – motion carries
c. Moved to amend agenda to move judiciary report to follow report by the Treasurer through unanimous consent by Jesse Scott, 2nd by Erica Hildabridle – motion carries

X. Report by the Judiciary: Brian Aynardi
a. As is typically the case, a 1 month period is required between notification of the assembly and the official resignation of a justice if reason for resignation is academically related (i.e. graduation)
i. Emily formally notified Chief Justice Aynardi of her resignation as of March 14, 2015
ii. Seth has formally notified Chief Justice Aynardi of his resignation as of April 1, 2015
b. Is the assembly willing to acknowledge the resignation from Emily even though the 1-month time period has not passed yet?
i. Assembly could effectively accept the resignation if it were the cause were an academic reason (i.e. Emily’s notification would then have been made on March 1, 2015 rather than March 15, 2015)
   1. As of May 2, Emily and Seth will no longer be students
   2. Moved to accept Emily’s notice of resignation dated March 1, 2015 by Jared Kephart, 2nd by Erica Hildabridle (16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions) – motion carries
      a. Emily has officially resigned from office due to academic reasons and not the inability or unwillingness to perform her duties
c. Voting is not open for elections!! Voting will end 3/2 at 11:50pm – please encourage all of your constituents to vote!
   i. New officers will take office officially after the transition meeting (4/15)
   ii. Executive officers will be notified by Friday morning (4/3)
   iii. Graduate Council clarifications
      1. There are write-in ballots
      2. There will be a few extra days needed to check contentious issues (i.e. two students cannot be from the same college) and then elected representatives will be notified
iv. Current executive officers will finish out their term on other committees, etc.

XI. Report by the Faculty Senate: Enica Castañeda
a. Please get ready for G&P Appreciation Week and contact Enica (ezc5236) if you can volunteer your time the week of!

XII. Report by Graduate Council: Nathaniel Porter
a. Graduate Council has not met since the last Assembly meeting
b. Faculty Senate officers had meeting with members of the Graduate Council (including student members) to discuss what was going well/not going well
   i. There is a large discrepancy in the number of representatives for undergraduate students and graduate & professional students (there are 25 senators from the undergraduate student body and 1 from graduate student body)
1. There is potential to introduce legislation to rectify this, but it could be useful to form a fact-finding group to investigate this issue further

ii. Interviews with candidates for Dean of Graduate School have begun

1. Open forums are streamed through the university’s website – if you are interested in being involved in this process, please contact the Graduate Council representatives

   a. One candidate has been rescheduled to April 16 from April 2-3

XIII. Report by the Liaisons

   a. Seth Kandl : Student Legal Services Advisory Board

      i. Student legal services provides legal counsel for students in certain situations (minor crimes, some civil issues, etc.)

      ii. 3.5 attorneys are now on staff – this is on par with other big 10 universities that are also ramping up their programs

         1. It is estimated that 5 attorneys will be needed to fully cover the needs of the student population

            a. Needs will grow as the knowledge of this service grows

      iii. Thought to leverage law students as part of the student legal services program by using some sort of return (employment, academic credit, etc.) to meet these increasing needs

         1. This issue has been brought up, and while 2 externship positions typically have gone to PSU law students, there is certainly room for improvement

      iv. This liaison position will be opening up – please contact Seth (spk181) or Nicole (nmb5273) if you are interested!

         1. Preferably, this position will be filled by a non-law student

         2. Time commitment is approximately 2 meetings per year

   b. Katie Kragh-Buetow : Health Insurance Advisory Board

      i. Passive renewal for our vision plan, which affects graduate fellows, graduate assistants and dependents

         1. There was a recent shift in the frames benefit plan from 24 months to 12 months die to incremental cost of $1.20 per ear, per person

         2. Now, there is talk of shifting back to a 24 month

         3. There would still be out-of-pocket costs for certain additions, but this plan would include: $100/year for frames

            a. Current plan is frames every 12 months with up to $60.00 allowance in-network

      ii. Given that no information has been distributed in advance for delegates to understand constituent thoughts on this topic, please poll your constituents and forward comments along to Alison (amy125), Morteza (karimzadeh@psu.edu) and Katie (kraghbueto@psu.edu) before next week

XIV. Report by the Advisor: Philip Burlingame

a. Congratulations to all those who are running for election or re-election!

XV. Judiciary Appointment: Danielle Rhubart, Brian Aynardi

a. Given that the Assembly has voted to accept the notification of Emily McLaughlin’s resignation from the Judiciary, it would be ideal to see at least 2 justices in place during elections

   i. The 3rd seat on the Judiciary will be available for appointment by the next President

b. President Rhubart appoints Alex Park as justice
i. Requires Assembly approval
ii. Alex Park is a law student who has been objective, has extensive knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order and is a general rock star
   1. Alex has been elected President of the Bar Association (CONGRATS!) but feels that he is willing and able to juggle these responsibilities with those of the Judiciary
   2. Justice appointments are effective until graduation
   3. Motion to approve Alex Park as Justice of GPSA (15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions) – motion carries
   4. Congratulations Alex!!
      a. Alex has officially resigned from his role as delegate

XVI. Open Forum
   a. Marika Merritt
      i. Grad Cup – Partners and non-students may not participate on teams for grad cup – a waiver will need to be filled our for all participants on the day of the event
      ii. Actively working with university groups (SPA and Student Activities) on possible events next year that are focused on graduate students in particular
   b. Justice Seth Kandl
      i. Please provide 1 week notice to the Judiciary before an amendment comes to the Assembly
      1. Technically, these amendments do not have to go through internal development, even though this has been an established practiced
      2. Please CC the internal development committee on any communication regarding constitutional or bylaw amendments
      3. Amendment will be sent to the VP on Monday to be distributed with the agenda, but the Judiciary must be notified at least 7 days before the meeting so that it can be disseminated and discussed at the following meeting
         a. 1 meeting required for discussion/vote on bylaw amendments
         b. 2 meetings required for discussion/vote on constitutional amendments

XVII. Adjourn
   a. Moved to adjourn by Jared Kephart, 2nd by Jesse Scot (11 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions)– motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

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Addendum I
GPSA Roll Call

P – present
P/R – proxy sent
A – absent
W – left early
L – late

Executive Board
Danielle Rhubart  P
Doug Whalen  P
Nicole Benevento  P
Courtney Davis  P
Phillip Burlingame  P

Faculty Senate
Enica Castañeda  A

Graduate Council
Brad Sottile  W
Nathaniel Porter  P
Morteza Karimzadeh  A
Doug Whalen
jeffrey masko  W

Agricultural Sciences
Alison Franklin  P
Erica Hildabridge  P

Art & Architecture
One delegate seat vacant

Communications
Enica Castañeda  -

Education
Carly Scarton  P
two delegate seats vacant

Dickinson School of Law
Alex Park  L
Alyssa Looney  P
Jared Kephart  L
Engineering
Andrew Goodyear  P
Luis Ocampo  P
1 delegate seat vacant

Smeal College of Business
James Fan  P
Matt Borzoo  P

Earth & Mineral Sciences
Jacob Hagedorn  A
1 delegate seat vacant

Liberal Arts
Kyler Sherman-Wilkins  P
Stacey Mitchell  P
1 delegate seat vacant

Health & Human Development
Jonathan Reader  P
Nicole Roberts  P

Information Sciences & Technology
One delegate seat vacant

International Affairs
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Nursing
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Eberly College of Science
Ayla Gafni  P
One delegate seat vacant

White Course Apartments
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Inter-College Degree Program
Char White  W
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At Large
Kevin Horne  P
Jesse Scott  P
Marika Merritt  P
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**Judiciary**

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Graduate Cup 2015 - Proposed Budget

We will not know the exact number of participants until Monday, April 6. We need to be able to move forward with all purchases immediately after the deadline. So we are asking for a flexible budget based on the number of people.

Last year there were around 250 participants and volunteers.

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*Technically this is part of the programming budget

GPSA End-of-Year Mixer — $1,000 — To celebrate achievements of this year and let new assembly and executive board get to know each other.