



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, March 23, 2016 | 6:00pm | 134 HUB-Robeson Center

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by the Executive Vice President at 6:08pm

II. Roll Call

- a. Please see Addendum I

III. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Moved to move Judiciary after new business by Brad Sottile, 2nd by James Fan – hearing no objections, so moved
- b. No objections to the adoption of the agenda as amended

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

V. Open Student Forum

- a. Nothing to report

VI. Report by the Treasurer: *Ayla Gafni*

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

VII. New Business

a. Bill 65-25 – Centre County PAWS visit (addendum II)

- i. This event will be publicized via Google form and Facebook group (and an awesome flyer attached to the newswire)
- ii. April 8th (Saturday)
- iii. Moved to approve by Brad Sottile, 2nd by Lily Hill (lzh157@psu.edu) – unanimous approval, see addendum III for roll call votes

b. Governing Documents

- i. Discussion regarding changes/amendments to the documents as presented
 1. Article X Section C in Bylaws and Article XIV Section C in Constitution have conflicting language
 - a. Should read 'Executive Board' rather than 'President'
 - b. Moved to strike Section C of Bylaws and renumber as necessary, 2nd by Marina Cotarelo – hearing no objection, so moved
 2. Lily Hill moved to vote as a slate, 2nd by Jesse Scott – hearing no objections, so moved
 3. Summer spending
 - a. Anything over \$750 should be approved by an assembly vote, but there is a percentage of the budget set aside for small, miscellaneous business (outlined in Article X Section B in Bylaws)

- b. Editorial correction by Brad Sottile: Article V Section B – ‘before’ to ‘through’, 2nd by Jesse Scott – hearing no objections, so moved
- 4. This has been an enormous effort and was very ambitious project – congratulations to Kevin for getting this accomplished!
- 5. Steven DiGrazia – point of clarification – what enforcement power does the executive board/judiciary have for ensuring delegate attendance and participation
 - a. Secretary will notify delegates and will automatically be brought up for removal if 2 out of 3 meetings are missed – the assembly then has the authority to remove that person from office
- 6. Amendment to make Grad Cup a subcommittee of the Student Affairs committee, listed under Article IV Section D of the Bylaws by James Fan, 2nd by Lily Hill – hearing no objections, so moved
- 7. Call the Question by Lily Hill, 2nd by Jesse Scott – approved as amended!
Thanks and congrats Kevin! See addendum III for roll call votes.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Student Concerns:** *Daniel Brenner*
 - i. In the process of putting together the survey into a Google form – will hopefully be included in the mass email in the next couple of days
- b. **Grad Cup:** *James Fan*
 - i. There are 18 teams signed up right now (with more than 10 people per team)
 - ii. If you would like to volunteer during the event, please email Lily (lzh157@psu.edu)
 - 1. Spouses/friends are free to volunteer if they so desire
- c. **Professional Development:**
 - i. Dissertation and Thesis Bootcamp is Monday (3/28) to Friday (4/1) with speakers lined up everyday for the lunch hour
 - 1. Please contact Christine Mosich (cvm5665@psu.edu) if you are free and willing to help during the week
- d. **Programming:**
 - i. We received a nice thank you letter from PAWS for the Gala donation last semester
 - ii. There are a set of rooms reserved for a series of events – please let Lily know if you are interested in any of these reservations. Otherwise, they will be canceled
 - 1. April 11-14: Monday, 3-7pm, Wednesday 7am-11am, Thursday 4pm-9pm
 - iii. The last meet the delegates event will be before the next Assembly meeting – 4:50-5:50pm
- e. **Publicity & Media:**
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. **Healthcare & Health Insurance:** *Alison Franklin*
 - i. Student Insurance Advisory Board meeting
 - 1. Final premium rates will be released shortly – Alison will write up a notice to release to the graduate student population
 - ii. Health Insurance waiver
 - 1. Waiting for feedback from other liaisons – hopefully there will be a statement at the last meeting for the GPSA assembly to vote on
- g. **Community Service:** *Jesse Scott*
 - i. Food drive did not go as planned

1. There was a conflict with Walmart and Walmart is already booked through the rest of April
 2. Other stores in the area have non-solicitation policies, so we cannot move forward on that end
 3. The committee will look forward to continue planning this next fall instead
- ii. Thank you for supporting the PAWS activity
- 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
- IX. Report by the President:** *Kevin Horne*
- a. Thank you for passing those governing documents!
 - b. Please consider running for positions for next year's Assembly/Executive Board!
 - c. Thanks for coming out for the President's Town Hall event
 - d. Capital Day – April 5th – let Kevin (kvh5130@psu.edu) know if you are interested in going!
- X. Report by the Executive Vice President:** *Anthony Christina*
- a. Contact Anthony (aoc5144@psu.edu) if you are interested in learning more about his position for the upcoming elections
- XI. Report by the Secretary:** *Courtney Davis*
- a. Please have articles for the GPSA newswire to Courtney (cld303@psu.edu) by Friday afternoon so that she can get it organized and sent out early Monday morning
- XII. Report by the Judiciary:** *Jeremy Johnson*
- a. Graduate Council vacancies
 - i. Alison Franklin is interested in serving for the rest of this year's academic term
 1. Resign from delegate position effective upon confirmation to Graduate Council
 2. Motion to approve through unanimous consent by Jesse Scott, 2nd by Lily Hill – hearing no objections, motion approved
 - b. Elections for 2016 Assembly and Executive Board
 - i. Need people to fill out the Intent to Run form for next year's assembly (<http://gpsa.psu.edu/2015-elections/>) – deadline has been extended to midnight of Wednesday, March 30
 - c. Judiciary will have at least 1 vacancy at the start of the next semester – please inform Judiciary (judiciarygpsa@gmail.com) and Kevin (kvh5130@psu.edu) if you are interested
- XIII. Report by Graduate Council:** *Brad Sottile*
- a. 'Scholarly and Professional Goals for All Graduate Students'
 - i. Common high-level goals for all graduate students at PSU
 - ii. Feedback is requested on the draft proposal document (including any feedback related to your own graduate program(s) (see Addendum IV)
 1. Please send feedback to gpsa@psu.edu by Sunday, April 3, 2016
- XIV. Report by the Liaisons**
- a. Sexual Violence and Harassment Prevention Task Force: *Marina Cotarelo*
 - i. Look in the newswire for the week of events
 - b. CCSG
 - i. New elections for CCSG have taken place

ii. New council meeting will be held on April 22-23

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

- a. Last board meeting was February 25-26, during which Kevin gave a great speech for shared governance
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvjgBPWVN94&feature=youtu.be>)
- b. Authorization of funds for access and security to recreation facilities was approved
- c. IM building expansion plans were also approved
- d. Approved strategic plan for 2016-2020

XVI. Report by the Advisor: *Philip Burlingame*

- a. New product has been released through a collaboration with PSU and USA Today – Penn State Buzz – free app for download, that includes breaking news updated from the Daily Collegian, USA Today and USA Today Collegiate
- b. House and Senate have passed the 7 billion dollar budget, which will go into law on March 28
 - i. PSU has a 5% increase in its previous appropriation
 - ii. Also include 2 million dollars for avian flu research
 - iii. Increase in budget for Penn State Hershey Medical as well
 - iv. Check out Penn Live for state government news

XVII. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. Christine Mosich – looking for volunteers for Graduate School success panel (approx.. 45 minutes) – please contact Christine (cvm5665@psu.edu) if you are interested
 - i. Event is April 4th 4:30-5:15pm
- b. Lily Hill – if you are interested in digital copies of Gala pictures, please contact Lily (lzh157@psu.edu)
- c. Website will be going through an overhaul with changes to the constitution and bylaws
- d. Director of fun announces that there will be drinks/dinner after the meeting tonight

XVIII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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	P
Nicole Benevento	E
Courtney Davis	P
Ayla Gafni	P
Phillip Burlingame	P

Faculty Senate

Azita Ranjbar	A
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Graduate Council

Brad Sottile	P
Morteza Karimzadeh	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	P
Daniel Brenner	P/R
1 delegate seat vacant	

Dickinson School of Law

Christina Gallagher	E
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Jessica Tully P/R

1 delegate seat vacant

Engineering

Jesse Scott P

2 delegate seats vacant

Smeal College of Business

James Fan P

Steven Di Grazia P

1 delegate seat vacant

Earth & Mineral Sciences

Yiming Zhang A

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 P

Information Sciences & Technology

1 delegate seat vacant

International Affairs

Jennifer Gibbs A

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 P

1 delegate seat vacant

At Large

Chao Su	A
Casey Millburg	A
Penina Backer	P
Hye Won Chai	P
1 delegate seat vacant	

Judiciary

Brian Aynardi	A
Alex Park	P
Jeremy Johnson	A

Bill/Resolution # 65-25

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



of the 65th Assembly

March 23, 2016

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Centre County PAWS Visit

Funding for guided tour of Centre County PAWS

(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 The mission of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), in striving to enrich
3 the experience of graduate and professional students, shall be to provide leadership, social, and
4 service opportunities to the graduate and professional student body; and Events and activities to
5 promote a sense of community among graduate and professional students and their families.

6 This bill would provide funding for an opportunity for graduate and professional students who
7 are interested in working with animals to get a guided tour of Centre County PAWS and learn
8 about the various volunteer opportunities they offer.

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10 **Recommended Course of Action:**

11 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the office manager to reproduce
12 fliers created by the Community Service Committee, using GPSA resources, for distribution to
13 members of the GPSA and for posting in graduate student offices.

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15 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the community service committee
16 to purchase the following items:

17 \$300.00 - Food: \$10 per person [up to 30 volunteers]

18 \$100.00 - 15 Passenger Van Rental: \$96 daily rental, \$0.18 per mile * ~20 miles

19 **Total:** \$400.00

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- 1 The funding for the 15 Passenger Van Rental will be utilized only if there is insufficient drivers
- 2 and vehicles available to transport. Interest and intention to participate will be able to sign up
- 3 through a google form that will include information for university travel forms and to arrange
- 4 transportation for all those able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

William Wright

Delegate, Eberly College of Science

Jim Fan

Delegate, Smeal College of Business

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

Addendum III: Roll Call Votes

Roll call vote	Bill #65-25	Legislation
Alison Franklin	Y	Y
Christina Gallagher	-	-
Jessica Tully	Y	Y
Jesse Scott	Y	Y
Adam Copeland	Y	Y
Stacey Mitchell	Y	Y
Veronica Anne Charbonnet	Y	Y
Alexander Murdoch	-	-
James Fan	Y	Y
Casey Milburg	-	-
Hannah Vanevery	Y	Y
Yiming Zhang	-	-
David Dopfel	Y	Y
Penina Backer	Y	Y
Will Wright	Y	Y
Hye Won Chai	Y	Y
Dan Brenner	Y	Y
Junxian Zhang	-	-
Steven Di Grazia	Y	Y
Chao Su	-	-
Jennifer Gibbs	-	-
Lillian Hill	Y	Y
Christine Mosich	Y	Y

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

Addendum IV: Scholarly and Professional Goals for All Graduate Students


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DATE: March 22, 2016
TO: Graduate Program Heads
FROM: Michael Verderame, Senior Associate Dean 
SUBJECT: **Feedback Requested** - Scholarly and Professional Goals for All Graduate Students

As leaders of graduate programs work to develop program-level student learning objectives, outcomes assessments, and program enhancement plans, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) expects that they will be guided in this important work by high-level goals applicable across the entire Graduate School.

This draft list of *Scholarly and Professional Goals for All Graduate Students* represents the collective work by the Graduate Council's Special Committee on Outcomes, Assessments and Program Enhancement (SCOAPE) and its Committee on Academic Standards. These goals were discussed extensively at the March 16 meeting of the full Graduate Council.

As a critical part of its deliberative process, the Graduate Council now seeks wide input from graduate education leaders.

As you review this document, please keep in mind the following important points:

1. Graduate education across Penn State is **uniquely diverse**: all graduate *research* education, and all graduate *professional* education (other than law and medicine) comes under the authority of Graduate Council. In total, this represents a combination of over 300 fields of study and degrees.
2. As originally delineated by SCOAPE, affirmed by Academic Standards and discussed by Graduate Council, there is uniform agreement that we need **one set of standards** that speaks to all of graduate education across the Graduate School.
3. Ultimately, every degree program will refer to the **broad framework** established in this document as it crafts its program-specific student learning objectives.
4. SCOAPE, Academic Standards and Graduate Council have endorsed the following **principles** for this document:
 - a. Each goal must be **inclusive** of all disciplines with graduate programs at Penn State, including the arts, humanities, social sciences, business, STEM, etc.
 - b. Each goal must reflect the best principles of learning assessment in that it must, to the fullest extent possible, enable each program to identify discipline appropriate learning objectives that are **measurable**.
 - c. Collectively these goals are **not intended** to articulate specific disciplinary student learning objectives. The creation of such detailed, specific learning objectives will be the work of the faculty of each graduate degree program

Graduate Council welcomes your input, with the understanding that Council must ultimately synthesize a final unifying document. Please submit any feedback to L-GRAD-DEANS-OFFICE@lists.psu.edu by Monday, April 4, 2016.

Please consult with your Graduate Council representative for insight into the rich discussion at the March 16 Council meeting. The membership list may be found at <http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/gradcouncil/council-membership/>.

The Pennsylvania State University Graduate Council Scholarly and Professional Goals for All Graduate Students

The goals for all graduate students enrolled in the Graduate School at Penn State are to:

1. Demonstrate appropriate breadth and depth of knowledge and comprehension of the major issues of their discipline;
2. Use disciplinary methods and techniques to apply knowledge, and – as appropriate to the degree – create new knowledge or achieve advanced creative accomplishment.
3. Communicate the current issues of their discipline effectively;
4. Demonstrate analytical and critical thinking within their discipline, and, where appropriate, across disciplines; and
5. Know and conduct themselves in accordance with the highest ethical standards, values, and best practices of their discipline where these are defined.