I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting was called to order by the President at 6:04pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Please see Addendum I

III. Adoption of Agenda
   a. No objections to the adoption of the agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes
   a. No objections to the approval of the October 21, 2015 minutes, as distributed.

V. Open Student Forum
   a. No discussion

VI. Special Presentation: Lawrence Lokman, VP for Strategic Communications
   a. Penn State offers many opportunities to students, faculty, and communities
   b. We need to work at all levels to make everyone aware and give everyone access to these opportunities
   c. Enrollment marketing is an important part of this effort
   d. Image marketing is crucial as well
   e. Focused on reputation growth to increase the value of the degree
   f. Emphasis on proactive media placement
   g. Pride building efforts and programs
   h. Consistent marketing and branding across the university through lockups and templates

VII. Report by the Treasurer: Ayla Gafni
   a. Updated committee budget plan was distributed with agenda (see Addendum III)
      i. Includes about $700 in expenses from Grad Cup 2015 that were paid in October
      ii. All items on today’s agenda are accounted for. We have about $5,000 leftover after all events that are currently planned for the year
   b. Co-sponsorships for Alexandra Levi did not come through
      i. SPA and Graduate School turned it down this time, but said they would like to help us in the spring if we bring in a bigger name
      ii. Total cost for that event was roughly $6000.
   c. The Graduate exhibition has asked us to provide pizza and soda for their information sessions in December.
      i. It will be around $400
      ii. We’ve done it for the past few years, and it helps with attendance

VIII. Report by the Vice President of External Affairs: Nicole Benevento
   a. Meeting with Transportation Services
      i. Brief overview of the program
      1. Started in 2001
2. Pass price paid by the University has actually gone up but not the part paid by employees
   ii. With current demand the program is not sustainable
      1. Do not want to cut other programs (i.e., bikeshare/carshare, regular maintenance to decks/parking, etc.)
   iii. Some option on the table
      1. Increasing the price of the program to consumers (i.e., employees and graduate students)
      2. Restrictions based on proximity to campus
      3. Offering 9-month passes to cut down on low usage in the summer months
iv. Challenges/things to consider
   1. CATA may increase prices if we increase consumer contribution
   2. If we do increase prices, how much?
      a. Employees average 24 rides/month (24x$1.75=$42); graduate students average 27 rides/month (27x$1.75=$47.25)
   3. All negotiations inherently have campus routes tied in (i.e., Loop and Link services)
   4. Some routes are already at capacity, adding or purchasing new buses is a significant cost
   v. Currently still negotiating with CATA

b. Upcoming events
   i. GSAS Reception with GPSA (11/6) – 5:30pm at Nittany Lion Inn!
   ii. GSAS Board meeting (11/7)
c. Questions regarding Ride for 5
   i. Can we have a tiered program with different prices for graduate students, faculty and staff?
      1. No, because that is a subsidy
   ii. What if we strengthened the shuttle services to reduce our dependence on CATA for links and loops?
      1. Not a feasible option

IX. New Business
   a. Vacancies
      i. Xiao Su, College of Education
         1. From Global Programs, works on orientation and outreach for international students
      2. Discussion:
         a. Great job everyone working to get more international students involved in GPSA
         b. Kevin Horne has met with Xiao and they have discussed how we can work together with Global Programs
      3. Approved by unanimous consent. Motion by Luis Ocampo, 2nd by Lillian Hill
   b. Bill 65-12 (see Addendum V)
      i. Presented by Keith CERS is a STEM specific version of the Graduate Exhibition put on by EGSC.
      ii. Students have opportunity to present their research and conference proceedings is peer-reviewed and published.
      iii. Monetary prizes to outstanding presentations
      iv. They are asking for $1,000 for lunch for participants
      v. This event is open to all graduate students with research related to STEM.
      vi. Discussion
1. Jim Fan – Participated last year from SMEAL, this is a great event
2. Jesse Scott – Great way to gain experience presenting research in a safe, unintimidating environment.

vii. Lillian Hill – Call the question, 2nd by Jesse Scott
viii. Result – Passes unanimously

**c. Bill 65-11 (see Addendum IV)**
i. Stacey Mitchell presents
   1. Bellefonte Victorian Christmas is a large festival December 10-13
   2. United Way tree decorating sponsorship costs $100
   3. Any delegates who are willing and able please donate
   4. The rest of the $100 will come out of the unrestricted funds
   5. We will decorate the tree with supplies we already have

ii. Questions
   1. Will there be a schedule for decorating?
      a. There will be a signup sheet
   2. This is a commitment of time to decorate in addition to a financial commitment

iii. Discussion
   1. There is plenty of money in the unrestricted fund for this

iv. Call the question – Luis Ocampo, 2nd by Jesse Scott
v. Result – Passes Unanimously
vi. Stacey will pass around signup sheet

**d. Bill 65-13 (see Addendum VI)**
i. Presented by Adam Copeland
   1. Free concert on April 29, open to everyone
   2. 5-6 acts that span various genres
   3. They are asking for $3,000 for food for artists

ii. Questions
   1. Does UPUA contribute
      a. Yes, $10,000 for middle agents
   2. How many graduate students go?
      a. We don’t have those statistics, but graduate students do go
      b. Around 15000 attend overall
   3. Other organizations contribute – ARHS, SPA, and others
   4. How many people will be fed?
      a. All workers who have anything to do with the performance
   5. There are other sources of funding for food

iii. Discussion
   1. Can we find out about why only $1278 was spent last year and how much was used in previous years?
   2. Can we get a more accurate number about what other sponsors will provide and how much of the $3000 will be used.
   3. Motion from Steven DiGrazio to table this discussion until more information is provided
   4. Call the question, Jesse Scott, 2nd by Lillian Hill
   5. Result: Motion passes unanimously

**e. Bill 65-14 (see Addendum VII)**
i. Presented by Kevin Horne
   1. GPSA Assembly retreat
   2. Room is booked in the Oak Building
   3. 9-2 pm on Sunday, November 15
   4. The food will cost no more than $750

ii. Questions
1. All money will be spent on breakfast and lunch
2. What are the activities
   a. Informal team-building exercises for members of Assembly, Exec Board, and Judiciary
iii. Discussion
   1. Healthy food options please!
   2. What was the origin of the retreat?
      a. These are valuable ways to get to know each other and talk about goals for GPSA
3. Call the question, Lillian Hill
4. Result: Passes unanimously, mod 1 abstention
f. Resolution 65-01 – Legislative Platform (see Addendum VIII)
   i. Presented by Kevin Horne
      1. Joint platform across 3 student governments
      2. Specific points to advocate for when asking legislators to support Penn State students
   ii. Questions
      1. No major changes since it was last presented
      2. UPUA is voting on this tonight, CCSG is voting at their next meeting
   iii. Discussion
   iv. Call the question, Jesse Scott, 2nd by Lillian Hill
   v. Move to approve by unanimous consent, no objections

X. Standing Committee Reports
  a. Student Concerns: Daniel Brenner
     i. New Chair! Dan Brenner
     ii. Main goals: Surveying students and addressing concerns
     iii. Fee to drop courses
  b. Grad Cup: James Fan, Lillian Hill
     i. Please let Jim (juf187@smeal.psu.edu) or Lily (lzh157@psu.edu) know if you are interested in planning this event
     ii. Tentative date is April 9, 2016
  c. Professional Development: Casey Millburg
     i. Nothing to report
  d. Programming: Lillian Hill
     i. Alexandra Levit
        1. Low turnout
        2. Very helpful for those who did attend
     ii. Gala
        1. Almost sold out!
        2. Delegates please return your unsold tickets and your money
     iii. Meet the delegates
        1. First time was 50% delegates, this was 27%
        2. Is there opposition to continuing these events?
        3. Next one is planned in Hammond, Kunkle Lounge for first meeting of semester
  e. Publicity & Media: Nicole Benevento
     i. Committee chair position is vacant. Email Anthony (aoc5144@psu.edu) if interested in serving
  f. Healthcare & Health Insurance: Alison Franklin
     i. Next meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 11 am in 315 HUB
     ii. Healthcare workshop events and healthy food event in the works
g. **Community Service: Jesse Scott**
   i. Thanks for signing up for tree decorating
   ii. Thanksgiving basket drive
      1. Donations of food or money are welcome
      2. Please solicit donations from your constituents
      3. This helps people who cannot afford thanksgiving dinner
   iii. Red Cross MSU-PSU Blood Donor Challenge
      1. We’re winning!
      2. GPSA drive on November 11, at Millennium Science Complex
      3. Please sign up or volunteer and tell your constituents
      4. Goal of 25 units
   iv. Spring/Summer Food Drive
      1. Time of greatest need for pantries
      2. Partner with supermarkets to ask people to purchase additional items to donate
      3. Reaches a broader donor base
      4. Need volunteers to collect donations at the supermarket
      5. This will be our large community service activity for the year

h. **Human Diversity: Luis Ocampo**
   i. Nothing to report
   
i. **PACCC:**
   i. Committee chair position is vacant. Email Anthony (aoc5144@psu.edu) if interested in serving

**XI. Report by the President: Kevin Horne**

a. Doctoral student zoning change
   i. Ph.D. and J.D. students changed to be zoned as professionals instead of students
   ii. The borough council approved with overwhelming support!
   iii. Next step is to bring it to the planning commission
   iv. Currently Master’s students are not included in the change
   v. Considerations are maturity, longevity, and income

b. Faculty Senate changes
   i. Now unlimited late drop credits
      1. Can only retake a course 3 times
      2. Drop/add period shortened
      3. Eliminated late drop fees
      4. Concern from the floor about the wisdom of this unlimited late drop

c. Alumni council met last week

d. GSAS meeting this weekend, four GPSA representatives will attend

e. Project Decision Review Board
   i. Rec hall, natatorium, and white building will now only be open to students
      a. Huge costs to create security measures, $7.5 million dollars
      b. Disagreements about where the money will come from

f. Governing Documents
   i. We will discuss them at the retreat

g. Tell Kevin about any issues you would like brought to the dean or VP of student affairs

h. Penn State strategic plan
   i. Soliciting comments and suggestions
   ii. Luis Ocampo is on the board of this

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

a. Nothing to report

**XIII. Report by the Secretary: Courtney Davis**
XIV. Report by the Faculty Senate: Azita Ranjbar
   a. Nothing to report

XV. Report by the Judiciary: Brian Aynardi
   a. Nothing to report

XVI. Report by Graduate Council: Brad Sottile
   a. Nothing to report

XVII. Report by the Liaisons
   a. Health insurance: Alison Franklin
      i. First meeting is next week

XVIII. Report by the Student Trustee: Allie Goldstein
   a. Next Board of Trustees meeting is November 19 – 20. All are welcome and encouraged to attend
      i. Check out http://www.psu.edu/trustees/ for more info!
   b. Please google “Penn State strategic plan”
      i. Let them know concerns by 5pm Monday

XIX. Report by the Advisor: Philip Burlingame
   a. Kudos to those who voted yesterday, if you didn’t you should vote next time

XX. Comments for the Good of the Order
   a. Alex Murdoch – TedX curator, hope to work with GPSA to make this a great event for graduate students as well as undergrads
   b. Lillian Hill - Author of Orange is the New Black cosponsorship possibility
   c. Ayla Gafni – Invite your friends to GPSA events

XXI. Adjourn
   a. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ayla Gafni

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Addendum I
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**Faculty Senate**

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**Graduate Council**

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jeffrey masko  
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Marina Cotarelo  
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**Agricultural Sciences**

Alison Franklin  
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**Art & Architecture**

1 delegate seat vacant

**Communications**

Jared LaGroue  
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**Education**

Karyn Rizzo  
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Daniel Brenner  
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Junxian Zhang  
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**Dickinson School of Law**
Christina Gallagher  A
Theresa DeAngelis  A
Jessica Tully  P

Engineering
Jesse Scott  P
Ashish Shah  A
Wenjie Fei  P

Smeal College of Business
James Fan  P
Alexander Murdoch  P
Steven Di Grazia  P

Earth & Mineral Sciences
Yiming Zhang  P
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Liberal Arts
Veronica Anne Charbonnet  P
Stacey Mitchell  P
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Health & Human Development
Adam Copeland  P
Hannah Van Every  P

Information Sciences & Technology
Dev Khare  A

International Affairs
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Nursing
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Eberly College of Science
Meridith Bartley  P
Jason Bernstein  P
Will Wright  P

White Course Apartments
Douglas Dooling, Jr.  E

Inter-College Degree Program
Lillian Hill  P
David Dopfel
1 delegate seat vacant

At Large
- Luis Ocampo
- Casey Millburg
- Penina Backer
- Hye Won Chai
- Chao Su

Judiciary
- Brian Aynardi
- Alex Park
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## Addendum II – Roll Call Votes

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GPSA Committee Budget Plans 2015-2016

This is a current plan for how the GPSA allocation will be spent, organized by committee. If an item is marked "completed," then that item has been paid for and the amount shown is the correct total. Otherwise, the amounts shown here are tentative activities and estimates. These plans are not definite until they are approved by a spending bill. Some programs and activities may be cancelled or replaced by new ideas. This document is intended for assembly planning purposes only, and should not be considered an official budget document.

* = New since last version,  SB = Spending bill on this week's agenda

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Bill # 65-11
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,

Sponsorship of Tree Decoration for the Festival of Trees
Support of the Centre County United Way
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

All committees of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) are tasked with the mission of “providing leadership, service, and social opportunities”. The Community Service Committee would like to pursue the mission of the GPSA by provide financial support and volunteer service to the Centre County United Way’s 21st annual Festival of Trees set for December 11-13, 2015. This initiative would allow for members of the GPSA to work collectively in serving the Centre County community in collaboration with the United Way.

The Centre County United way partners with local agencies to help provide vital services to families in need including “day care to children of working parents, health and safety courses, adoption services, and youth leadership programs, in addition to emergency services like food and shelter”. The Festival of Trees is a weekend-long event celebrating the holiday season which showcases a display of live trees decorated by local businesses and organizations for the community to enjoy. The GPSA’s participation in this event will provide a service and social opportunity to volunteers and foster connections with community organizations and their efforts.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Service Committee to utilize up to $100 of unrestricted funds (non-SAF) for sponsoring a live tree to be decorated and put on display at the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science & Technology (CPI) for the duration of The Festival of Trees. Proceeds will help support Centre County United
Way’s 35 Partner Agencies in their efforts to provide goods and services to the community at large.

The Community Service Committee asks for monetary donations from willing delegates in support of the $100 sponsorship fee, time donation by willing delegates in support of the creation of decorations, and social involvement by willing delegates in the decoration and cleanup of the tree. The $100 donation will reserve a 6-8’ live tree promoting the GPSA (by way of our decorations) to be displayed and later donated to a family in need assuming our assent.

Volunteers will be needed to create decorations, for tree decoration at CPI (Thursday, December 10th, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM), as well as for tree teardown at CPI (Sunday, December 13th, 4:15 PM -5:15 PM). There may be additional volunteer opportunities for this event based on Centre County United Way’s need.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Mitchell  
Delegate, College of the Liberal Arts

Jesse Scott  
Delegate, College of Engineering

President _____________________________  Affirm  Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association
Bill # 65-12

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,

EGSC Co-Sponsorship
Co-Sponsorship of the College of Engineering Research Symposium
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

The 13th Annual College of Engineering Research Symposium (CERS) will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at The Nittany Lion Inn on the Penn State University Park. The symposium provides a venue for graduate and undergraduate students in engineering and science to showcase their research via posters and oral presentations to a diverse audience of faculty, students, and industry representatives. At the conclusion of the event, research/travel grants are awarded to students in various paper and poster categories.

Last year, GPSA co-sponsored the CERS in the amount of $1,000 to help cover the cost of lunch for the participants. This financial support has been invaluable to the continued success of CERS and they have asked us to contribute again. The total cost of lunch is estimated to be $4,224. The remainder will be paid by the College of Engineering.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the co-sponsorship of this event in the amount of $1,000. These funds will be paid to Nittany Lion Inn to cover part of the cost of lunch and refreshments during the symposium.

The Graduate and Professional Student Association also agrees to publicize the event through the GPSA website, newswire, and social media.
Respectfully submitted,

Ayla Gafni
Treasurer

President _____________________________ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association
Addendum VI – Bill #65-13

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 ])

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**Recommended Course of Action:**

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

The Graduate and Professional Student Association commits to co-sponsor the event by providing financial support in the amount of $3,000 toward the cost of food for the performers. This amount will be payable directly to the caterer of the event.

Respectfully submitted,

**Adam Copeland**
Delegate, College of Health and Human Development
Bill #65-14

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,

Funding for GPSA Retreat
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association brings together a diverse group of graduate and professional students from all colleges to help improve student life at Penn State. GPSA has many new members who have great ideas and visions for the future of the organization, but there is not always adequate time to share these ideas at GPSA’s biweekly meetings. It is important to get GPSA members on the same page for the rest of the term, particularly members who joined us after the April 2015 elections or members who are new to student government and have not yet had an adequate educational transition.

Recommended Course of Action:

The GPSA will hold an educational retreat from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 15 at the Executive Education Building (Oak Building). All members of the Executive Board, Assembly, and Judiciary are invited to attend.

The GPSA authorizes the Executive Board to spend up to $750 on breakfast and lunch for members in attendance. The GPSA will provide an itemized list of food expenses following the retreat but will not spend more than $750, which is the maximum allowed by the Constitution. The total expense will depend on the number of attendees, which has not yet been determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horne
President

President ___________________________________________  Affirm  Veto

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The Graduate and Professional Student Association
Addendum VIII – Resolution #65-01

Resolution # 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,

Adoption of the Legislative Platform
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

GPSA has historically partnered with a number of organizations to advocate for increased state support for Penn State. One such event is Capital Day, where students, with the help of Penn State’s Grassroots Network and Alumni, meet with legislators in Harrisburg to advocate for increased state appropriations. However, during these meetings, too much focus is given to general appropriations rather than highlighting other legislative needs of the student body. Particularly, the needs of the graduate student body, which is generally unaffected by general state appropriations, is left out of these legislative efforts. A lack of a united student message leaves students without specific points or guidance for these discussions.

In March 2015, the three Penn State student governments formed the Penn State Legislative Outreach Commission. The purpose of this commission was to bring together all Penn State student stakeholders to develop a more effective and long-term plan for legislative outreach and to enhance our advocacy efforts when dealing with legislators and university decision makers. The Legislative Outreach Commission developed a united message that will represent the nearly 100,000 Penn State students across the Commonwealth. The Penn State Legislative Platform encompasses that united message and highlights the student body’s legislative priorities at the Federal, State, and Board of Trustees levels.

Recommended Course of Action:

The GPSA resolves to adopt the Penn State Legislative Platform, as drafted and recommended by the Legislative Outreach Commission [APPENDIX A]. This platform shall be presented at
meetings with legislators by members of the GPSA and shall be used in all relevant legislative outreach activities.

The GPSA charges the Department of Communications with disseminating the platform through appropriate channels.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kevin Horne**
President

The Graduate and Professional Student Association
## Federal Level:

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<td>Research Funding</td>
<td>Advocate for increased federal dollars toward graduate and undergraduate research appropriations across the Commonwealth, as well as increased dollars for equipment and facilities.</td>
<td>UPUA, CCSG, GPSA</td>
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<td>Pell Grants</td>
<td>Advocate that sufficient Pell Grants be available to use throughout the year, including the summer, as opposed to being limited to two semesters.</td>
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<td>Lender Requirements</td>
<td>Advocate for an amendment to the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act, to give students more options when searching for loans and discussing financial aid issues with higher education institutions. Advocate for the ability for students to refinance their loans to reflect current interest rate levels.</td>
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<td>No New Taxes</td>
<td>Advocate against any newly proposed taxes that would cause an increase in the overall cost of higher education including tangential costs (e.g. tax on meal plans, books, etc.)</td>
<td>UPUA, CCSG, GPSA</td>
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<td>Right to Self Insure</td>
<td>Advocate to the Legislature to allow student health plans in Pennsylvania the right to self insure</td>
<td>UPUA, CCSG, GPSA</td>
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<td>Increased Appropriations</td>
<td>Advocate for increased financial support for:</td>
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<td>- Student Tuition: Increased appropriations to reduce the cost of tuition</td>
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<td>- Mental Health Services: Use mental health resources as a selling point for higher appropriations</td>
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<td>- Student Entrepreneurship: Pushing one of Barron’s key initiatives in discussions with legislators as a selling point for higher appropriations</td>
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<td>PHEAA Relief</td>
<td>Advocate for financial relief to students who are not receiving their refunds from PHEAA due to the budget impasse in the Legislature.</td>
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<td>Representatives to Board of Trustees</td>
<td>membership on the Board of Trustees and have an end to the rotating seats between CCSG and UPUA so that both organizations have two student representatives on Board of Trustee committees. The additional student seat would be placed on the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee.</td>
<td>CCSG, GPSA</td>
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<td>Student Vote on Board of Trustees Committees</td>
<td>Advocate for student representative voting privileges on respective Board of Trustee Committees.</td>
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<td>Mental Health</td>
<td>Advocate for a larger allocation to mental health care across the Commonwealth.</td>
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