



Graduate and Professional Student Association

The Pennsylvania State University
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GPSA Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, September 9, 2015 | 6:00pm | 232 HUB-Robeson Center

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by the Executive Vice President at 6:03pm

II. Roll Call

- a. Please see Addendum I

III. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Amendment proposed by Kevin Horne: move that the Confirmation of Justice be placed under new business (item IX, g) – hearing no objections, so moved
- b. Amendment proposed by Kevin Horne: move that item VII be placed above the Report by Judiciary – hearing no objections, so moved
- c. Amendment proposed by Kevin Horne: move that all officer reports follow the President's report

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. No objections to the approval of the August 26, 2015 minutes, as distributed.

V. Special Presentation: *Mr. George Trudeau, Director of Center for the Performing Arts*

- a. Goal is to integrate art performances into the student curriculum and connect the arts with student affairs and student life
- b. Melissa Croushorn is the Student Engagement Manager (mac83@psu.edu) and is interested in helping us connect events to our studies and help further connections
 - i. For a list of upcoming events, please see: <https://cpa.psu.edu/events>
- c. Arts up – Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 12:00-5:00pm
 - i. This is a family friendly event to show off the Center with various concerts, demonstrations, lectures, tours, etc., and a performance by the Blue Band (the College of Arts and Architecture's marching band)
 - ii. All of these events are free! For a detailed schedule, please see: artsup.psu.edu

VI. Report by the Judiciary: *Brian Aynardi*

- a. We are in need of a third justice!
- b. If you have amendment or changes to the bylaws or constitutions, please get them to the Chair of the Internal Development Committee so that they can then be approved by the Judiciary
- c. There is an opening in Graduate Council – both Kathryn Falvo and Colleen Unroe have resigned from their positions due to other commitments
 - i. Sidharth Agrawal (soa5312@psu.edu) will fill one of these vacancies, as he was the person with the 2nd most votes outside of the elected body
- d. We are also in need of delegates! However, an individual cannot serve on graduate council and the assembly or executive board.

VII. Open Student Forum

- a. Call to Action to Stop Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment on Campus
 - i. Graduate students straddle the line between students and faculty
 - ii. As such, we should take it upon ourselves to help prevent this problem
 1. UPUA is planning on outreach programs that overhaul the first year experience, but this is not part of the graduate student experience
 2. We should work on including a presentation or information about available resources on campus
 3. Potential to host Safe Zone training, which would better inform individuals on how to have situations and work to make the University a safer environment
 4. The Task Force on this issue brought a lot of information to the table, but we need to make sure that these resources are available to graduate students
 - a. There is a Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Roundtable, on which is a GPSA representative
 - i. Meetings are also open to all – the Roundtable meets every Thursday at 10:00am in 131 HUB
 - ii. Potential to work with the Roundtable and co-sponsor events throughout the year
 - b. If you are a PSU employee, training will now also include an annual Sexual Abuse training session
 5. We can make resolutions to make a stand on this issue!
 - ii. As such, we should take it upon ourselves to help prevent this problem
- b. Coalition of Graduate Employees
 - i. The aim of this organization is to unionize graduate students
 - ii. GPSA should be aware of this and get information out to students regarding events, ongoing discussions and implications for what this might mean for the students and the University
 - iii. Perhaps it is not the best idea for GPSA to take a formal stance on this issue, as we represent both student employees as well as non-employees

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

- a. Business and Auxiliary Services Dinner (September 2)
 - i. Met and spoke extensively with the director of Transportation Services about Ride-for-five program
 1. The program was not originally designed to cover every individual graduate student, but rather to reduce the number of vehicles traveling to campus
 2. A lottery was used this semester due to the number of students applying (over 1000 new users)
 - a. Under the current cost structure: individuals pay \$5.00; Transportation Services pays \$37.00 (CATA is paid a total of \$42.00)
 - b. 1000 new students would incur a cost of \$333,000.00 for a 9-month pass
 - c. Transportation Services is self-funded and cannot reasonably cover these costs
 3. Director Rob DeMayo will speak to the Assembly this semester and further address this issue
 - a. Conversations are continuing about how best to approach the program next year and allowing for sufficient notice to users for any potential changes
 - ii. Advisory Council for Continued Excellence (September 3)

1. Penn State Values were approved by the President's Council on June 15
 - a. These were presented to the Board of Trustees on July 17
 - b. The soft launch of Values release is currently in progress (i.e., employee trainings, new student orientation, etc.)
 - c. Formal release is targeted for October 31
2. There is potential to release a follow up Values and Culture Survey
 - a. This is recommended for Fall 2017 to ensure that some of these recommendations have been put into existence
3. Future meetings will explore other possible topics up for discussion
- iii. Title IX Director Search – ongoing
 1. Campus visits for candidates will begin toward the end of September
- iv. Liaison appointments
 1. Thank to our newly appointed liaisons!:
 - a. Faculty Senate committee on Educational Equity and Campus Environment: Luis Ocampo
 - b. GSAS Board: Jonathan Fan
 - c. Legislative Outreach Committee: Jeremy Johnson & Casey Millburg
 - d. Movin' On Concert Series: Adam Copeland

IX. New Business:

- a. Open delegate vacancies
 - i. Interested individuals include:
 1. Those that have attended two consecutive Assembly meetings:
 - a. Casey Millburg, Law (running for at-large)
 - b. Dev Rishi Khare, College of IST
 - c. Hannah Van Every, College of Human Health & Development
 - d. Yiming Zang, Earth and Mineral Sciences
 - e. Doug Dooling, Law (running for White Course Apartments)
 - f. David Dopfel, Intercollege Degree Programs
 2. Those that have not yet attended two consecutive Assembly meetings:
 - a. Ling Yang, Bioengineering
 - b. Penina Backer, College of Human Health & Development
 - c. Hyewon Chai, College of Human Health & Development
 - d. Will Wright, Eberly College of Science
 - e. Lauren Randolph, Intercollege Degree Programs
 3. Everyone who is running for a position today is unopposed – if approved by a simple majority, then you are voted in!
 - a. Moved to approve as a slate by Jesse Scott, 2nd by Lillian Hill – hearing no objections, it is so moved.
 - b. CONGRATULATIONS!
 - c. All of the newly elected delegates are not eligible to vote on subsequent bills and the website will be updated!
 4. For those who are not eligible yet to be voted in, we will make a decision based on attendance of interested individuals on whether or not voting will occur at the next meeting (due to Yom Kippur)
 - ii. Graduate Council vacancies
 1. The Assembly can suspend the 7 day notice and advertisement period of the vacant Graduate Council position, if they feel that is appropriate
 1. So moved by Jeremy Johnson, 2nd by Jesse Scott

2. Hearing no objections, this rule is in suspension for the Graduate Council appointment only
- ii. As per our current Bylaws:
 1. ‘The Representatives to the Graduate Council shall work to establish general policies and procedures pertaining to graduate programs and research within the University. Representatives shall in a timely fashion report back on issues which come up within the Graduate Council to the Assembly and Executive Board of the Graduate Student Association’
 2. Two Graduate Council members have resigned from their positions due to other commitments
 - a. Sidharth Agrawal (soa5312@psu.edu) will serve as one member
 - b. There will be elections for the 2nd Council representative in the next meeting, assuming there is an interested individual
 - c. If you have questions about this position, please feel free to contact the Judiciary (judiciarygpsa@gmail.com) or one of the current Graduate Council representatives: Brad Sottile (bsottile@psu.edu), Jeffrey Masko (jam964@psu.edu), Morteza Karimzadeh (karimzadeh@psu.edu)
- c. Bill 65 – 01: Welcome Back Event
 - i. Please see Addendum II for Bill 65 – 01
 - ii. This event is a picnic at Sunset Park on Friday, September 18, starting at 6:00pm
 1. There is space for Frisbee, football, kickball, etc., and this will be a family friendly event!
 2. Advertising will be done in the newswire, on the calendar of events page, through the distribution and posting of flyers in common areas, etc.
 - a. Kevin has a list of all the graduate officers for the various departments – this could be a valuable resource to let people know about this and future events!
 3. Move to call the question by James Fan, 2nd by Jesse Scott
 - a. Please see addendum VI for roll call vote
 - b. Bill 65 – 01 passes (18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)
- d. Bill 65 – 02: Tailgate Spending
 - i. Please see Addendum III for Bill 65 – 02
 1. This bill represents an approximation of costs based on spending and attendance at last year’s tailgating events
 - a. Most events were limited to the 8pm games, when possible, as they are best attended
 - b. There is also potential to co-host tailgates with various departments/colleges/student organizations (i.e., Student Bar Association)
 - c. We currently have 2 volunteers with vehicles and parking passes available, in addition to the 4 tables and 2 tents purchased for these events last year by the Programming committee
 2. Discussion regarding these events as being a waste of money
 - a. Emphasis on social events but this reflects a lot of money being spent on events that are not well attended
 - i. Not a lot of graduate students go, but for those that do, it is a great opportunity to meet people!

- ii. Also, tends to be a great family friendly event (that has been featured in the Collegian)
 - 3. Move to call the question by Jeremy Johnson, 2nd by Jesse Scott
 - a. Please see addendum VI for roll call vote
 - b. Bill 65 – 02 passes (18 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention)
- e. Bill 65 – 03: Monthly Before GPSA Meeting Socials*
 - i. Please see Addendum IV for Bill 65 – 03
 - 1. This was designed to give students a means to meet their representatives and learn more about GPSA, in general
 - a. Food would be present in 134 HUB (meeting location) prior to the start of the meeting (beginning at 5:00pm) once per month
 - b. Delegates and Executive Board Members would be encouraged to attend to discuss issues of concern with their constituents
 - c. These events would be advertised to the entire university and there would be no obligation for students to stay for the meeting
 - d. This could also serve as a way to get student organizations and other groups (i.e., UPUA) to come and have discussions with GPSA members
 - 2. If there is no return on this investment, the Assembly could reevaluate this bill in 2 months (or at the end of the semester) and potentially cancel this expenditure – money would be set aside, but not necessarily tied to this line item
 - 3. Move to call the question by Jeremy Johnson, 2nd by Alexander Murdoch
 - a. Please see addendum VI for roll call vote
 - b. Bill 65 – 03 passes (17 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention)

* This bill has since been withdrawn by its sponsor. Please see Addendum VII for the formal withdrawal

- f. Bill 65 – 04: Office Manager Bill
 - i. Please see Addendum V for Bill 65 – 04
 - 1. Previously, the GPSA has hired a graduate student to serve as the Office Manager
 - a. Given recent discussions, it is apparent that the Assembly feels it would be appropriate to have one this year as well
 - i. The hiring process, however, takes a long period of time and must begin ASAP
 - b. This student would be paid \$10.00 per hour for an average of 10 hours per week (fluctuating between 8 and 12 hours depending on the week) for a total of 29 weeks, as calculated here
 - c. Funds are dispersed through wage payroll – this would be an at-will employee that would report to President but whose employment lies in the Office of Student Activities
 - d. Must this be a graduate student? In the past, it has been but if there is no one interested in the position, then it can be opened up to other students as well
 - 2. Move to call the question by Lillian Hill, 2nd by Alexander Murdoch
 - a. Please see addendum VI for roll call vote
 - b. Bill 65 – 04 passes (18 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention)

- g. Confirmation of Justice
 - i. The President is tasked with nominating Judiciary members
 - 1. Current Delegate and chair of the Internal Development Committee, Jeremy Johnson, as expressed interest in filling the third Justice position
 - a. Jeremy has already worked as Chair of the IDC to submit a complete revision of the Constitution and Bylaws to the President (way to go, Jeremy!)
 - b. Jeremy will also be forced to resign from his Delegate role if the nomination is approved by the Assembly
 - 2. A Justice serves for life, ultimately (or until they no longer decide to serve or until they are no longer a student)
 - 3. Moved to approve the nomination of Jeremy Johnson as Justice through unanimous consent by Jesse Scott, 2nd by Lillian Hill
 - a. Seeing no objections, it is so moved
 - b. CONGRATS Jeremy!
 - c. Please see Addendum VIII for Jeremy's official resignation letter

x. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Internal Development:**
 - i. Chair position is now vacant. Email Anthony (aoc5144@psu.edu) if interested.
- b. **Community Service:** *Erica Hildabridle, Jesse Scott*
 - i. Thank you to those who answered the call for volunteers at Freshstart!
 - ii. Currently working with Council of Lionhearts to request a co-sponsored community service activity with one their organizations
 - iii. Working with a Red Cross representative to ensure that our work is put to best use!
- c. **Student Concerns:** *Kyler Sherman-Wilkins*
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. **Grad Cup:** *James Fan, Lillian Hill*
 - i. These has been discussion about moving the event from the IM fields to the Business lawn
 - 1. The space would be free, but there would be a charge to open buildings up for bathroom access
 - ii. Thinking about new ideas for the event as well – if you have ideas, please contact Lily (lzh157@psu.edu) or James (juf187@smeal.psu.edu)
 - 1. Also, in need of committee members! Email if interested!!
- e. **Professional Development:** *Casey Millburg*
 - i. Casey Millburg (ctm175) has now assumed the Chair of this committee
 - 1. Preliminary ideas include:
 - a. Thesis & Dissertation Bootcamp
 - i. Publicity for this event will begin in the next week or so!
 - b. Professional photos/headshots
 - c. Career and Alumni Services event
 - d. Human Diversity (focusing on international students)
- f. **Programming:** *Lillian Hill*
 - i. Welcome Back Event: September 18th, 6:00-8:00pm, Sunset Park
 - 1. Pizza will be available and this will be a family friendly event
 - ii. Before Meeting Socials

1. Graduate Students will be invited to talk to the GPSA representatives before the meeting
 - a. This will take place for a total of 7 meetings between Fall and Spring Semesters from 5:00-6:00pm in the meeting room (134 HUB)
- iii. Tailgating Events
 1. There will be one tailgate per month, aside from the 1st Home Game
 - a. September 12th – Buffalo @12pm
 - i. 8am Tailgate – food at 10am
 - b. September 19th – Rutgers @ 8pm
 - i. 4pm Tailgate – food at 6pm
 - c. October 10th – Indiana @ 12pm (Homecoming)
 - i. 8am Tailgate – food at 9am
 - d. November 21st – Michigan – time not set
 2. December 5 (Championship game) – potential to have a Mixer at Champs for this
- iv. Winter Gala
 1. Tentative Date: November 14th, 7:00-10:00pm at the Penn Stater Hotel
 - a. Price for meals will be \$30.00 per person, so there will be a \$10.00 ticket fee
 - b. Half of ticket cost could benefit PAWS
 - i. However, we cannot host events where the primarily function is fundraising – w cannot have ticket sales benefit PAWS
 - ii. An alternative would be to lower ticket prices and have a suggested donation to PAWS or a donation jar available
 - c. Possible Cat/Dog Runway
 - d. Photo Booth
 - e. DJ
- v. Interdepartmental Mixers
 1. One per month:
 - a. September: Law School & Nursing & HUCK
 - b. October: College of Medicine & IST & Communications
 - c. November: HHD & Engineering & Education
 - d. January: Eberly College of Science & Arts and Architecture
 - e. February: Business & College of Ag & School of International Affairs
 - f. March: College of Liberal Arts & EM Science
- vi. Coffee Hours
 1. Are departments/colleges interested?
 - a. These could be organized for both Fall and Spring semesters
 - b. These can be a great opportunity to invite and meet with Deans of various colleges
 - c. Please contact Lillian (lzh157@psu.edu) if you are interested in hosting!
- vii. Possible Speakers
 1. Alexandra Levit
 - a. Approximately a \$5000 cost
 - b. Writer for NY Times
 - c. Author of ‘They Don’t Teach Corporate in College’

- d. Producer of JobSTART 101 (free online course for college students and recent graduates that introduces the professional skills necessary for entry-level positions)
 - 2. Jeff Bauman
 - a. Approximately \$10000 cost
 - b. Boston Marathon survivor
 - c. Author of ‘Stronger’ – a memoir about the vent and his life after
 - d. Could be potential to co-sponsor with other organizations to offset costs
 - 3. Dr. Amber Jenkins
 - a. Approximately \$5000-10000 cost
 - b. Editor of NASA’s Global Climate Change website
 - c. Has been unresponsive thus far
 - viii. Potential other events with Graduate Student Organizations
 - 1. Multicultural Week (pair with Human Diversity)
 - a. Culminating with 1st Annual World Food Event
 - 2. Tailgates
 - ix. Other potential events
 - 1. Wine Tasting
 - a. GPSA would provide food and transportation
 - 2. Poker Tournaments
 - a. Reserve location, provide equipment and food
 - b. Charity tournaments – buy in amount?
 - c. Prizes for winner
 - 3. Trivia Nights
 - 4. De-stress Day
 - a. Puppies, sweets and coffee
 - x. Free events
 - 1. Arboretum Tours
 - a. Scheduled twice a semester, if interest is generated
 - 2. SPA funded events
 - a. They have been added to the GPSA calendar of events here:
<http://gpsa.psu.edu/calendar-of-events/>
 - g. **Publicity & Media:** *Nicole Benevento*
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - 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
 - j. **Healthcare & Health Insurance:** *Alison Franklin*
 - i. Website updates are in progress
 - ii. Look for an email within the next week or so about an upcoming committee meeting
 - iii. Graduate School will also be contacted in the near future regarding health insurance workshops to be held this year
 - iv. If you have other ideas for Alison, please contact her at amy125@psu.edu
- XI. Report by the President:** *Kevin Horne*

- a. Thanks, everyone for attending the meeting (in the ballet studio...). Meetings will resume in 134 HUB for the rest of the semester
- b. More information to come about an Assembly Retreat in October
- c. UPAC is welcoming applications for membership
 - i. This is a board that allocates \$4 million of the Student Activity Fee and is made up entirely of students
 - 1. There are currently 4 seats for graduate students, but only 1 is filled
 - ii. Please visit <http://pennstateupac.org/> for more details
- d. Student Borough Advisory committee
 - i. Joint effort with UPUA to work on issue within the Borough pertaining to students and student life
 - 1. Desirable graduate student housing downtown State College in currently limited
 - 2. Graduate students are zoned similar to undergraduates under the general 'student' designation, which limits downtown housing
 - a. Interest in changing graduate student zoning to professional rather than student status
 - b. The Council is interested in taking p this issue, but we need your help!
 - c. Please fill out the survey below and share it with your colleges and student networks!
 - i. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/psuphd>
 - ii. If you have any further questions, please contact Kevin Horne (kvh5130@psu.edu)
- e. Transportation Services will be giving a special presentation at an upcoming Assembly meeting!
- f. Graduate Student Union
 - i. The issue is exceptionally complicated
 - ii. As President of GPSA, it is Kevin's stance to serve as a conduit of information regarding events, updates, and implications of this issue without taking an official stance
 - 1. The Assembly could decide to make a formal stance, if so desired, through a resolution
 - iii. The Graduate School has suggested GPSA hosting workshop-type events to educate people more on this issue
 - 1. Potential to bring in a speaker to an Assembly meeting to ensure that GPSA members are well informed about this topic, as well
- g. Resolutions
 - i. Resolutions provide support and guidance to Kevin and other GPSA members in meetings with officials and administration about various issues
 - 1. Our job is to speak on behalf of all graduate students, and this can be most efficiently done through the use of resolutions
 - 2. There have been few resolutions made by the Assembly in the past 2 years, so output is highly encouraged over this next term
 - 3. A student government should be advocating for policy changes
 - 4. Delegates – it is up to you to bring resolutions forward

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

- a. Please send agenda items and bills to Anthony (aoc5144@psu.edu) no later than the Sunday before an Assembly meeting

XIII. Report by the Treasurer: *Ayla Gafni*

- a. Email was sent to committee chairs asking for proposed (non-binding) budget
 - i. Large expenditures will be presented before the Assembly
 - ii. Budget plans will be put on the website, in addition to spending allocations that have been previously approved
 - 1. On spending allocations, the amount listed is the maximum amount, but any of that money not spent for the event gets put back in the larger pot of money

XIV. Report by the Secretary: *Courtney Davis*

- a. If you have suggestions or comments about the new Newswire format, please contact Courtney (cld303@psu.edu)
 - i. Newswires will be distributed on a biweekly basis, unless otherwise necessary
 - ii. Please send articles or events for the Newswire to Courtney (cld303@psu.edu) or the GPSA Newswire account (gpsanewswire@gmail.com) no later than the Friday afternoon before its distribution
- b. Graduate & Professional Student Highlights
 - i. Would like to collect at least 2 articles from each college (delegates, I am looking at you) that detail highlights from your college/department/program
 - 1. The goal is to connect students across the university and make students aware of all that is going on!
 - ii. Courtney will be sending ideas and examples to you in the next couple of weeks, but please start thinking about this now!
 - 1. Articles will be due December 1, 2015
 - iii. The Executive board will also write articles detailing the GPSA's role in advocating for students over the past semester

XV. Report by the Faculty Senate: *Azita Ranjbar*

- a. Nothing to report.

XVI. Report by Graduate Council: *Jeffrey Masko, Brad Sottile, Morteza Karimzadeh*

- a. Nothing to report.

XVII. Report by the Liaisons

- a. Nothing to report.

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

- a. Description of the Committees of the Board of Trustees
 - i. There are 7 standing committees:
 - 1. Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life
 - 2. Committee on Audit and Risk
 - 3. Committee on Compensation
 - 4. Committee on Finance, Business and Capital Planning
 - 5. Committee on Governance and Long-range Planning
 - 6. Committee on Legal and Compliance
 - 7. Committee on Outreach, Development and Community Relations
 - ii. There are 5 subcommittees:
 - 1. Subcommittee on Architect/Engineer Selection
 - 2. Subcommittee on Finance
 - 3. Subcommittee on Human Resources
 - 4. Subcommittee on Legal
 - 5. Subcommittee on Risk
 - iii. There are also ad-hoc committees formed when necessary
- b. Board meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend!

- i. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17 (consists of committee meetings) and Friday, September 18 (full board meeting)
- ii. For more details, please see <http://www.psu.edu/trustees/index.html> or contact Allie (asg206@psu.edu)

XIX. Report by the Advisor: *Philip Burlingame*

- a. We are lucky to have the advice and support of Allie!
- b. Commend Kevin for inviting tonight's guest speaker for a discussion on the arts
 - i. Graduate students are under a high amount of stress, and art can provide a productive avenue through which to distress!
 1. Perhaps there would be interest in shaping programming events around the arts
 - a. Tour of the Palmer Museum
 - b. Graduate students meet the case of a production
- c. Folks at the university are working on developing a model lease with borough officials and landlords to avoid idiosyncratic leases
- d. Student Activity Fee support free legal advice and service for students
 - i. Perhaps, we could organize an invite that would benefit students who have to deal with issues like immigrations law, the expungement of criminal records, international marriage laws, etc.

XX. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. Would there be a general interest in hosting a food fair where graduate students could try different foods, seek counseling on eating disorders, etc.
 - i. Look for a bill in the coming Assembly meetings regarding this! There is potential to co-sponsor with other international student organizations on this, as well.
- b. Delegates are encouraged to think of ways to spend the budget. The executive board can help connect you and guide you, but we cannot do the planning for you!
- c. Look at the calendar of events on the GPSA website (<http://gpsa.psu.edu/calendar-of-events/>) and share with your constituencies!
- d. If you have additional questions about the Special Guest Presentation, or how you can get more involved with these sorts of initiatives, please contact Jesse (jus121@psu.edu)

XXI. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

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	P/W
Courtney Davis	P
Ayla Gafni	P
Phillip Burlingame	P

Faculty Senate

Azita Ranjbar	P/W
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Graduate Council

Brad Sottile	A
Morteza Karimzadeh	A
jeffrey masko	A

Agricultural Sciences

Alison Franklin	A
Erica Hildabridle	A

Art & Architecture

One delegate seat vacant

Communications

Jared LaGroue	A
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Education

Karyn Rizzo	A
two delegate seats vacant	

Dickinson School of Law

Christina Gallagher	A
Theresa DeAngelis	P/W
Jessica Tully	P

Engineering

Jesse Scott L
Ashish Shah L
Wenjie Fei P

Smeal College of Business

James Fan P
Alexander Murdoch P
1 delegate seat vacant

Earth & Mineral Sciences

2 delegate seats vacant

Liberal Arts

Veronica Anne Charbonnet P
Stacey Mitchell P
Jeremy Johnson P

Health & Human Development

Adam Copeland A
1 delegate seat vacant

Information Sciences & Technology

One delegate seat vacant

International Affairs

One delegate seat vacant

Nursing

One delegate seat vacant

Eberly College of Science

Meridith Bartley P/W
Jason Bernstein P/W
One delegate seat vacant

White Course Apartments

One delegate seat vacant

Inter-College Degree Program

Lillian Hill P
2 delegate seats vacant

At Large

Kyler Sherman-Wilkins A
Luis Ocampo A

1 delegate seat vacant

Judiciary

Brian Aynardi

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Alex Park

P

Bill # 65-01

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



**of the 65th Assembly
September 9, 2015**

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**Welcome Back Event
Funding for a Welcome Back Event for Graduate Students
(Decided: [Y / N / A])**

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Our Constitution states that part of GPSA's mission is to provide programming events to enrich
4 graduate student life at Penn State and to create a sense of community across various graduate
5 departments. GPSA should begin the new school year by showing its support for graduate and
6 professional students by holding a welcome back event to benefit its constituency. This event
7 will also allow graduate students to network with their colleagues.

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9 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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11 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the programming committee to
12 purchase the following items for an event on September 18, 2015 from 6 to 8pm, that will be held at
13 Sunset Park (850 McKee St, State College, PA 16803) :

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15 Pizza: \$200

16 Plates, napkins and cups: \$50

17 Drinks: \$30

18 **Total: \$280**

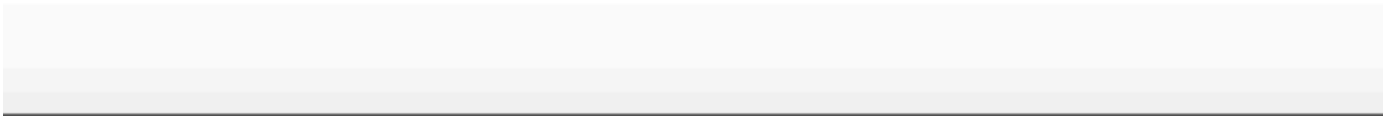
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Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Z. Hill
Delegate, Inter-College Degree Programs

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association



Bill # 65-02

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



of the 65th Assembly
September 9, 2015

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Penn State Home Football Game Tailgates: Social Event
Funding for Tailgate
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 Part of the GPSA's mission is to provide programming events to enrich graduate student life at
4 Penn State. Tailgates provide a welcoming atmosphere for graduate students from across all
5 disciplines to connect with each other and enjoy the Penn State University community.

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7 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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9 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the programming committee to
10 purchase the following items for 4 tailgates (dates outlined later).

11

12 September 12th – Buffalo – 12pm [8am Tailgate] - \$400 for food*

13 September 19th – Rutgers – 8pm [4pm Tailgate] - \$800 for food**

14 October 10th – Homecoming – Indiana – 12pm [8am Tailgate] - \$800 for food**

15 November 21st – Michigan – Time Not Set - \$400 for food*

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17 Total: \$2,400

18

19 *Based on previous year's estimate for a low expected count of people

20 **Based on previous year's estimate for a high expected count of people

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Z. Hill
Delegate, Inter-College Degree Programs

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

Bill # 65-03

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



of the 65th Assembly
September 9, 2015

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Monthly Before GPSA Meeting Socials
Funding for social event before fortnightly GPSA meetings
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

2 From what I interpret part of the GPSA's mission is to be an engaging graduate student
3 government that invites students to come and participate in our fortnightly meetings. I feel that a
4 social event held before the meeting would encourage student to stay for the meeting.
5

6 **Recommended Course of Action:**

7 The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the programming committee to
8 purchase the following items for monthly before meeting socials that will be held from 5-6pm
9 before our fortnightly meetings (Total of about 7 meetings).
10

11 Pretzels/Chips - \$100

12 Water/Gatorade - \$500

13 Sandwiches - \$275 X 7 = \$3,850 [More specific breakdown attached]

14 Total = \$4,450

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Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Z. Hill

Delegate, Inter-College Degree Programs

President _____

Affirm

Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

Before Meeting Social:

- Sandwich breakdown
 - Subway
 - 7 platters of 15 piece sandwiches – 64 people - \$238
 - 15 piece platters - \$34
 - Serves 8
 - Cookie Plater (3 dozen cookies) \$18
 - Total for each meeting: \$256
 - Jimmy Johns
 - 4 platters of 30 piece sandwiches – 64 people - \$218
 - 30 piece platters - \$53
 - Serves 16
 - Cookie Tray (2 dozen cookies) \$24
 - Total for each meeting: \$242

Bill/Resolution # 65-04

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



of the 65th Assembly
September 9, 2015

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Office Manager Bill
Authorizing funding for a GPSA Office Manager
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

1 **Nature of the Situation:**

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3 The GPSA has traditionally hired a graduate and professional student to assist the organization in
4 its day-to-day operations. The GPSA Office Manager is responsible for assisting the GPSA
5 Executive Board in the fulfillment of assigned tasks, including preparation for meetings;
6 maintaining the GPSA Facebook and Twitter accounts; maintaining the GPSA email accounts
7 and answering or forwarding correspondence where appropriate; updating the GPSA website;
8 organizing and maintaining the GPSA office to reflect an inviting and professional environment;
9 and holding regular office hours in the GPSA office at least two days a week.

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11 The GPSA Office Manager has traditionally worked the university maximum 20 hours per week.
12 Recognizing the desire to become more fiscally responsible, the GPSA recommends the
13 following course of action.

14

15 **Recommended Course of Action:**

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17 The Graduate and Professional Student Association Executive Board shall solicit applications
18 and hire a graduate or professional student to serve as its office manager for the 2015-2016
19 academic year. The office manager shall be paid \$10 per hour worked. The office manager will
20 be authorized to work up to 20 hours per week, depending on workload, with the expectation that
21 he or she will work up to an average of 8 hours per week during non-Assembly weeks and up to
22 an average of 12 hours per week during Assembly weeks.

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- 1 The office manager shall be required to submit an activity summary to the GPSA Executive
2 Board at the end of each month with a list of work completed and a time card to the GPSA
3 Treasurer every two (2) weeks.
4
5 The expected total expense of \$2,900.00 based on \$10.00 per hour * 10 hours * 29 weeks.
6 The maximum authorized amount that may be distributed as wages for an office manager is
7 \$3,500.00.
8

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Scott
Delegate, College of Engineering

President _____ Affirm Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association

Addendum VI: Roll Call Votes for Bills 65-01, 65-02, 65-03, 65-04

Y : in favor N : opposed A : abstention - : not present

Delegate	Bill 65 - 01	Bill 65-02	Bill 65-03	Bill 65-04
	Welcome Back Event	Football Game Tailgates	Before Meeting Socials	Office Manager
Alison Franklin	-	-	-	-
Erica Hildabridle	-	-	-	-
Jared LaGroue	-	-	-	-
Christina Gallagher	-	-	-	-
Theresa DeAngelis	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jessica Tully	Y	Y	N	Y
Meridith Bartley	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jason Bernstein	Y	Y	Y	Y
Karyn Rizzo	-	-	-	-
Jesse Scott	Y	Y	A	Y
Ashish Shah	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wenjie Fei	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adam Copeland	-	-	-	-
Lillian Hill	A	Y	Y	Y
Stacey Mitchell	Y	Y	Y	Y
Veronica Anne Charbonnet	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jeremy Johnson	Y	N	Y	N
Alexander Murdoch	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Fan	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kyler Sherman-Wilkins	-	-	-	-
Luis Ocampo	-	-	-	-
Casey Milburg	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dev Khare	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hannah Vanevery	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yiming Zhang	Y	Y	Y	Y
Doug Dooling	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Dopfel	Y	Y	Y	Y

Addendum VII: Formal withdraw of Bill 65 – 03

9/10/15

To Whom It May Concern:

As the author of the Spending Bill 65-03, I would like to request that the bill is withdrawn due to incorrect calculations. I plan to re-write the bill with correct calculations and I apologize that the issue was not caught beforehand.

Thank you for your understanding,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lillian Z. Hill". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Lillian Z. Hill

Addendum VIII: Formal resignation of Delegate Jeremy Johnson

September 9, 2015

To: Kevin Home, President, Graduate and Professional Student Association

From: Jeremy R. Johnson, Delegate, College of Liberal Arts

CC: Anthony Christina, Executive Vice President of GPSA

RE: Resignation of Office

Kevin,

Effective as of my confirmation as a Justice on the Judiciary of The Pennsylvania State University Graduate and Professional Student Association, I hereby resign my position as a delegate from the College of Liberal Arts. Concurrently with that I am resigning my position as Chairman of the Internal Development Committee. I will be maintaining my membership on the Legislative Outreach Commission.

Sincerely,

Jeremy R. Johnson, Delegate, College of Liberal Arts