**Graduate and Professional Student Association**

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| GPSA 69th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, October 2, 2019 | 6:00 pm | 108 Wartik |

**Action Items**

* + - Claire would like to have make sure you all communicate with your Associate Dean for Graduate Education of your college
    - Please be involved and active in your committees
    - Liaison Positions will be posted on the website

**Legislation Passed**

* + - Bill 69-09: Graduate Student Pottery Decorating
    - Bill 69-10: Fall Social Hour
    - Bill 69-11: Fall Professional Head Shots

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order - 6:00PM
2. Roll Call - Addendum I
3. Adoption of the Agenda - Adopted and Seconded
4. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 9/18 - moved and seconded
5. Open Student Forum
6. Special Presentations— Dr. Katharine C. Staley, Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
   * + CAPS Services and the Red Folders
     + Katherine talks about grad school and the mental health issues it can cause
     + She talked about her grad school experience and how it shaped and molded her into the person she is now
     + Talked about the challenges of Grad School that can lead to stress such as Finances, Time management, support and living on your own
     + Communication for Teachers is need to the students
     + Be clear about expectations to your students, be responsible of what your report and don’t avoid talking to a student
     + There is 5-6 week wait for CAPS for individual services
     + This 5-6 week wait is because of the amount of students at University Park
     + If interested in Lobbing for CAPS please have lobby for CAPS to all be in one building
     + Very difficult to manage 3 different spaces
     + Please pass along the information of CAPS to students
     + If urgent we will see them that day or the next day
     + Please help refer that student if the student shows signs of potential mental health
     + Please remember you can be the factor to help better a student if they seem to have issues keeping up in class
     + If you have a difficult situation with a student please see that student in person
     + Continue to support that student if they have issues
     + Send email reminders to students to come to class if they show signs of distress and not going to class
     + Place 100% of your attention on that student that is in need of distress in face to face interactions
     + You can call CAPS if you concerned about a student
     + What does CAPS do - Offer Ice Hacks, CAPS chat, Weekly drop ins, session clinics, rapid access urgent issues and provide short term individual counseling.
     + Call 814-863-0395 for scheduling and screening call
     + PSU Crisis hotline 1-877-229-6400
     + Crisis Textline - Text LIONS to 741741
     + Red Folder - Has the resources for when you are teaching your classes to helps students
     + Behavior threat management team - if someone is on the radar for potential threats for themselves
7. Executive Officer Reports
   1. President—Claire Kelling
      * Career Exploration workshop - please attend
      * White Course Apartments rate for one room in a quad is $900. We will have a meeting about this with senior leaders.
      * Stipend equity report is promised to me by the end of the week
      * The Governor is hosting a food security event in Harrisburg next Tuesday from 9:30-5pm need a GPSA representative there if possible
      * Please communicate with your Associate Dean for Graduate Education of your college
      * Please be involved and active in your committee
   2. Vice President—Charles Tierney
      * Looked over the agent for food security and there will be programs and presentations for this event and network as well
      * Liaison positions will be posted on the Website
      * The national relation labor board talked unionizing when I went to the meeting
      * You have 60 days to leave a comment at [regulation.gov](http://regulation.gov)
   3. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
      * If you have reimbursements for events
      * We have not received your allocation

d. Secretary—Fuzzy Williams-McKenzie

* + - You have new name tags
    - If you name is spelled incorrectly please let me know
  1. Faculty Senate—Star Sharp - Has not Met
  2. Graduate Council—Alexander Wilson-Heid - N/A - have not met

1. New Business
   1. New Delegate Confirmations
      * Adilson Gonzalez M. - At-Large - Wants to have an impact in the people that he interacts with and also likes how GPSA tackles issues
      * Diego Hernandez - Liberal Arts - Wants to push for advocacy in diversity and conclusion and interested in eliminating the GRE which he have done in his department and is interested in advocacy committee
      * Nicole Strock - Health and Human Development- wants to contribute to the conversation and is interested in professional development committee
      * Renato Guadamuz - At -Large - Involved in different committees and wants to get more human interaction and the professional development committee, outreach committee
      * Kshitij Dawar - EMS- Wants to hear the voice of my college (EMS) and is interested in professional development committee
      * Chloe McGuire - Libral Arts - Involved with Diego in GRE, advocacy and diversity
      * Vieux Toure - At Large - from Senegal and wants to join GPSA due to lack of diversity and is interested in advocacy
      * Question by Alex W. H. - Do you think you can recruit in your college with being 4th and 5th year grad student ? - Diego H. - Yes the experience to pass down knowledge is
      * Claire - A lot of at large people, we do need help in advocacy and diversity, a lot of energy to give is why these people are here. I have confidence in everyone
      * We can have 5 at Large and if everyone is confirmed we will have 4 out 5
      * Motioned moved to have for unanimous consent to have all delegates confirmed

* 1. Bill 69-09: Graduate Student Pottery Decorating
     + Wants to give GPSA a since of community to help students destress
     + 2000 degrees will be the place where this happens
     + Pottery vouchers is $15 x 40= $600
     + Studio Reservation (Per Person): $6x40= $240
     + Total is $840
     + Date will be October 24th
     + Tickets can be sent out in a google form
     + Ticket Prices range from $6-$25
     + Good idea to have o]in the weekend and one on the week day
     + Guaranteed space for 20 people
     + Alex Z. - the language should be changed in the bill to a more broad days such as later days in Late October
     + Motion moved to admen the bill to "2 later dates in Late October"
     + Motion made to amend time to the evening and seconded
     + Motion to amend the capitalize the “D” in 2000 degrees in the bill
     + Motion made to 20 grad students per night
     + Line 14 to change to “graduate students” to “graduate and professional students”
     + Motion to approve by unanimous consent and passed

* 1. Bill 69-10: Fall Social Hour
     + Try to bring together graduate and professional students together
     + Room reservation fee: $150
     + Nacho Bar: $125
     + Veggie Tray (v): $100
     + Skillet Fries (gf): $75
     + Wrap Bites: $100
     + Non-alcoholic beverages: $65
     + Subtotal: $615
     + Gratuity (18%): $110.70
     + Total: $725.70
     + Happy hour event will happen at CAFE 210
     + Dietary accessibility for those in need will be considered
     + Everyone has to be 21 and above
     + Exam Week for Some students must be considered- Jasper Cannon
     + Not much flexibility with the the date
     + Motion made to change the time to 5-7PM from 5:30-7:30PM
     + Motion to capitalize “programming committee” in line 12
     + Motion to delete the “th” in line 14
     + Menu options will be in the slack, If there is something you don’t like in the menu please contact Grace Usher
     + Paying for this across different credit cards and will be reimbursed later
     + Motion to approve legislation by unanimous consent

* 1. Bill 69-11: Fall Professional Head Shots
     + Michael Davis will be the photographer
     + Photography Service: $800 ($125/hour x 6 hours + $50 set up fee)
     + HUB set up fee: $140 ($70/day)
     + Facebook Advertising: $60
     + Total: $1,000
     + Looking to book rooms in the HUB
     + Is there a need for Facebook advertising ?- $60 will go to advertising
     + Jasper Cannon -6 hours is long will this be useful and will it fill up? - Brianne Pragg: Yes it Will
     + Motion made in Line 15 remove in November 4 ”th”
     + Motion to approve by unanimous consent

* 1. Resolution 69-01: Constitutional Amendment: Faculty Senators
     + In the past we had both of our faculty senators by GPSA
     + Propose to change the voted GPSA faculty senator to not be a voting member of the GPSA executive board
     + Faculty senators have never voted
     + We will revisit at next assembly meeting on the 16th

1. Reports
   1. Speaker of the Assembly – Terry Torres Cruz
      * Bills and resolution to to be sent to me by the Saturday of assembly by 8AM
      * If you need more time please let me know
      * Need to submit 72 hours before assembly
      * When we have resolution you should discuss this with your colleges
      * The further you get it to us the quicker we can get it back to you
   2. Committees
      1. **Advocacy and Human Diversity – Amanda Burton**
      * If any if the new delegates are interested in joining please let me know
      * We are trying to get the new GRE policy out in 8 days
      * Leave of absence policy as well we are trying tot get out
      1. **Professional Development – Rob Griggs (Hannah Nolte spoke in place of Rob)**
      * Meetings are at 7PM on Thursday
      * If you have any new idea please let us know
      1. **Programming – Arghajeet Saha**
      * Selected events for the events that got approved are on the way
      * Wanted to present the TED Bill today but couldn’t get TED to response on time
      * We Will discuss tailgate game
      1. **Community Service – Trevor Bero**
      * We will have a Bill coming up for PSU-MSU blood drive challenge
      * If you are interested please talk to us on Slack
      * Individuals projects : Blood Drive , Steven - Helping the homeless
      1. **Internal Development – David Dopfel**
      * If you haven’t read the constitutional development we will be voting on this in the next meeting
      * We will have a new document on how GPSA functions, If you have any issues please let us know
   3. **Liaisons**
      * + Grace (Canvas) - Meeting last Thursday , If you have any questions or comments about canvas contact Grace, The board makes changes and implements features,
        + Brianne (Faculty Senate ) - Student advisory board
        + enrollment up 4.2 %
        + Some GA’s got a message of changing the staff message
        + September premium was ducted from your paychecks and not being changed more than they should be
        + Talked about adding the premium breakdown to the website
        + Commission for equity - Long conversation with HR and the Family leave act
        + HR feels no responsibility for grad students for any matter
        + If you have a HR realties issue you need to talk to the graduate school
        + Working on a resolution for that to go under the graduate schools leave policy
   4. Judiciary—The Honorable Nick Dietrich
      * + Please look at David’s call for Faculty senator suggestion
   5. Student Trustee – Bryan Culler
   6. Advisor—Adam Christensen
      * + Good to see the assembly really Full
        + Love the passion in the room
2. Comments for the Good of the Order
   * + - Can you please post liaison positions on the website of everyone
3. Adjournment -7:37 PM

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**Addendum I -Roll Call Attendance**

P = Present A= Absent E= Excused L= Late PR= Proxy

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| **Office** | **Name** | **10/2/2019** |
| **Executive Board** |  |  |
| President | Claire Kelling | P |
| Vice President | Charles Tierney | P |
| Secretary | Darius Williams-McKenzie | P |
| Treasurer | Alex Zhao | P |
| Faculty Senator | Brianne Pragg | P |
| Faculty Senator (Appointed) | Star Sharp | E |
| **Judiciary** |  |  |
| Chief Justice | Nick Dietrich | P |
| Associate Justice | Michelle Massey | E |
| Associate Justice | Lisa Cumming | L |
| **Graduate Council** |  |  |
| Graduate Council | Baily Thomas (Engineering) | L |
| Graduate Council | Arghajeet Saha (Ag. Sci.) | P |
| Graduate Council | Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP) | P |
| Graduate Council | Catherine Okafor (Education) | P |
| Graduate Council | Katie Warczak (Liberal Arts) | P |
| **Assembly** |  |  |
| Agricultural Sciences | Mandy Burton | P |
| Agricultural Sciences | Terry Torres Cruz | P |
| Art & Architecture | Melissa Leaym-Fernandez | E |
| Communications | Litzy Galarza | P |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Kshitij Dawar | P |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | VACANT |  |
| Eberly College of Science | Santina Cruz | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Yasha Duggal | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Grace Usher | P |
| Education | Azaria Cunningham | E |
| Education | Rob Griggs | E |
| Education | Aaron Rill | P |
| Engineering | Bahman Sheikh | P |
| Engineering | Min Gyung Yu | P |
| Engineering | Jon Young | P |
| Engineering | Hannah Nolte | P |
| Engineering | Zafar Anwar | P |
| Health and Human Development | So Young Park | A |
| Health and Human Development | Nicole Strock | P |
| Information Sciences and Technology | Richard Caneba | P |
| Inter-Collegiate Degree Program | Steven Baksa | P |
| Inter-Collegiate Degree Program | David Dopfel | P |
| Liberal Arts | Trevor Bero | P |
| Liberal Arts | Chloe McGuire | P |
| Liberal Arts | Diego Hernandez | P |
| Nursing | VACANT |  |
| School of International Affairs | Rufina Roy | P |
| School of Law | Bailey Cole | A |
| School of Law | VACANT |  |
| School of Law | VACANT |  |
| Smeal College of Business | Jasper Cannon | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Divyasree Pai | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Adilson González M. | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Vieux Toure | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Renato Guadamuz | P |