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

I. Call to Order - 6:00PM
II. Roll Call - Addendum I
III. Adoption of the Agenda - Adopted and Seconded
IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 9/18 - moved and seconded
V. Open Student Forum
VI. 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
  - Talks 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 Lobbying 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

VII. Executive Officer Reports
a. 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

b. 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

c. 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

d. Faculty Senate—Star Sharp - Has not Met

e. Graduate Council—Alexander Wilson-Heid - N/A - have not met

VIII. New Business
a. 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

b. 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 on 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

c. 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
IX.  

- 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

d.  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

e.  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

IX.  Reports

a.  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

b.  Committees

i.  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 to get out

ii.  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
  iii. 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
  iv. 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
  v. 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

  c. 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 realities issue you need to talk to the graduate school
  • Working on a resolution for that to go under the graduate schools leave policy

d. Judiciary—The Honorable Nick Dietrich
  • Please look at David’s call for Faculty senator suggestion
e. Student Trustee – Bryan Culler
f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
  • Good to see the assembly really Full
  • Love the passion in the room

X. Comments for the Good of the Order
  • Can you please post liaison positions on the website of everyone

XI. Adjournment -7:37 PM

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Speaker – Terry Torres Cruz | tjt33@psu.edu
# Addendum I - Roll Call Attendance

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PR = Proxy

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