Graduate and Professional Student Association

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| GPSA 69th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, November 13, 2019 | 6:00 pm | 108 Wartik |

Action Items

- Liaisons: Please let Charles know if no one is following up with you with your liaison’s assignments
- If you are interested in being on a panel about talking to undergrads about grad school please let Claire know
- Please contact Claire if you know of any issues particularly affecting international students
- If you hear of administrative mistake about your pay please let Claire know
- If you have any ideas for the Spring that requires GPSA founding let Alex know
- If interest in running a science workshop please contact Santina

Legislation Passed

- Bill 69-14: Graduate and Professional Student After Hours Bowling
- Resolution 69-05: Bylaws Amendment to Reduce Grad Council Redundancy

Agenda

I. Call to Order - 6:02 PM
II. Roll Call – Appendix I
III. Adoption of the Agenda
IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 10/30 - Approved
V. Open Student Forum
VI. Special Presentations— Perry F. Dripps, Program Coordinator, Sustainability Engagement, Sustainability Institute
   - Wants input of sustainability from students in GPSA
   - Activity for the assembly: Write on a sticky note what’s important to you, resources and services you need to survive
   - Perry talks about the definition of sustainability
   - Reducing your footprint (using less environmental resources) and increasing your handprint (Making an impact on campus)
   - Talks about 17 overarching goals for sustainable development
   - Penn State has a Council for Sustainability and it encourage students to think more about sustainability on campus
• Penn State Sustainability institute broken down into 3 sections: Co-curricular, curricular and community.
• Examples of Sustainable Development on campus - Giving away extra food from College Gameday that was left over to families in need and Solar Decathlon students
• Discussion from GPSA - What Global problem will you help solve?
• Question (Charles): Is sustainability institute working on sustainability issues outside the University.
• Answer: Yes, We are working with Pasquerilla and we want to figure out what organizations on campus are doing to help efforts of sustainability and support them.
• Alexander Wilson Heid (Question) What’s the hardest, easiest and something Penn State is doing well in for sustainability?
• Answer: Penn State cutting back on carbon which has been good and 30% of energy is solar. Hardest thing is Behaviors of people such as flying or driving to places since Penn State is so big we want to minimize that and have more phone and zoom calls. The easiest thing for Penn State to do is educate people.

VII. Executive Officer Reports
a. President—Claire Kelling
• Liaison: Please let us know if no one is following up with you with your liaison’s assignments
• Forming a Town Hall Working Group
  Floor Plan
  o We can fit 120 people
  o Food will be at the top
  o Please Share about the Town Hall so we can find more issues about what’s going on
  o Claire will send out a mass email about the town hall
  o We will need people to facilitate
  o 14 tables and if you are interested in facilitating let me know
  o Mostly taking notes and having discussion questions prepared
• New Stipend equity report sent to me by Provost Jones was in the Slack
• If you have any questions or concerns let me know or comment on the slack
• Met with GADI about the climate survey
  o Looking for students to help convey the importance of graduate students participating in the climate survey
• Met with senior leadership about mistakes in pay and how this is negatively affecting students
  o If you hear of administrative mistake about your pay please let me know
• If you are interested in being on a panel about talking to undergrads about grad school please let me know
• There are some issues with international graduate students and visa’s being inspected and harassment so if you know anyone please let me know
• Argha: Do you know a region that specifically was being picked on
• Answer: No
• Latisha: It was Puerto Rican students
  11. Expecting all delegates to attend the town hall
b. Vice President—Charles Tierney
• Met with Stephanie Mullin about set up of the Town hall
• Fallan Frank will present about the PRCC and the services it can provide for grad students
• Someone from the library will be speaking about their services
• Student health insurance program will be coming to present
• Also try to get Damon Simms to come and. Speak
c. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
   - Allocation came in: $26,000 left for the Spring Semester
   - If you have ideas for events please let us know

3. Secretary—Fuzzy Williams-McKenzie
   - If you have name tag errors please let me know
   - Faculty Senate—Star Sharp -N/A
   - Graduate Council—Alexander Wilson-Heid
   - Typo errors for policy related to Grad Counsel
   - Sarah Ades - working on guidelines for mentorship of Grad Council
   - A national report for STEM Students

IV. Answer: Getting a student seat on academic standards will probably happen next spring
   - New Business
     a. Confirmation of New Delegates
     - Melanie Ouma (Law) - Advocacy and diversity is what I’m interested in and I believe everyone should be heard. I also want to get more law students involved
     - Emma Robertson (Law) - Felt isolated in the law school for 3 months and want to get more law students involved
     - (Question) Steven Baska: What prior experience do you have to help you with GPSA
     - Melanie - I was in a club on campus to help with mental health
     - Emma - hosting law students on campus about mental health
     - (Question) What problems face law students?
     - Answers: Emma - Mental health and isolation
     - Star - Great job getting Law students
     - Katie W. - Melanie came to advocacy committee today and has already started
     - Claire - I interviewed 11 people for this position and these two got it. Both students are involved in the law school and I’m excited for them to be part of the assembly
     - Motion made and seconded for unanimous consent
     b. Bill 69-14: Graduate and Professional Student After Hours Bowling
     - Having a bowling event at the Northland bowling Center
     - Food for 60-70 students
     - First 40 people bowl free
     - Event from 7-9pm
     - Mandy Burton: Will there be a Shoe Rental?
     - Answer: Shoes comes with the price
     - Claire: Make it 40 “graduate and professional students”
     - AWH: I think we should pay for people past 40 games
     - Claire: I don’t think we need to worry about that
     - Alex: How does the rental work?
     - Argha: We just need to pay $20 Upfront
     - AWH: I want to admin graduate and professional students in lane 14
     - AWH: Add Lane 7 to make a total of $140 and a Total of $715
     - Catherine: Does the package include alcoholic drinks?
     - Argha: No
     - Steven: Can we add Water pitchers?
     - Argha: It should come with
     - Steven: Add a space in line 5
• Motion amend and seconded
• Rob: I want to make a motion for 56 games and have a line item total of $420 and overall total of $835.88.
• Motion made a second and unanimously made
• Claire: Do we get the money back if not enough students show up?
• Argha: No, we are paying per lane so 6 students per lane for 7 lanes
• Charles: Is there a motion for 6 students and 7 lanes for a game total of $315 and overall total of $730.88
• Alex: Motion made for animus consent to approve the bill
• Motion made and seconded
  c. Resolution 69-05: Bylaws Amendment to Reduce Grad Council Redundancy
• Steven: Reduces the redundancy for line items 13-16 in article 1 and 2-5 in article II
• Motion made and seconded
• Passed by unanimous consent

IX. Reports
  a. Speaker of the Assembly – Terry Torres Cruz
  b. Committees
    i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Amanda Burton
       ▪ Working on a statement for inclusion
       ▪ There is a yoga class so students can relax and we plan on presenting that bill. Looks like it will be $55
    ii. Professional Development – Rob Griggs
        ▪ Had a Zoom Meeting
        ▪ Great feedback on the writing boot camp
        ▪ Discussed submitting bills for next assembly
        ▪ Trying to get guest speakers
    iii. Programming – Arghajeet Saha
        ▪ Last week we uploaded the menu
        ▪ Based on the response it looks like people are okay with it
        ▪ Got the tickets done for the Winter Gala
    iv. Community Service – Trevor Bero (Richard C. Proxy)
        ▪ Blood drive is wrapping
        ▪ GPSA co-sponsor was successful for blood drive
        ▪ Blood Drive Score update: PSU 305 - MSU 211
        ▪ Winter Gala donations will go to Centre County Women’s Resource Center
    v. Internal Development – David Dopfel
        ▪ Probably have governing doc amendments
        ▪ Planning a newsletter on information from all committees after the Town to let people know what GPSA is doing
  c. Liaisons
  David D. (Campus Rec)
    • Bringing in Shake smart
• Not sure will they will be
• Asked about what grad students want from Campus Rec and I mentioned a few things
• Campus Rec wants to do more for grad students
Claire (Commission for Women at Penn State)
• Suppose to have a meeting with President Barron and was delayed
• We had to many recommendations and there was a limit to that
• It’s not appropriate to have a limit of recommendations so they are going to try to fix that
Emily (Penn State Go)
• Canvas, Bus route and more on one app
• Currently pilot testing this app
• You’ll be able to also order food online from campus from the dining halls
Steven (Policy of Society)
• LGBTQ+ excellence and Stem will have speakers come in the future
d. Judiciary—The Honorable Nick Dietrich
• Back to 3 members of J-board
• Will be amending the bi-laws for the changes made
e. Student Trustee – Bryan Culler
f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
• Congrats on a full assembly
• Unexcused absences are low

X. Comments for the Good of the Order
• 5 more meetings in the spring (Claire)
• If you want to do something let’s make it happen (Claire)
• We have time and budgets to pass legislation (Claire)
• If interest in running a science workshop please contact Santina

XI. Adjournment - 7:31 PM
Appendix I

U = Unexcused Absence   E = Excused Absence   P = Present   L = Late

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