**** **Graduate and Professional Student Association**

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| GPSA 69th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, December 4, 2019 | 6:00 pm | 108 Wartik |

**Action Items:**

* + - * Looking for a someone to serve on the Sexual ,violence and prevention round table
      * If you haven’t registered for the Town Hall Please Do
      * Last Day to buy Winter Gala Tickets will be tomorrow (12/5)

**Legislation Passed:**

* + - * Bill 69-16**:** GWIS Voices 2020 Conference Co-Sponsorship
      * Bill 69-17: Spring 2020 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order: 6:01 PM
2. Roll Call - Appendix I
3. Adoption of the Agenda - Approved
4. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 11/13 - Approved
5. Open Student Forum
   * + - Dan Murphy - Member of State College Borough Council
         * Mayor Yahn will be stepping down as of Dec 16th
         * 11 people explained why they should be mayor
         * Interviews for mayor will be posted to [c.net](http://c.net) as well as the videos
         * Many people spoke about affordable housing, diversity equity and inclusions, the shoot last month and more
         * 31 years younger than the 2nd closes person on the council
         * If you have any thoughts or concerns about the council please reach out to me
         * Question: Claire is there a way for us to see the members who are running
         * Answer: Yes online
         * Question: Did any one on the council express interest? - No
         * Richard: Jim Neals has come to speak to the students.
6. Special Presentations— Fallan S. Frank, Program Coordinator, Paul Robeson Cultural Center
   * + - Fallan Frank - started in 2018
       - The PRCC is committed to leadership skills and social justice issues
       - Director is Carlos Wiley along with 8 other staff members
       - Facilities that the PRCC uses are the library lounge, study tables, student organizations offices, conference rooms and Heritage Hall
       - The PRCC throws programs such as Hasan Minaj , Blue and White pep rally, Birthday bashes and many more speakers such as Wale and a member of the Central Park 5
       - Programming areas such as Hidden education workshops, Prep Rallies, Social justice retreats, leadership summit women and emPowerment Symposium, student advisory board and PRCC Ambassadors and Marketing Students and PRCC weekly news letter
       - Student organizations that are housed in the PRCC: NCNW, BluePrint, Robert Banez, Sovereign, QTPOC, and more
       - BluePrint- Mentor program for students who are entering there first year at the University Park Campus.
       - Question (AWH): Is BluePrint offered to graduate students? -No

1. Executive Officer Reports
   1. President—Claire Kelling
      * + Looking for a someone to serve on the Sexual ,violence and prevention round table
        + Meets about every other week
        + We are getting ready for the town Hall and we are doing well with logistics
        + 115 people have registers and please register if you haven’t
        + If you are facilitating a table please stay after
        + Also looking for one more facility
        + 140 tickets sold for the Winter Gala
        + Last day to buy tickets will be tomorrow
        + Please be in touch with Argha for tickets
        + Equity report is the final report and we are trying to figure out how we will publish this
        + Working on getting funding for the student engagement network funding
        + Working on students for graduate- undergrad panel
        + GPSA looking into special meeting campuses and making sure they get there representation
        + Special mission Campuses include: Dickinson Law, Hershey and the medical school
   2. Vice President—Charles Tierney
      * + Lining up speakers for the Spring
        + Brianna Ezray from the library as a potential speaker
        + Natasha Gates will be the student health insurance advocate and come and speak
        + Director of the student legal services board
        + Substance abuse come speak potential
   3. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
      * + Send in reimbursements if you have them
   4. Secretary—Fuzzy Williams-McKenzie
      * + If there is anything you need as far as name tags please let me know
   5. Faculty Senate—Star Sharp
      * + Enrollment for undergraduates for international students have been dropping
        + New program that University Park has for students who boarder PA can get instate tuition
        + Students who use the common app and apply to Penn State normally go to there instate land grant
        + People want to keep there PSU emails to continue to engage with Penn State
        + Penn State has a $6.8 Billion income
        + We need to find Undergrad classes that are not working for students
        + Are the Math classes the same at University Park as the ones at common wealth campuses
        + If you as a grad student are doing something you believe is not making sense in any aspect please contact the facility senate chair
        + Next faculty senate meeting will be January 15th at 1:30PM
        + Question: Enrollment targets ? - Answer: I’m sure they do have them
   6. Graduate Council—Alexander Wilson-Heid -N/A
2. New Business
   1. Bill 69-15:Co-Sponsorship of Association of Women Geoscientists Outreach Event
      * + Mission is to attract middle school and high school girls to geosciences
        + There will be graduate presentations for the girls
        + Gabriella Harris (President of AWG) - Art will be features as well girls, learn about what women are doing in geosciences, learn about careers and school adoptions in Penn state
        + Question: What are you targeting? Answer: middle and high school students
        + Question: do you look in girls who are in under represented groups - A: Yes
        + Alex Z. I need a motion to be made so the price of the total can be corrected
        + Motion made to make total to $618.75
        + Motion made to take out partially
        + Steven how’d you get $618.75?
        + Alex Z. - The previous budget was just sandwich’s this includes sandwiches and more
        + Is there a motion to move this by unanimous consent?
        + Motion made and seconded
   2. Bill 69-16**:** GWIS Voices 2020 Conference Co-Sponsorship
      * + Professional development activity that includes speakers and panels
        + CEO of PWC will be the main speaker
        + GWIS is asking us for $2,000 to cover lunch
        + AWH- do you expect a lot of high school students to be involved this year? - A: We normal have 10-15 high schoolers come
        + Steven B - We have to pay $2,000 because of the 10% rule of UPAC
        + Are we looking into bring people of color and people with disabilities? - Yes We Are
        + Voted passes 31-0
   3. Bill 69-17: Spring 2020 Graduate Writing Boot Camp (GWBC) Spending Bill
      * + Alex Z. - Do you know how many people where there?
        + Hannah - 44 applications for writing book camp with more people trying to get in
        + Sessions were pretty full and is pretty popular. It Is possible to increase the number of grad students . If anything increase the number of participants.
        + Q: Whats keeping the boot camp from expanding ? - A: room (The Room is too small)
        + First week is 5 weeks the second one is 4 weeks
        + Vote passes 31-0
   4. Resolution 69-06: Call to Change UPAC Funding Restrictions
      * + UPAC’s funding for grad students presenting research when traveling is not consistent with GPSA’s values of consistency
        + A GPSA resolution would be very powerful if this passes
        + Steven : Are you saying students can’t get reimbursed if they want go on a trip - A: No
        + UPAC has a policy that will only give $500 for any student traveling by themselves
        + This is also happening at the different colleges of the university level as well
        + We have seen UPAC try to deny our funding because of the same language
        + Very bad precedent
        + Motion and moved by unanimously consent
   5. Resolution 69-07: Statement on Inclusion
      * + Not enough in our constitution
        + Please look at diversity inclusion and equity
        + We as a committee want to prioritize diversity and inclusion in all of our bills
        + Gives you space to look at bills you may not be focused on
        + AWH- What is your vision if this gets approved to the world?
        + A: We want to make sure that every bill is looked in a diversity and inclusion lenses
        + Claire: This resolution would also govern future assemblies over the long run
        + AWH: We should inform future delegates about this in the future
        + Claire: All legislation will be looked at online so everyone can see this
        + Claire: lines 32-33 should be “ And keeping our constitution and by-laws up to date with our commitment”
        + Motion to vote by voice vote - Motion Passes
   6. Resolution 69-08: Constitutional Amendment: Inclusivity, Equity, and Anti-discrimination
      * + If you have a issue with the diversity and inclusion you can bring it to the J-board
        + Nick - we review legislation after it is passed and we aren’t comfortable with looking at legislation pre being passed
        + We would look at these thing after the assembly after the bill was passed
        + J-board can review things on our own but to also not issue what J-Boards thoughts are
        + J-board can strike down legislation already passed
        + Brianne - the assembly passed something and the president didn’t like it and veto’d it them the assembly can go to the j-board.
        + Claire: It’s pretty inappropriate for J-board to look at legislation before hand but I don’t think that’s the case here.
        + Nick: I wouldn’t want to over rule the assembly unless under extreme circumstances
        + Diego: I don’t think we will ever get to the point where we will have to have the president veto or j-board over rule
   7. Resolution 69-09: Bylaws Amendment: Inclusivity, Equity, and Anti-discrimination
      * + The GPSA must be given one week’s notice of collaboration with any external 17 organization. The purpose is to ensure that the organization is in compliance with the 18 University’s Core Values including diversity, inclusion, and equity.
        + Alex Z. - Do we have a website calendar? - Blank Calendar
        + Argha- Why don’t we use a They or they're instead of his or her ?
        + Brianne- Motion to use “ Their”
        + Motion moved and seconded by unanimous consent
3. Resolution 69-10: Constitutional Amendment: Elections
   * + - Want a 3 vote minimum to get appointed and move to plurality
       - Brianne - use to be in our constitution that we needed a minimum of 3 votes
       - Nick - Eric Flagg had to a an 11 person 1 vote tie.
       - Steven B- students should have there 1st , 2nd and 3rd choice so that people in that college can be comfortable on who they vote
       - Claire: We are looking to see if that’s even possible.
4. Reports
   1. Speaker of the Assembly – Terry Torres Cruz
      * + Contact by Global programs - Friday January 10th is looking for student to fill there panels especially for international students
   2. Committees
      1. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Amanda Burton
         * Working on a group that’s working on mentoring, internships and Yoga classes with the IM building
      2. Professional Development – Rob Griggs (Hannah)
         * Brought the bill for the writing boot camp and to hopefully get them to you next semester
         * Claire: What are those things that will be added to the bill?
         * Hannah: Professional headshots and we will provide the rest in slack
      3. Programming – Arghajeet Saha
         * Please collect tickets for tomorrow for the winter gala
         * Need help from he programming committee, need help for people checking into tickets
         * We are not funding the TedX
      4. Community Service – Trevor Bero (Steven)
         * Winter Gala will be this Saturday and for donations for the women resources center
         * On the website there is information on the donations
         * Cash Donations will be available for people
      5. Internal Development – David Dopfel
         * If anyone has comments on the amendments please let me know
   3. Liaisons
      * + Claire - Alumni Association is not interested in GPSA report
        + Alex Z. (Library and information and technology services )- The Penn State Go app to go live early next semester, people are wondering if Box is necessary since we will have G-Suite
        + Brianne - Your entire drive will wiped in your G-suite after you graduate
        + Alex - you can have unlimited storage that the alumni association offers
        + Alex Z- census committee is also meeting tomorrow
        + Mandy (PSU Libaries) - Penn State Cad will be better
   4. Judiciary—The Honorable Nick Dietrich
      * + Start woking on updating the bi-laws as soon as I’m done
   5. Student Trustee – Bryan Culler
      * + Currently on working group committees
        + Looking forward to working on diversity committee
        + Continuing to advocate on diversity committee
        + Trying to figure the needs of all student governments
        + Public meeting on 3:30 at WPSU
        + Claire and Charles have done a great job with board leadership
   6. Advisor—Adam Christensen - N/A
5. Comments for the Good of the Order
6. Adjournment 7:58 PM

Appendix I

U= Unexcused Absence E= Excused Absence A= Abstain Y= Yes N= No

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| **Office** | **Name** | **Bill: 69-16** | **Bill: 69-17** |
| Graduate Council | Baily Thomas (Engineering) | E | E |
| Graduate Council | Arghajeet Saha (Ag. Sci.) | Y | Y |
| Graduate Council | Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP) | Y | y |
| Graduate Council | Catherine Okafor (Education) | Y | y |
| Graduate Council | Katie Warczak (Liberal Arts) | y | y |
| **Assembly** |  |  |  |
| Agricultural Sciences | Mandy Burton | y | y |
| Agricultural Sciences | Terry Torres Cruz | y | y |
| Art & Architecture | Melissa Leaym-Fernandez | E | E |
| Communications | Litzy Galarza | y | y |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Kshitij (Shi-dish) Dawar | y | y |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Samantha Staskiewicz | y | y |
| Eberly College of Science | Santina Cruz | y | y |
| Eberly College of Science | Yasha Duggal | y | y |
| Eberly College of Science | Grace Usher | E | E |
| Education | Azaria Cunningham | y | y |
| Education | Rob Griggs | y | y |
| Education | Aaron Rill | E | E |
| Engineering | Bahman Sheikh | y | y |
| Engineering | Min Gyung Yu | y | y |
| Engineering | Jon Young | y | y |
| Engineering | Hannah Nolte | y | y |
| Engineering | Zafar Anwar | y | y |
| Health and Human Development | So Young Park | E | E |
| Health and Human Development | Nicole Strock | y | y |
| Information Sciences and Technology | Richard Caneba | y | y |
| Inter-Collegiate Degree Program | Steven Baksa | y | y |
| Inter-Collegiate Degree Program | David Dopfel | y | y |
| Liberal Arts | Trevor Bero | E | E |
| Liberal Arts | Chloe McGuire | y | y |
| Liberal Arts | Diego Hernandez | y | y |
| Nursing | Sanga Jung | E | E |
| School of International Affairs | Rufina Roy | E | E |
| School of Law | Alberto Hernandez Franks | E | E |
| School of Law | Melanie Ouma | y | y |
| School of Law | Emma Robertson | y | y |
| Smeal College of Business | Frank Ross | y | y |
| At-Large Delegate | Divyasree (DIVYA) Pai (Engineering, Indian Grad Student Assocation) | y | y |
| At-Large Delegate | Adilson González M. (Comm, LGBTQA Coalition) | y | y |
| At-Large Delegate | Katy Gerace (IGDP) | y | y |
| At-Large Delegate | Renato Guadamuz (Engineering, LAGRASA) | y | y |
| At-Large Delegate | Iman Said (CLA, BGSA) | E | E |

Appendix II

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| **Office** | **Name** | **12/4/2019** |
| **Executive Board** |  |  |
| President | Claire Kelling | P |
| Vice President | Charles Tierney | p |
| Secretary | Darius Williams-McKenzie | P |
| Treasurer | Alex Zhao | L |
| Faculty Senator | Brianne Pragg | P |
| Faculty Senator (Appointed) | Star Sharp | P |
| **Judiciary** |  |  |
| Chief Justice | Nick Dietrich | P |
| Associate Justice | Michelle Massey | A |
| Associate Justice | Emily Lesher | P |
| **Graduate Council** |  |  |
| Graduate Council | Baily Thomas (Engineering) | E |
| Graduate Council | Arghajeet Saha (Ag. Sci.) | P |
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| Eberly College of Science | Yasha Duggal | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Grace Usher | E |
| Education | Azaria Cunningham | P |
| Education | Rob Griggs | P |
| Education | Aaron Rill | E |
| 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 | L |
| Liberal Arts | Trevor Bero | E |
| Liberal Arts | Chloe McGuire | P |
| Liberal Arts | Diego Hernandez | P |
| Nursing | Sanga Jung | E |
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| At-Large Delegate | Iman (EEMAHN) Said (CLA, BGSA) | L |