**Graduate and Professional Student Association**

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GPSA 69th Assembly Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:00 pm | 134 HUB

**Action Items**

* + - If you need a proxy please tell someone ahead of time
    - If you know someone who is experiencing problems in their programs, please let us know
    - We have $25,000 left for unallocated money for events if you have an event idea please go through with it

**Legislation Passed**

* + - Resolution 69-08: Constitutional Amendment: Inclusivity, Equity, and Anti- discrimination
    - Resolution 69-10: Constitutional Amendment: Elections

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order - 6:02PM
2. Roll Call - Appendix I
3. Adoption of the Agenda - Motion made to add Grad Council Alternative Confirmation (approved)
4. Open Student Forum - Marguerite (GADI) (Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion in the College of the Liberal Arts)
   * + - Permission for the climate survey.
       - Climate survey will be in you inbox on February 6.
       - Please Fill out why student voices are important.
       - Hopefully this will boost awareness of the survey

VI.

Special Presentations—Briana Ezray and Ana Enriquez; Penn State University Libraries

* Value of Orcid ID’s , how they can be used and how to register an ID
* Orchid - How to identify you and open publishers
* 16 digit number to help with identification for publishing
* How to Link it with Penn State: you can use your Penn State Access Account
* In order to use this [http://orcid.identity.psu.edu](http://orcid.identity.psu.edu/)
* Then you can fill put what you need
* If you move institutions you can still use this number
* If you need information on this you can go to the libraries website and it will give you a step by step review on how to do this.

Ana

* Ana helps with publishing agreements, copyright work, avoiding academic scams and plagiarism
* You can make an appointment with her or attend workshops
* Open Access helps people see your work helps
* Green open access - doesn’t cost money. Works on the default on your publishing agreement
* Sherpa Romeo- A Data base of libraries
* Data base of libraries in the UK and it tells you what you can do under your default agreement
* Free Coding Workshop
* Digital Lab Now open in the library
* Previously owned published work - think about your publishing agreement
* Always keep a copy of your agreement

Executive Officer Reports

1. President—Claire Kelling
   * + - Really important to get a proxy
         * No other person that is a delegate or voting member of GPSA can be your proxy
       - We are investigating options for representation with the Borough Council
         * We would like this person to attend borough meetings and give a report
         * The current representative has to live in borough
         * Question: AWH- Do the undergrads find it helpful?
         * A: Claire - Yes undergrads take this very seriously
         * Question: Steven - Would GPSA be willing to look into other townships and boroughs
         * A: Claire - Yes but lets start with our borough first
         * Richard: Would this person have voting privileges?
         * A: No voting but The Speaking privilege is taken very seriously
       - Town Hall was very successful
         * Going to look at all the request that were made
       - Passed a resolution on UPAC funding
         * Dean Youken supports this and has written a letter to UPAC
       - Student Panel for Feb. 17th
       - As For The Town hall if you know someone who needs to be advocated for please let us know
         * Diversity and inclusion, Blueprint expansion, PRCC is focused mainly on undergrads and not grad students

GPSA and BGSA are seeking representation on the PRCC advisory board

* + - * + Campus Shuttles stops from Law school at 6PM
        + Space for graduate students - looking for a dedicated space in Kern
        + Leave of absence as far as vacation time, medical leave and insurance
        + Talked about international students and the challenges faced
        + An international student advocate is something we are looking at
        + Professional development talks came up such as teaching, writing workshops

1. Vice President—Charles Tierney
   * + - Upcoming speaker Natasha Gates coming up to speak
       - Feb.12 - Barry Bram coming to talk about off campus housing
       - White course is too expensive
       - Damon Sims is coming to speak
       - Campus Shuttle Stopping at 6pm is an initiative were still working on
2. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
   * + - The Geosciences co-sponsored event has been moved to May
       - We have $25,000 left for unallocated money for events if you have an event idea please go through with it
       - Anything more than $5,000 will go back to the student fee board and doesn’t reflect well on us
       - If you think of an event please put that forward
       - Looking like $10,000 left at the end of the school year
3. Secretary—Fuzzy Williams-McKenzie
   * + - I will put the minutes in the Slack
4. Faculty Senate—Star Sharp - N/A
5. Graduate Council—Alexander Wilson-Heid
   * + - * Changing SARI Program to Rise
       - Claire- A Permanent representative on academic standards was discussed
       - Moving the GPSA report up in the agenda

VIII.New Business

1. New Delegate Confirmation
   * + - Alyssa Bienvenu (Eberly) - interesting in Advocacy and Diversity Committee
       - Alyssa is from the Chemistry Department
       - Women in STEM is something she’d like to advocate for
       - Previous experience : Experience for advocacy for undergraduate studies
       - Santina Cruz- Alyssa brings a lot of great ideas and is a hard worker
       - Claire: Talked to Alyssa about the advocacy in Graduate women in Science and she seemed enthusiastic
       - Motion made and approved by unanimous consent
2. Graduate Council Alternate Confirmation
   * + - Argha has a class conflict
       - Addison has been appointed to grad council alternate
       - Motion made and. Seconded
3. Resolution 69-08: Constitutional Amendment: Inclusivity, Equity, and Anti-discrimination
   * + - David D.: “and legislation pursuant on it” to be added
       - Motion made and seconded and unanimous consent
4. Resolution 69-10: Constitutional Amendment: Elections
   * + - Changing the minimum number of votes to get elected into GPSA along with plurality in stead of majority
       - Motion made and seconded and approved by unanimous consent

X.Reports

* 1. Speaker of the Assembly – Terry Torres Cruz
     + - Wants to do a grad student panel for those who came
       - Want to advise international students on topics we can share with them
       - Addilson - Instead of a bureaucratic some more topics and work with global programs should be talked about
       - Terry - I think we should talk about more things about the university
       - Santina- International students wants to know the difference about insurance back home and how different it is in America
       - Funding for international students since its so limited
       - Diaego - We created an official handbook for international students
       - The handbook talks about credit and banking and things of that nature so maybe a digital handbook
       - Claire: Can we have permission to get the book and get the authors?
       - Diego: Yes
       - Kshitij: Many international students are looking for a since of community
       - Star- There is Intimidating DISSA language for students
       - Claire: Me and Charles gave a powerpoint on what is there to do in State College at Convocation
       - Terry -I’ll probably send something out so we can figure what we want to do
  2. Committees
     1. Advocacy and Diversity – Amanda Burton
        + Diaego - Putting Together an Ally speaking event
        + Santina - Group fitness classes for students
        + Adilson- A Program at Carnegie Mello - Putting together a contract between students and faculty and we are trying to see if we can get that here
     2. Professional Development – Rob Griggs
        + Jon Young - Setting up our events for this semester
        + Teaching How to Advertise
        + In the process of looking for a new photographer
     3. Programming – Arghajeet Saha
        + Meeting This Friday
     4. Community Outreach – Trevor Bero
        + Hasn’t Met yet but please look in slack for times
     5. Internal Development – David Dopfel
        + Meeting Next Tuesday
  3. Liaisons

Hannah N- Student insurance -

* + - * We have new bench marking we are looking at
      * Student health insurance numbers are up.
      * New renewal of next year of insurance

Claire- (Student Fee board)

* + - * Will be giving fee board presentation for GPSA funding in 102 HUB

Charles (Transportation commission)

* + - * CATA Ride Pass Issue is a huge expense and we are looking to break that down
      * We’re looking at semestly or summer passes
      * Micro mobility
      * Not Allowing to Change the Law

Claire(Commission for Women)

* + - * Formally proposing to the president to look into family leave, medical leave and vacation
      * The bench marking me and Charles did was non invalid after the work we did this summer
      * All the recommendations can be sent and look at by the president

Addilson (Sexual awareness prevention round table)

* + - * Talked about the biggest challenge they are facing which is outreach
      * Not trying to focus so much on Greek Life
      * If anyone is interested and wants to get involved please let me know

Hannah (RCCI Research committee and Cyber instructor)

* + - * Main Concern is worried about data storage
      * We will move on from one of these data storages
      * Can’t Get rid of Box

Alex (Census Committee)

* + - * April 1st for census day.
      * White Course does not have to complete censuses
      * Please tell International student to fill out the forms
  1. Judiciary—The Honorable Nick Dietrich
     + - More information about Elections Will come out soon.
  2. Student Trustee – Bryan Culler
  3. Advisor—Adam Christensen

XI.

XII.

Comments for the Good of the Order

* Voices 2020 registration

Adjournment -7:34PM

Appendix I

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

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| **Office** | **Name** | **1/15/2020** |
| **Executive Board** |  |  |
| President | Claire Kelling | P |
| Vice President | Charles Tierney | P |
| Secretary | Darius Williams-McKenzie | P |
| Treasurer | Alex Zhao | P |
| Faculty Senator | Brianne Pragg | E |
| Faculty Senator (Appointed) | Star Sharp | L |
| **Judiciary** |  |  |
| Chief Justice | Nick Dietrich | P |
| Associate Justice | Michelle Massey | E |
| Associate Justice | Emily Lesher | P |
| **Graduate Council** |  |  |
| Graduate Council | Baily Thomas (Engineering) | E |
| Graduate Council | Arghajeet Saha (Ag. Sci.) | P |
| Graduate Council | Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP) | L |
| Graduate Council | Catherine Okafor (Education) | E |
| Graduate Council | Katie Warczak (Liberal Arts) | P |
| **Assembly** |  |  |
| Agricultural Sciences | Mandy Burton | E |
| Agricultural Sciences | Terry Torres Cruz | P |
| Art & Architecture | Melissa Leaym-Fernandez | A |
| Communications | Litzy Galarza | E |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Kshitij (Shi-dish) Dawar | P |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Samantha Staskiewicz | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Santina Cruz | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Yasha Duggal | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Alyssa Bienvenu | P |
| Education | Azaria Cunningham | A |
| Education | Rob Griggs | P |
| Education |  |  |
| Engineering | Bahman Sheikh | P |
| Engineering | Min Gyung Yu | P |
| Engineering | Jon Young | P |
| Engineering | Hannah Nolte | P |
| Engineering | Zafar Anwar | E |
| Health and Human Development | So Young Park | A |
| Health and Human Development | Nicole Strock | A |
| 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 | E |
| Liberal Arts | Diego Hernandez | L |
| Nursing | Sanga Jung | L |
| School of International Affairs | Rufina Roy | P |
| School of Law | Alberto Hernandez Franks | A |
| School of Law | Melanie Ouma | E |
| School of Law | Emma Robertson | P |
| Smeal College of Business | Frank Ross | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Divyasree (DIVYA) Pai (Engineering, Indian Grad Student Assocation) | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Adilson González M. (Comm, LGBTQA Coalition) | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Katy Gerace (IGDP) | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Renato Guadamuz (Engineering, LAGRASA) | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Iman (EEMAHN) Said (CLA, BGSA) | A |