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

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| GPSA 69th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, February 12, 2020 | 6:00 pm | 134 HUB |

**Action Items:**

* + - * + Please Take Penn State Community survey
        + Make Mental Health your First priority

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order - 6:04PM
2. Roll Call - Appendix I
3. Adoption of the Agenda - Motion made and seconded
4. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 1/29/2020 - Approved
5. Open Student Forum
6. Special Presentations— Barry Bram, Senior Director Student Engagement Programs
   1. Presentation delayed to another date
7. Executive Officer Reports
   1. President—Claire Kelling
      * Health and Wellness, make it your first priority (GPSA comes second)
        + Take care of yourself first
        + If we can do anything for you let us know
      * Intent to run forms will open soon for next year’s election
        + If you have any questions about GPSA positions, especially executive board positions, please let us know
        + Election info sessions could happen in the future
      * Feb 26th we will be having a formal GPSA picture on the steps outside this room
      * Child care subsidy committee does not require 9 credits, just requires full time enrollment
        + Post comp students are eligible
      * Capital Day is March 24th if you are interested in attending
      * Meeting with office of student activities about programming to Grad students
        + Developing a track for grad students in leadership programs
        + Volunteer at the maple harvest festival if you can
        + Free all you can eat pancakes
      * Met with the PRCC for mentoring opportunities
        + What do grad and professional students want out of mentoring
      * Gave a Presentation to the student bar association and how we can advocate for law students
      * UPAC policy meeting is April 14th from 6-8pm
        + Presenting for the research travel rule in place
      * If you volunteered for the panel for graduate students please be there on time
      * Student fee board is currently in deliberation and will finalized in mid March
      * Food task force will have Terry as the representative along with another student
      * Met with Dean of the Graduate School and Holistic review about GRE
   2. Vice President—Charles Tierney
      * Rescheduling Barry Bram for resources on off Campus Housing
      * Reaching out to Jessie Barlow about the borough and what it does to grad students
      * Looking to reaching out to Sonia Luca Fernandez
      * Student disability director will be reaching out to as well
      * Also new director for global programming
      * 26th Damon Sims will be coming to present
      * Alex will speak on the transportation committee today
      * Discussed ride passes and splitting it up to semester passes and the not monthly passes we hoped
      * Rolling out a new software called Simba
      * Expanded shuttle service
      * Students want the service shuttle to go to 8pm instead of 6pm
      * Trying to figure out the pay from that
   3. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
      * Piloting a semester pass starting this school year
      * If anyone is willing to volunteer to put social rewards on to there credit care
      * Budget should be fine but we may have to split it across 2 budgets
   4. Secretary—Fuzzy Williams-McKenzie
      * If there is any issues with your name tag please let me know
   5. Faculty Senate—Star Sharp - N/a
   6. Graduate Council—Alexander Wilson-Heid
      * Ombuds pilot program
      * Procedures for resolving other issues such as assistantships and vacations
      * 20 bullet point procedures to follow
      * Robert Crane gave a brief presentation about DACA students
      * If PSU were to know if you were DACA then they would have to report that information so apply as Domestic students
      * Program being expanded because due to coronavirus
      * Should countries pay fees for students who are International
      * Chair Dr. Davis talked about the role of grad council
      * 2020 census is important for funding for PSU
      * State College borough at 39% for census
      * Admission requirements for internal students passes and student don’t have to take the TOEFL
      * Adilson- Does your degree serve as a way to get around TOEFL?
      * A: Studying in English is different from living in an English speaking country, Many international students think they are setting the kids up to fail. If you worked 60 credits of English and had 5 years of living in a English country then you are example
      * Claire- Feb 24 will have a session on mentoring for grad students
8. New Business
   1. Bill 69-21: ECMSS Co-Sponsorship
      * Food for Micro biology student symposium?
      * Cost $2,000
      * Q: how many people will be there?
      * A: 60-70 students present
      * What is the organization paying for?
      * A: Awards and students who stay in State College
      * Passes 30-0
   2. Bill 69-22: Spring Professional Headshots
      * 72 participants over 2 days
      * New photographer is a student
      * Catherine: A portfolio for this person. If you can post on slack
      * Q: What was the problem with the other photographer?
      * A: Took him 2.5 months to get it back
      * Q:Does She know we will pay her $800?
      * A: Yes
      * Claire: This photographer has done this for UPUA
      * David: Does She touch these up?
      * A: Yes
      * $125/h is a lot so it takes time for her to process all the pictures
      * Approved by unanimous consent
   3. Bill 69-23: Spring Monthly Social Hour
      * Proposing to due happy hour for all 3 (Feb, March and April) of the next months
      * The total will be $2,177
      * Q: How many people attended?
      * A: Probably 70 or more
      * What didn’t work last time?
      * If people come they will have didn’t food options
      * Q: How will this be advertised?
      * A: By Newswire and Facebook
      * Q: What day of the week will this be?
      * A: Different days of the week for different people
      * Room reservation fee for 1 or 2 hours
      * 2 hours for $150
      * Gratuity will be 20% instead of - TOTAL = $2,214
      * Passes 30-0
   4. Bill 69-24: A Celebration of Allyship
      * Panel at Cafe 210 West. Between 5-8 PM. March 4th
      * This will be 3 people and the moderator will be the president of BGSA
      * Panel promoting good allyship in the Penn State Community
      * Q: Why Cafe 210?
      * A: They are very friendly towards all communities with a stage
      * Motion to amend from 4 hours to 3 hours.
      * 3 hours is now $300
      * PA system is $150
      * Line 27 to make 5-8Pm
      * Changed date from March 4th to March 5th
      * Change From Hours to hour
      * Gratuity (20%) - $183
      * New Total : 1,098
      * Motion to approve by animus consent
   5. Resolution 69-11: Constitutional Amendment – Elections: Ranked-Choice Voting
      * Representatives shall be elected by the graduate and professional student body by single transferable voting using the Wright system with a minimum of three votes required for the election of any candidate
      * Motion to make 2019 to 2020
      * Rank choice voting would be the same as typical majority
      * We will table to next meeting
   6. Resolution 69-12: Call to Add Graduate/Professional Student Representative to Borough Council
      * Representation on the Borough council
      * WE would like to add a GPSA member to the borough council
      * UPUA does not want the current student to rep all students
      * UPUA strongly supporting this for a GPSA member to Borough Council
      * The current student rep would be called undergrad borough council rep
      * GPSA doesn’t have a relationship with the current borough rep
      * Rob: My son Jake was the borough rep before and he has no experience being a grad student so he wouldn’t know how to represent us
      * Q: Can you be an international student?
      * A: Doesn’t say but the UPUA rep doesn’t live in the borough and they know that
      * Q: How would our election process go?
      * A: We would just appoint someone based on application
      * Q: Do you think this person would come to GPSA meeting?
      * A: I would imagine that they would
      * Motion to approve resolution by unanimous consent, it is approved
   7. Resolution 69-13: Support of State College’s First Pride
      * read this
      * State College has a long history
      * Catherine - Would like something to include the Queer people of Color
      * Make a motion to add center for sexual and gender diversity and QTPOCvOn campus into the bill
      * Claire : LGBQTA round table should be added
      * Motion made to LGBQTA round table into the bill
      * Motion made and seconded
      * Approved unanimously by voice vote
9. Reports
   1. Speaker of the Assembly – Terry Torres Cruz
      * We Just approved over $6,000 in bills
      * Please keep up the good work
   2. Committees
      1. Advocacy and Diversity – Amanda Burton
      * Still working on the internships
      * Looking to partner the LGBQTA support network
      1. Professional Development – Rob Griggs
      * Looking at writers workshop
      * Financial panel for grad students going into the work force
      1. Programming – Arghajeet Saha
      * Going to have a meeting next week about preparing for grad cup
      1. Community Outreach – Trevor Bero
      * Maple harvest festival and Friday night lights out are events we are looking into doing
      1. Internal Development – David Dopfel
      * amendment to election change next meeting
      * Working to draft up by law changes for bourrough council
      * Any questions on by law changes
   3. Liaisons
      * Alex (Transportation committee)
      * Planning on opening another road to the College 9 to make biking easier
      * Ride pass program is to run a pilot program for a semester and will cost the same
      * Possibility of a campus shuttle
      * Hannah (Insurance advisory board)
      * Going over possible renewal of the insurance plan
      * Mandy (Library adversary)
      * Library design website
      * Putting down library drop signs
   4. Judiciary—The Honorable Nick Dietrich
      * Looking at What kind of Choice ranked voting can we do is what David asked me
      * We can Do anything
   5. Student Trustee – Bryan Culler
   6. Advisor—Adam Christensen
      * Please Take Penn State Community survey
10. Comments for the Good of the Order
    * + Claire: Please Fill out the community survey
      + BGSA hosting Black lived event - Next Friday in heritage 7pm Feb 21st.
11. Adjournment -7:32PM

Appendix I

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

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| **Office** | **Name** | **2/12/2020** |
| **Executive Board** |  |  |
| President | Claire Kelling | P |
| Vice President | Charles Tierney | P |
| Secretary | Darius Williams-McKenzie | P |
| Treasurer | Alex Zhao | P |
| Faculty Senator | Brianne Pragg | P |
| Faculty Senator (Appointed) | Star Sharp | P |
| **Judiciary** |  |  |
| Chief Justice | Nick Dietrich | P |
| Associate Justice | Michelle Massey | E |
| Associate Justice | Emily Lesher | E |
| **Graduate Council** |  |  |
| Graduate Council | Baily Thomas (Engineering) | E |
| 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 |  |  |
| Communications | Litzy Galarza | P |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Kshitij Dawar | A |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Samantha Staskiewicz | E |
| Eberly College of Science | Santina Cruz | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Yasha Duggal | P |
| Eberly College of Science | Alyssa Bienvenu | P |
| Education | Azaria Cunningham | E |
| 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 | 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 | Sanga Jung | L |
| School of International Affairs | Rufina Roy | P |
| School of Law |  | A |
| School of Law | Melanie Ouma | P |
| School of Law | Emma Robertson | P |
| Smeal College of Business | Frank Ross | E |
| At-Large Delegate | Divyasree Pai | E |
| At-Large Delegate | Adilson González M. | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Katy Gerace | P |
| At-Large Delegate | Renato Guadamuz | A |
| At-Large Delegate | Iman Said | P |

Appendix II

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

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| **Name** | **Bill: 69-21** | **Bill: 69-22** |
| Baily Thomas (Engineering) | E | E |
| Arghajeet Saha (Ag. Sci.) | Y | y |
| Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP) | Y | Y |
| Catherine Okafor (Education) | Y | Y |
| Katie Warczak (Liberal Arts) | Y | Y |
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| Mandy Burton | Y | Y |
| Terry Torres Cruz | Y | Y |
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| Litzy Galarza | Y | Y |
| Kshitij Dawar | e | e |
| Samantha Staskiewicz | e | e |
| Santina Cruz | Y | Y |
| Yasha Duggal | Y | Y |
| Alyssa Bienvenu | Y | Y |
| Azaria Cunningham | e | e |
| Rob Griggs | Y | Y |
|  |  |  |
| Bahman Sheikh | Y | Y |
| Min Gyung Yu | Y | Y |
| Jon Young | Y | Y |
| Hannah Nolte | Y | Y |
| Zafar Anwar | Y | Y |
| So Young Park | e | e |
| Nicole Strock | Y | Y |
| Richard Caneba | Y | Y |
| Steven Baksa | Y | Y |
| David Dopfel | Y | Y |
| Trevor Bero | Y | Y |
| Chloe McGuire | Y | Y |
| Diego Hernandez | Y | Y |
| Sanga Jung | Y | Y |
| Rufina Roy | Y | Y |
|  |  |  |
| Melanie Ouma | Y | Y |
| Emma Robertson | Y | Y |
| Frank Ross | e | e |
| Divyasree Pai | e | e |
| Adilson González M. | Y | Y |
| Katy Gerace | Y | Y |
| Renato Guadamuz | e | e |
| Iman Said | Y | Y |