Graduate and Professional Student Association

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| GPSA 69th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, April 1, 2020 | 6:00 pm | Zoom meeting |

**Actions Items:**

* If there is anyone who has an idea to help graduates out with the funds remaining please let us know

**Legislation Passed:**

Bill 69-27: Funding of Lyft Rides to Grocery Stores and Medical Facilities

Bill 69-28: Workout Subscriptions for Graduate and Professional Students during COVID-19

Bill 69- 29: Funding of Takeout Meals from Local Restaurants

Resolution 69-18: ByLaws Amendment-GPSA Record Keeping

Resolution 69-19: Second Call to Address Challenges Involving COVID-19

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call - Appendix I
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 2/26/2020 - Approved
5. Open Student Forum -

Nicholas Terry

- We need a support network

- More organization around Happy Hours

1. Special presentations
   1. Dr. Michael F. Verderame, Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School Dr. Sarah Ades, Associate Dean for Graduate Student Affairs

-There is a task group for Covid -19 here from the grad school

- There are many committees for the planning for the University and the graduate school is doing well at that

- There are many policies and flexibility for our academic policies

- Information for Extended grades and extended degree seeking students will go out tomorrow

- The graduate school will continue to support our students.

- Q: Is there Any students represented on these committees?

-A: There are but it’s a lot going on

- Question for Sarah Ades Is there any students on any of these committees?

- A: I’m on a global committee program where there are students there

- Q: Why isn’t the graduate school not offering funding extensions for graduate students who need extensions? -

- A: We are in tough times and we are fighting for this

- Q: How much leeway are you giving departments?

- A: The guidelines that you see will apply to all programs

- Q: Will there be an extension on summer deadlines?

- A: If its appropriate then we will look into it.

* 1. Jesse Barlow, State College Borough Council President

- 27 confirmed cases in Centre County

- The borough has no authority on Landlord tenant relations

- Supreme Court Hold on All Rents and Evictions

- Borough has shut down all activities between now and May 10th

- Summers on Allen Could get Cancelled

- All April meetings have been cancelled except the one on the 13th

- Q: We have a lot of gloves and respirators would the hospital in town need some of the medical resources we have?

- A: Im not sure

- Q: Is the borough pointing people towards resources for people who can’t pay there rent?

- A: Im Not Sure.

- Centre Helps is a resource for rent help

- There are 2 things we are missing on the council.

- Young professionals and students

- We are lacking in the council in many areas where young professionals would be needed

- Personally It would be a benefit to have a GPSA representative on the borough and I think we can get that this year.

- Q: Any discussion for local business and how GPSA can help?

- A: The Downtown state College , Downtown state college improvement district and the CBICC where both offices are down by the MLK plaza.

- Q:How can we help publicize about these councils

- A: Please email me, I love to help promote this with GPSA

1. Executive Officer Reports
   1. President—Claire Kelling

- Insta cart registration where AWH is working toward a google doc for students who needs help with those gift cars

-There will be a delay

- Administration is looking for folks to help out with social distancing communication

- Second to last meeting of our assembly

- April 15th will be our last assembly

- April 29th will be our first new assembly meeting schedule

- Elections are on April 15th and 16th, April 8th will be closing of applications

- We are encouraging the town hall to be put on by the graduate school

* 1. Vice President—Charles Tierney

- If you would like to help with students for people who have trouble with COVID 19 you search this on FB “Centre County COVID-19 Community Response” you can join the slack as well

* 1. Treasurer—Alex Zhao

- If we pass this legislation we will have 10-12k left over after all event cancelations

-If it’s possible if you can think of anything to help grad students let us know this is a lot of money

- If you have reimbursements please let me know

- With the Funds left is there anyway these funds will roll over for next assemble

- 8% of our allocation will roll over, about $5,000 will roll over and the rest will go over to student fees

- We can always fund new bills with the new assembly

- We can vote on more legislation on the 15th

- We can’t just give money to an individual but we can do groceries and gift cards

* 1. Secretary—Fuzzy Williams-McKenzie
  2. Faculty Senate—Star Sharp

- If you have a child and you have a child day care center on campus you need to look for a refund

- SRTE’s will not be looked at for TA’s

- Please Fill out Census report

* 1. Graduate Council—Alexander Wilson-Heid

- GPSA’s report for Grad Council will now be earlier in the meeting

- I would like feedback on the form for advertising when it should go out.

1. New Business
   1. Bill 69-27: Funding of Lyft Rides to Grocery Stores and Medical Facilities

-This is to fund Lyft rides for grocery stores and medical facilities

- Mount Nittany medical center, UHS and Wegmans are a few locations we will have for Lyft rides

- How do we want to do codes?

- We have 120 codes

- Lyft is working with us to figure out the $1,000 week to week

-Q: Does this follow stay at home orders

- A: Yes it is, we’re doing this for medical and groceries

- Q: Who came up with the 120 codes?

- A: We don’t have 120 engagements its more of a meet in a middle when discussing

- You have to be pick up or dropped off within a half a mile

- Giant is now offering free grocery delivery

- PASSES 28-0

* 1. Bill 69-28: Funding of Workout Subscriptions for Graduate and Professional Students during COVID-19 response

- Since Everything is closed this is a way for everyone to still work out

- Passes 27-0

* 1. Bill 69-29: Funding of Takeout Meals from Local Restaurants

- Working with restaurants on take out nights where GPSA funds the first few restaurants

- We are still trying to see who we can partner with

- Capping it on $40 per takeout order

- This is all Call ahead.

- We Will cap the budget at the restaurant

- AWH: Want to replace Take out Night with Takeout Day

- Passes 27-0

* 1. Resolution 69-18: Bylaws Amendment – GPSA Record Keeping

- To make sure that the president or the person who the president delegates things to keep track with records and resolutions

-PASSES 27-0

* 1. Resolution 69-19: Additional Recommendations to Address Graduate and Professional Student Challenges Involving COVID-19

- Asking for the grad school to fix the clock on university employees for one year

- Grantee for grad assistantship

- Implementing a grading policy similar to what the undergraduates have

- A town hall for graduate and professional students

- Q: Is there any current over lap between that and the graduate resolution

- A: I have no clue

- Litsy- We want to make sure that all students who have sign contracts that they are getting everything they need.

- Passes 20-6

1. Reports
   1. Speaker of the Assembly – Terry Torres Cruz

- Please get the word out about the approved assemblies

- Elections are going up soon please apply and if you know anyone would is interested encourage them

* 1. Committees
     1. Advocacy and Diversity – Amanda Burton

- If you have opinion on the legislation just passed let me know

- Santina is on the website making COVID -19 updates if you know of anything please slack Santina

* + 1. Professional Development – Rob Griggs
    2. Programming – Arghajeet Saha
    3. Community Outreach – Trevor Bero
    4. Internal Development – David Dopfel

- Please Fill out transition form.

- Please get the next assembly a lot of information

* 1. Liaisons

Brianne (Students Insurance adverse board)

- New insurance has been approved

- Benefits for next year are the same

- UHS can’t mail narcotics

- UHS is doing curb side pick

- Coverage has been extended for international students till August 12th

- Q: Is tele dentistry in addition to real dentistry or instead of?

- A: Routine care

-Q: Would there be the same coverage for US students here for international students?

-A: I would assume it’s the same

- Q:But are graduate students who are now stuck in other states also exempt from having to get referrals?

-A: I would assume people are being a lot more flexible

* 1. Judiciary—The Honorable Nick Dietrich

- Elections will now be moved from April 15th to April 16th

- Election ballot should be good for the future

* 1. Student Trustee – Bryan Culler

- Talked about student disability resources for students disability

- Governance Committee - board structure

- We will come up with an HR committee

- Should there be committee about diversity and inclusion

- We are trying to figure out what diversity and inclusion means as a board

- Going to move into asking Student governments for students input on what does diversity and inclusion mean to them

- We want to meet once a week as a board

- Sitting on Food and Security task force

* 1. Advisor—Adam Christensen

1. Comments for the Good of the Order
2. Adjournment -8:50

Appendix I

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

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| **Office** | **Name** | **4/1/20** |
| **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 | A |
| Associate Justice | Emily Lesher | P |
| **Graduate Council** |  |  |
| Graduate Council | Baily Thomas (Engineering) | A |
| 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 | 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 | P |
| Health and Human Development |  |  |
| 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 | A |
| School of International Affairs | Rufina Roy | A |
| School of Law |  |  |
| School of Law | Melanie Ouma | P |
| School of Law | Emma Robertson | P |
| Smeal College of Business | Frank Ross | A |
| At-Large Delegate | Divyasree Pai | A |
| 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= Unexpected Absence E= Excused Absence A= Abstain Y=Yes N= No

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| **Office** | **Name** | **Bill 69-27: Lyft Rides** | **Bill 69-28: Workout** | **Bill 69- 29: Take-Out** | **Resolution 69-18: Bylaws** | **Resolution 69-19: Recommendations to Grad School** |
| **Graduate Council** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Graduate Council | Baily Thomas (Engineering) | U | U | U | U | U |
| Graduate Council | Arghajeet Saha (Ag. Sci.) | Y | Y | Y | y | A |
| Graduate Council | Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP) | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Graduate Council | Catherine Okafor (Education) | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Graduate Council | Katie Warczak (Liberal Arts) | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| **Assembly** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural Sciences | Mandy Burton | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Agricultural Sciences | Terry Torres Cruz | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Art & Architecture |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Communications | Litzy Galarza | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Kshitij Dawar | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Earth and Mineral Sciences | Samantha Staskiewicz | U | U | U | U | U |
| Eberly College of Science | Santina Cruz | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Eberly College of Science | Yasha Duggal | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Eberly College of Science | Alyssa Bienvenu | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Education | Azaria Cunningham | U | U | U | U | U |
| Education | Rob Griggs | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Engineering | Bahman Sheikh | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Engineering | Min Gyung Yu | U | U | U | U | U |
| Engineering | Jon Young | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Engineering | Hannah Nolte | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Engineering | Zafar Anwar | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Health and Human Development | Nicole Strock | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Health and Human Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information Sciences and Technology | Richard Caneba | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| Inter-Collegiate Degree Program | Steven Baksa | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Inter-Collegiate Degree Program | David Dopfel | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Liberal Arts | Trevor Bero | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Liberal Arts | Chloe McGuire | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Liberal Arts | Diego Hernandez | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
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| School of International Affairs | Rufina Roy | U | U | U | U | u |
| School of Law | Melanie Ouma | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
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| At-Large Delegate | Katy Gerace | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| At-Large Delegate | Renato Guadamuz | U | U | U | U | U |
| At-Large Delegate | Iman Said | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |