



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 71st Assembly Meeting	Wednesday, March 23, 2022	6:00 PM	Zoom
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Action Items:

- Please let Jalen and Megan know if you're available to be a moderator for the GPSA Town Hall on the 30th and fill out this form if you are attending:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RY30fNs9iUOpwcEVUm61Lhd9y1ZFMjxJtBf-q92gcJ5UMU1ZM1kwMDVLRzdOUepJRTlwSVRRVTc2NC4u>
- Student Engagement is looking for feedback on THIS performers, please check their Slack channel and get that feedback by this Friday

Business Conducted:

- Resolution 71-12: Reorganization of the GPSA Executive Branch passed, which establishes the Department of Finance, Department of Communications, and Department of External Affairs, while also changing the roles of Treasurer and Secretary to Executive Director of Finance and Executive Director of Communications, respectively, and also turning those positions into appointed rather than elected ones
- Bill 71-24: Huck Life Science Symposium passed, which authorizes the GPSA to co-sponsor the Life Science Symposium put on by the Huck GSA through planning and the provision of \$3,740 for food
- Bill 71-25: Pan-APA Conference 2022 passed, which authorizes the GPSA to spend \$3,000 co-sponsoring the 2022 Pan-APA conference through planning assistance and the purchase of food
- Resolution 71-13: Supporting LGBTQIA+ Students During Harmful Developments in the Legal Landscape passed, which recommends actions for Penn State to take to support LGBTQIA+ students in light of recent anti-trans and anti-queer actions occurring across the country
- Resolution 71-14: Amending the Duties of the Assembly in the By-Laws passed, which adds responsibilities for GPSA College Delegates to the ByLaws, including being responsible for contacting their college and department staff to arrange to speak at orientations, disseminate GPSA communications, and solicit candidates during the election period
- Resolution 71-15: Transition of the GPSA Executive Branch passed, which outlines the transition meeting to occur for the executive branch and how the GPSA Judiciary will notify current candidates for Treasurer and Secretary as to the changes to their positions, and encourage them to apply for the Executive Director of Finance and Executive Director of Communications positions, respectively, through the new application process instead of the elections
- Awards for GPSA members were presented, including a new award introduced this year. Award winners:

- George Atherton Outstanding Dedication to Penn State Award: Niladri Sekhar Mandal
- Kenneth Martin Exemplary Service Award: Megan Minnich
- Philip J. Burlingame Advocate for the Arts Award: Nora Tucker
- Delegate of the Year Award: Ama Agyapong
- Zhao-Kelling Award for Executive Officers: Sandeep Krishnakumar

Agenda

- I. Meeting called to order at 6 PM
- II. Roll Call – See Appendix I
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. **Sandeep** – motion to include presentation of awards in new business, seconded, no objections
 - b. With addition, agenda adopted
- IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 2/23/2022: Approved
- V. Open Student Forum
- VI. Special Presentation:
 - i. **Questions and Comments**
- VII. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President – **Schönn Franklin**
 - i. Thank yous and awards at the end
 - ii. Meeting with Dr. Ades and deans about our elections and how they are running
 1. Asked to nominate 15 names to Graduate School Dean’s search committee, will have reached out to individuals about this
 - iii. Wrapping up Student Fee Board meetings with final recommendation soon
 - iv. Had two office hours for reorganization resolution
 1. For this resolution, this would not take effect until the new Assembly (April 1st)
 2. If the next Assembly passes it, this won’t take effect until the 73rd Assembly in 2023
 3. I think that with our experience, we are in the best position to adjust what is necessary for the executive branch
 4. This is an important piece of legislation so I would love to see feedback and commentary on how we should structure the executive branch
 - v. **Questions and Comments**
 1. **Alex** – are you willing to make the list of nominees to the search committee public?
 - a. **Schönn** – I will check if allowed and if so will release in general chat and for minutes
 - b. Vice President – **Jalen Jeter**
 - i. Town Hall next week, March 30th, Wednesday, from 6-7:30PM
 1. Will be virtual, done through the Gather.town system
 2. Asking for individuals to fill out Google form to indicate if they are able to come
 3. We need 4 additional people to be moderators, we will have questions to assist you to get discussion going in the rooms, let us know if you’re able to

- ii. **Questions and Comments**
 - 1. **Claire** – is the town hall not publicized yet?
 - a. **Jalen** – will have this by the morning on our social media
 - b. **Claire** – It will be super helpful if there is an email that we can send around
 - c. **Alex** – I will send this with the newswire email
- c. Treasurer – **Matt Billups**
 - i. Update on our budget since this is our last Assembly meeting
 - 1. Note that budget is for full fiscal year (until end of June 2022), not just Assembly year
 - 2. Two more co-sponsorship bills being voted on this meeting, as well as 4 additional spending bills that might be voted on after tonight (1 emergency vote, 3 for next Assembly this fiscal year)
 - 3. Including all potential legislation, we will have about \$2500 remaining, which is fine
 - ii. **Questions and Comments**
 - 1. **Sandeep** – from my understanding, we generally have some expenditures at the first meeting of the next Assembly (communications manager, orientation, etc.), does that money have to come from what we have now?
 - 2. **Matt** – The money doesn't have to come out of our current funds: it comes out when we spend it, so even if we pass the legislation now, the actual spend would occur in the next fiscal year (July 2022 and later), see our examples for Communications Manager last year and Welcome Back Picnic. When spending for those will be timed is a factor when they're being made
 - 3. **Schonn** – we do also have to update our awards plaques will cost \$420, also keepsakes for executive board and chairs is \$401.25
 - 4. **Claire** – for either Matt or Schonn, it might be helpful to note that we might codify reserving funds for the next Assembly just to avoid any situation where the next Assembly starts their term but can't pass funds until the fall semester in transition documents
 - 5. **Alex** – are we being charged for meetings? If so we should consider adding to transition notes is to not book rooms in the HUB
- d. Secretary – **Alex Zhao**
 - i. Please notify if mispronouncing delegates' names or if delegates enter the meeting after attendance has been taken.
 - ii. Committee chairs please send attendance records after each meeting.
 - iii. Sending out the newswire tomorrow, please submit any event announcements or graphics by noon.
 - iv. Please notify if you want to be excluded from public recordings.
 - v. Please consider running for reelection
 - vi. **Questions and Comments**
 - 1. **Ama** – can I wrap up events for this year?
 - 2. **Alex** – yes
 - 3. **Claire** – any consideration about extending the intent to run?

4. **Schonn** – bylaws require one week, reached out to orgcentral about extending it, they haven't said anything yet, if needed we can reopen the agenda again and vote on extending it
 5. **Ian** – are you asking for a new election date of April 1?
 6. **Schonn** – no, if we change it we can only extend it to this Friday
- e. Faculty Senate – **Lillian Schaeffer**
- i. Student Caucus meeting on Tuesday
 1. Potential non-instructional day for election day
 - ii. Faculty Senate
 1. Minor revisions to standing rules and rules and nominations reports
 2. April meeting might be moved to in-person
 - iii. **Questions and Comments**
 1. **Ali** – we're hoping to invite both the elected and appointed Faculty Senator to the April meeting, so quick plug for people to apply for Faculty Senate
 2. **Ali** – Faculty Senate also considering there being a chair of the student caucus who would have more of a role in the leadership of the Faculty Senate, that is the student chair would be a co-chair with the immediate past president
- f. Graduate Council – **Claire Kelling**
- i. Grad Council met last Wednesday
 1. Interim Dean update about admissions
 - a. About the same as last year (15,000), no update on permanent grad dean to share
 2. Extended discussion about dual title policy, Katie introduced a motion to change a very important wording in the policy so that any restrictions to double counting need to be justified rather than just any change
 3. Grad minor policy is still up for discussion
 4. Report on University Graduate Fellowships, looking into making that public
 - ii. Wanted to remind all Grad Council and Faculty Senator members: your terms don't end until the end of the academic year unlike the other GPSA members
 - iii. Thank you for the collaborate and truly important work done in the past five years on GPSA. I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to see the organization grow over the past 5 years and work with some of the most driven, passionate, and effective student leaders at Penn State
 - iv. GPSA provides such important services to graduate and professional students, and its advocacy, programming, and other initiatives
 - v. I found a community in GPSA when I really needed during my first year or two of grad school, and I think that there are a few people in this room who will be part of the new Assembly as new members, and I just wanted to say I hope that for you and other students that you'll find that community because a community of change makers is an incredibly powerful thing
- g. Speaker of the Assembly – **Sandeep Krishnakumar**
- i. Want to show my appreciation for everyone in the Assembly, especially the chairs of the committee, we experienced some obstacles and but you overcame all of that
 - ii. A lot of great work from everyone in the GPSA Assembly this year

- iii. If you are interested in taking on the role of Speaker next year, please reach out to me, I can give advice
 - iv. If you are a delegate, your term ends on the 1st of April, there will likely be one more online vote on the 30th of March, so keep an eye out on the Slack for that
 - h. **Chief Justice – The Honorable Ian Tennison**
 - i. Today is the deadline to submit your intent to run form, information can be found on the GPSA website
 - ii. If you're in an elected position you'll need to run again to keep your position, form is relatively straight forward
 - iii. I encourage as many people to vote as possible during the elections as well
 - iv. **Questions and Comments**
 - 1. **Schonn** – I find it particularly useful for former delegates to stay in our Slack channel, to pass on experience and help out, please consider staying in our Slack channel
- VIII. Resolution 71-12: Reorganization of the GPSA Executive Branch, presented by Schonn
- a. Several things are changing
 - i. Adding capacity to different positions (Secretary – director of communications, director of external affairs)
 - ii. Creates a department to maintain relationships of liaisons and their work
 - 1. Ensure that they are not only effective but also that they are fruitful relationships with the graduate and professional community
 - 2. Partnering with GPSA delegates to host events to tell graduate and professional students who we are, important because those departments are often silo'd
 - iii. Exec Directors of Comms, Finance, and External Affairs will be appointed positions, with a public application, interviews with the president and steering committee, some considerations to amend that
 - iv. Departments also allows involvement of students who do want to work within GPSA but cannot necessarily make our meetings
 - b. **Discussion**
 - i. **Eli** – in section D, subsection 4, doesn't have Executive Branch capitalized, motion to capitalize Executive Branch, seconded
 - ii. **Schonn** – I had listening sessions and had some feedback, I will go through and ask for motions and assent for the feedback:
 - 1. Section C, number 2, motion to move the word meetings, seconded
 - a. **Eli** - motion to capitalize executive branch, seconded
 - b. **Schonn** – additional motion to add “and execution of the mission and vision of the GPSA and” to this section, seconded, additional motion to strike the word “responsibilities” which was also seconded
 - 2. Section D – motion to add “day-to-day” before work, seconded
 - 3. Section E – striking the word considered, motioned, seconded
 - a. Number 3 – add new line to become new number 3: publishing a regular newsletter to showcase the work of the GPSA and highlight opportunities to get engaged
 - 4. Section F – strike word “considered” – motioned and seconded

5. Section G – number 2 ,striking “assisting the Student Engagemet Committee with hosting” replace with “partnering with GPSA delegates to host - motioned, seconded
 - a. Number 5 – completely striking and read “contributing to the regular newsletter housed by the department of communications” – motioned, seconded
6. Section F – executive director selection process – typo and grammar fixes – if more than 3 candidates apply only the steering committee does the interviewing – motioned, seconded
 - a. Striking rest of the sentence
- iii. **Matt** – could we get some clarification as to why broadly these changes are done?
 1. **Schonn** – the general intent is to make sure that the president does not have too heavy of a hand
- iv. **Claire** – some of those last changes are a little confusing, motion to change the selection process paragraph to simply say that “If more than three applications apply, at least three applicants should be interviewed”, motion to do so, seconded
- v. **Claire** – might be worth just making all of the changes at once so as to evaluate it as a whole rather than in parts
- vi. **Annie** – there needs to be a period after line 1 “as desired”
- vii. All changes to this point are motioned and seconded to finalize Section F
 1. **Schonn** – the process:
 - a. President posts an application on our website
 - b. The steering committee interviews the candidates
 - c. The steering committee sends two candidates to the president, who then nominates the one of their choosing
 - d. That candidate then goes up for confirmation by the General Assembly
- viii. **Claire** – motion to add “All appointments must be approved by the General Assembly by the second meeting of the fall semester”
 1. **Eli** – in the event that someone does wind up stepping down from their position, how do we account for that? Also is this enough time?
 - a. **Claire** – if there is a vacancy, it follows the normal vacancy process, and the second meeting of the fall semester I believe give enough time
 2. **Matt** – the deadline should be sooner than the 2nd meeting of the fall semester, the executive board is set up with two meetings to go in the semester, not having a director of finance ready by the summer can be detrimental to the GPSA, especially since a lot of work is being done by the director of finance over the summer
 - a. **Claire** – I agree, not having a treasurer or communications director is hard, but without the steering committee formed there might not be a reasonable way to deal with this process given the timeline

- b. **Matt** – there was some discussion about the outgoing steering committee could provide some support in terms of the interview, but I agree that this is very compressed
 - c. **Alex** – second meeting of the fall semester might contradict with the vacancy section, and second meeting of the fall semester might run into treasurer training problems
 - d. **Sandeep** – having the outgoing steering committee be a part of this process might be tricky, do want to try to prevent unofficial influence of previous GPSAs on future GPSAs
 - e. **Matt** – as the amendment stands, the director roles last indefinitely, I'd like to advocate for an annual application process, since that reduces the problem of the past GPSA being too binding on the present and future GPSA, noting that with an election process the steering committee has no say. Are we making it harder to fill our executive branch in a timely manner in a rushed manner?
 - f. **Claire** – I personally would be comfortable with approval by the General Assembly by the end of the spring semester, given that we have a lot of roles like this already
3. Motion revised to “by the last meeting of the spring semester”
- a. **Sandeep** – the Speaker would have to meet immediately after the first Assembly meeting to do all the chair meetings and to elect all of the chairs, and then do all the interviews, which is a lot to do, just wanted to make everyone aware that this is a lot of work to be done in the end of the semester
 - b. **Claire** – withdrawing motion
4. **Travis** – maybe it's possible to have directors be appointed into an acting role to be then confirmed by the second meeting of the fall semester?
5. **Matt** – is it possible that the President and the Steering Committee can do this without approval of the General Assembly? Might solve the time problems
- a. **Schonn** – I think it's good to have the Steering Committee determine this, as this is the intent, with the previous Steering Committee doing this, we'd be able to meet these timeline pressures, if we want to keep Assembly approval we'd either have to transition earlier or go the summer without these officers, the appointed Faculty Senator has 4 weeks versus this process
6. **Alex** – is it possible to just have the interviews without the Steering Committee and instead with the President, VP, and Speaker do the interviews?
7. **Claire** – what if the Steering Committee chooses the applicants without any presidential involvement by the end of the spring semester?
- a. **Travis** – I like Claire's suggestion, I do want the Assembly to have a little bit of control, the Assembly should reserve the right

- to remove a person from the Executive Director position: don't want to put someone into a role that ultimately the Assembly doesn't approve of
- b. **Matt** – we should clarify that end of spring semester means end of final exams, potentially allow for a confirmation in the fall semester as a follow up, would satisfy all current concerns
8. **Schonn** – I don't think we are allowed to have activities during final week unless we get approval
- a. **Sandeep** – it's a tradeoff between who we want voting for the executive directors versus when we want it to happen: if we want it to happen sooner I agree with Alex, having the Speaker be the voice of the Assembly, with regards to work for the committees not a lot happens until late in the summer
 - b. **Matt** – I'm in agreement, the only thing I want to consider with extending the time too far is defining the responsibilities while waiting for a new executive director, especially if they graduate in the spring semester, it would not be good to not have a director of finance for 2 to 3 months
9. **Claire** – are we more or less set on the Steering Committee making these appointments?
- a. **Sandeep** – should there be a clause saying if it isn't completed by the end of the spring semester that they can take as long as they need, just in consideration of the tight deadline?
 - b. **Alex** – as long as they take might not be good, perhaps treat it as a vacancy?
 - c. **Schonn** – we want the Steering Committee to decide these points, we also want it by perhaps the end of May, and we can perhaps have one of the staff members of the departments serve as acting directors
10. **Claire** – motion changes: removing all parts after “The Steering Committee shall conduct the interviews” and add “and shall select the new Executive Directors by the end of the spring semester”
- ix. **Matt** – as it stands the applications are not necessarily annual, we should allow for the opportunity to apply every year so allow more involvement from the graduate and professional student body
 - x. **Claire** – motion to add “annual” to change to “annual public applications”
 - xi. **Matt** – Director as a title is enough, no need for Executive Director, a little more succinct
 - 1. **Schonn** – we can leave this up to the next Assembly
 - 2. **Alex** – I will note the Secretary title is technically Executive Secretary but nobody uses that title
 - xii. **Claire** – motion to change section G to remove “directors and” and add “Department staff only have voting privileges in department meetings.”
 - xiii. **Matt** – For the department of finance, the Executive Director of Finance should have sole responsibility for those items, and can delegate, but the responsibility

ultimately stops with them

1. **Claire** – this is similar for other departments
2. **Matt** – we could add managing staff as a responsibility
3. **Schonn** – a shorter fix could be to change “along with” to “supported by”
 - a. **Claire** – I will make this a motion for all departments, seconded, no objections

xiv. Motion for roll call vote, seconded

c. **Resolution Passed 25-0-1, see Appendix II for details**

IX. Bill 71-24: Huck Life Science Symposium, presented by Ram

- a. Huck Graduate Student Association is organizing their annual Life Sciences Symposium, a student oriented conference dedicated to promoting collaboration between the various branches of life sciences research at PSU, this year it will be in-person
- b. I am sponsoring this and have been involved in some planning meetings with the Huck GSA
- c. They are mainly seeking sponsorship for food for \$374, the president of the Huck GSA is here to answer any questions

d. **Questions**

- i. **Matt** – do you have more details on your current and planned involvement?
 1. **Ram** – I have been involved in some of the coordination including for food, they are interested in putting GPSA in a booth at the Symposium
 2. **Maria** – currently we don’t have GPSA on any of the materials yet but can add that, logistics wise there is a subcommittee and GPSA is more than welcome to attend

e. **Discussion**

- i. Motion to approve by roll call, seconded

f. **Bill passes 25-0-0, see Appendix II for details**

X. Bill 71-25: Pan-APA Conference 2022, presented by Sherif

- a. Pan-APA is the graduate student organization for African and African diaspora students here at Penn State
- b. They are looking to host their 5th annual conference under the theme Community Development Initiative in Africa on April 9, 2022
- c. They are requesting co-sponsorship for lunch, representative of Pan-APA is here to answer questions
- d. I am a member of the organization and also on the committee planning the conference, I am here to be the co-sponsoring delegate

e. **Discussion**

- i. Motion to vote approve by roll call, seconded

f. **Bill Passed 24-0-0, see Appendix II for details**

XI. Resolution 71-13: Supporting LGBTQIA+ Students During Harmful Developments in the Legal Landscape, presented by Eli

- a. This isn’t the first resolution that has come before the Assembly this term regarding the queer community

- b. Back in April we passed a resolution about trans-access to health care and other issues on campus, unfortunately most of those issues have not been undertaken by the university
 - c. Currently there have been a lot of actions undertaken across the country that are negative developments for the queer community, for example a recent Supreme Court case on whether creative professionals and discriminate against queer people for services for a wedding, anti-trans legislation in state legislatures across the country much of which is focused on trans access to healthcare as well as trans participation to sports
 - d. This is an issue because trans access to healthcare is important to reduce rates of depression and suicide among transgender people
 - e. Our resolution calls for a similar series of recommendations as a prior resolution, including gender neutral bathrooms, create options for adding pronouns and correct names on websites, update UHS forms to be gender neutral, hire more CGSD staff, provide additional sensitivity training to University employees
 - f. **Questions**
 - i. **Katie** – did we get a response to our previous resolution?
 - 1. **Schonn** – did have a conversation with university leadership immediately after and in July, the feedback gotten was that the university was already or in the plan of doing our recommendations, so they did not see our last resolution as actionable
 - 2. **Eli** – at least with regards to bathrooms, there are several buildings that undergraduates are in that do not have gender neutral bathrooms
 - g. **Discussion**
 - i. **Schonn** – want to voice my support as President for this resolution, we should reemphasize our effects in this area, especially given the worsening picture we are seeing not just at Penn State but across the country, especially important for clearer training for University staff, we can send this resolution out to offices on campus as an actionable item
 - ii. **Matt** – personal outreach by delegates to their college deans can also help this resolution get out to the right eyes
 - iii. Motion to approve by roll call vote, seconded
 - h. **Resolution Passed 24-0-0, see Appendix II for details**
- XII. Resolution 71-14: Amending the Duties of the Assembly in the By-laws, presented by Sandeep
- a. At the beginning of the fall semester, we participate in student orientations, including the international student orientation, graduate school orientation, and various department orientations
 - b. This allows us to present what the GPSA does to our constituents but we haven't had a really good structure to approach these, so traditionally it was just the Speaker of the Assembly coordinating this, which is a lot of work for one individual
 - c. This change would add responsibilities to college delegates so they are responsible for also presenting and reaching out to various departments and schools on campus with the Speaker coordinating
 - d. Delegates would also be responsible for spreading the word about elections at the end of their terms

e. **Discussion**

- i. **Schonn** – I am supporting this resolution both because it is vitally important to have an organized way of doing orientation, especially since it's their first interaction with their student government and elected officials, it is also important for delegates to get involved so that student see their delegates
- ii. **Katie** – the orientations are very important, I have participated in them for the past two years and have seen the work that Speakers like Sandeep have put into it, having the college delegates involved might help tie in more to the concerns of specific colleges and departments
- iii. **Matt** – I think this is a really important resolution and would like to voice that in cases where there are colleges with many programs but not as many students, it would be good to have the executive branch members contribute as well to the orientation effort, everyone having experience with orientation is good
- iv. **Schonn** – question for Sandeep in relation to Matt's comment, the section about asking for volunteers allows the kind of flexibility needed, correct?
- v. **Claire** – perhaps we could add language saying that the Speaker and the executive branch and staff can provide support as needed
- vi. **Sandeep** – Would it be okay to have language about executive branch involvement here given that it's the duties of the Assembly section?
- vii. **Claire** – I think it's okay given that it is very focused on the topic of orientation
- viii. **Ali** – should we have a conversation about how delegates should generally be responsible for making sure that messaging and communications from the GPSA are spread through their college, especially given that this has been a challenge in the past in some colleges
- ix. **Sandeep** – motion to add “The Speaker of the Assembly and members of the Executive Branch may provide assistance as and when needed.”
 1. **Schonn** – because the Speaker is part of the Executive Branch, we can remove that from the amendment
 2. Amendment seconded with no objections
- x. **Sandeep** – motion to amend by adding to section D “Delegate are also required to disseminate information about GPSA activities among their constituents”, seconded, no objections
- xi. Motion to vote by roll call, seconded

f. **Resolution Passed 25-0-0, see Appendix II for details**

- XIII. Resolution 71-15: Transition of the GPSA Executive Branch, presented by Schonn
- a. There is a transition that will happen with every Assembly, this resolution just outlines our particular course of action
 - b. The president will host a meeting with the incoming GPSA executive branch officers, who will do what, when is the official turnover of stuff
 - c. We are going from an elected to appointed process, now that our reorganization has passed, the people who applied for Secretary and Treasurer will be interviewed for the subsequent positions
 - d. **Questions**
 - i. **Claire** – can we make it clear that there is an additional application process?
 1. **Schonn** – will address in discussion

- ii. **Niladri** – what happens to the person who becomes Treasurer after this election? Is the president bound to our nomination process just because of our changes today?
 - 1. **Ian** – my understanding is that the positions are just changing names
 - 2. **Niladri** – the treasurer cannot automatically be this since wouldn't it violate the nomination process?
- iii. **Katie** – wanted to ask about the constitutionality, can we ask someone who is running for election to subsequently interview?
- iv. **Schonn** – the constitution has changed, so we have decided that this is the process by which we will go by, but the constitution changes on April 1, so this resolution is about a transition structure that has already begun
- v. **Ian** – from my understanding, I'm almost inclined to recommend do this election the same way as we do for the General Assembly, but the problem is we only have one specific person this would actually be
- vi. **Claire** – these two positions have different responsibilities, our new governing documents go into effect April 1, but it would be unconstitutional to just say that the winner of the election is Treasurer
- vii. **Schonn** – the resolution here is making it explicit that we have to go through this process
 - 1. **Claire** – the resolution procedure would go against the constitution
- viii. **Niladri** – so essentially after this Assembly there is no Treasurer position left? If so we should tell that Treasurer

e. **Discussion**

- i. **Schonn** – one part is that we treat the two as the same as Treasurer and Secretary, so that this is the last election, but if we're not doing it that way, we'd need a new application process, as it stands this resolution doesn't specify this
- ii. **Claire** – we just made the changes today, so candidates might not know about the changes, so perhaps they can automatically be considered
- iii. **Alex** – I think given that the departments are just them right now this isn't a problem, also think it might be worth just running this as the last election
- iv. **Claire** – this means the second paragraph is clearly unconstitutional
- v. **Katie** – we should notify the existing candidates who have applied for the position
- vi. **Niladri** – is there any problem with withdrawing a position after the election has started?
 - 1. **Alex** – I don't think we're allowed to not have the elections if the change doesn't take effect until April 1
 - 2. **Schonn** – the amendments say the Executive Director of Finance and Communications shall be Treasurer and Secretary, we can interpret if the intent to run is the same as the public application through this resolution
- vii. **Niladri** – what would have happened if this was changed in July?
 - 1. **Schonn** – as it stands now the Treasurer position ends on April 1st
- viii. **Claire** – motion for several changes, change on line 20 “applied” to “ran”, change rest of sentence to “will be encouraged to participate in the application

process” , delete rest of paragraph, seconded

- ix. **Matt** – what happens to the application process, can we start it tomorrow?
 - 1. **Schonn** – in the interest of time we can discuss this later
- x. **Katie** – motion to change “of this change” to “that their positions have changed”
- xi. Motion to pass by roll call vote, seconded

f. **Resolution Passed 21-0-0, see Appendix II for details**

XIV. Presentation of Awards

- a. George Atherton Outstanding Dedication to Penn State Award
 - i. Winner: Niladri Sekhar Mandal
 - ii. Has done an amazing job transforming our Professional Development Committee, but has gone above and beyond with the Dean’s office to bring in professional development opportunities
- b. Kenneth Martin Exemplary Service Award
 - i. Megan Minnich
 - ii. Stepped up to take over a committee that needed leadership in the middle of the year
 - iii. Produced events recognized not just by us but even beyond the GPSA
- c. Philip J. Burlingame Advocate for the Arts Award
 - i. Nora Tucker
 - ii. Work on hosting the pottery events and preparing the THIS event and others
- d. Delegate of the Year Award
 - i. Ama Agyapong
 - ii. Work and effort done through the Programming and Student Engagement committee was amazing
 - iii. Leadership of committee was exemplary
- e. Award for Executive Officers
 - i. Zhao-Kelling Award
 - 1. Each has given 5 years of service to the GPSA
 - 2. Always willing to assist
 - 3. Inaugural winner: Sandeep Krishnakumar
 - a. Motion to approve award, seconded
 - b. He was always there when needed and stepping up when needed

XV. Reports

- a. Advocacy and Diversity – **Megan Minnich**
 - i. No updates
- b. Professional Development – **Niladri Sekhar Mandal**
 - i. Shoutout to the members of the committee for their help this year
 - ii. Resume review event for May 14 to May 27, goal is to have Penn State alumni review, modeled on a similar event in the College of Engineering, will be a very useful event
- c. Student Engagement – **Ama Agyapong, Ram Neupane**

- i. THIS event update – we have 5 performers for the event, will have a meeting tomorrow to review performers, looking for input by the end of the day Friday
 - d. Internal Development – **Travis Russell**
 - i. No update
 - e. Liaison Reports
 - i. **Eli** – Student Legal Services, landlord tenant consult service being proposed by Student Legal Services
 - ii. **Claire** – Fee Board, deliberations and discussions about parts of the fee, will give final recommendation in a few days
 - iii. **Katie** – CPA, updates on events upcoming for the CPA, Illuminations Art Info
 - iv. **Alex** – Graduate Exhibition Gather.town cancelled
 - f. Student Trustee – Janiyah Davis
 - i. Not in attendance
 - g. Advisor – Adam Christensen
 - i. Congratulations to all of the award winners, very much deserved and the new award is very much deserved
 - ii. Want to thank all of the members, especially those who are graduating and have put in multiple years of work
 - iii. Thank you all for your work
- XVI. Comments for the Good of the Order
 - a. **Ama** – shout out to Ali for being the proxy for the Assembly, and shout out to Eli to bringing our attention to a lot of impactful events in State College and nationally
 - b. **Matt** – this is my 2nd year as GPSA Treasure and I will not be continuing on due to graduation, want to thank everyone including the delegates and the board members for all of their hard work, really appreciative of my time in the GPSA
- XVII. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM

Appendix I

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

Position	Name	3/23/22
Executive Board		
President	Schönn Franklin	P
Vice President	Jalen Jeter	P
Secretary	Alex Zhao	P
Treasurer	Matthew Billups	P
Faculty Senator (Graduate School)	Ali Watts	P
Faculty Senator (GPSA Appointed)	Lillian Schaeffer	P
Judiciary		
Chief Justice	Ian Tennison	P
Associate Justice	Drake Broussard	E

Associate Justice	Sam Altland	U
Graduate Council		
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	P
Graduate Council	Katie Warczak (Liberal Arts)	P
Graduate Council	Hannah Nolte (Engineering)	P
Graduate Council	Annie Everett (Education)	P
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Travis Russell	P
Agricultural Sciences	Ram Neupane	P
Communications	Ashley Smalls	P
Education	Seongryeong Yu	P
Education	Farhan Sadique	U
Education	Yun-Chen Yen	P
Engineering	Sandeep Krishnakumar	P
Engineering	Niladri Sekhar Mandal	P
Engineering	Tanveer Ahmed	P
Engineering	Arnab Chatterjee	P
Health and Human Development	Brooke Mattern	P
Health and Human Development	David Desmet	P
Liberal Arts	Nora Tucker	P
Nursing	Sherif Olanrewaju	P
School of International Affairs	Gerren Graham	P
School of Law	Megan Minnich	P
School of Law	Eli Fields	P
School of Law	Ava McCartin	P
At-Large Delegate	Ama Agyapong (IGDP)	P
At-Large Delegate	Yuki Takahashi (SIA)	P
At-Large Delegate	Shakhzoda Tuychieva (Law)	P
At-Large Delegate	Sara Albrecht Soto (Liberal Arts)	P
At-Large Delegate	Rola Tarek (Education)	L

Appendix II

Y=Yes | N= No | A = Abstain | Blank Cell = No Vote

Office	Name	Attendance	Resolution 71-12	Bill 71-24	Bill 71-25	Resolution 71-13	Resolution 71-14	Resolution 71-15
Graduate Council								
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Graduate Council	Katie Warczak (Liberal Arts)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Graduate Council	Hannah Nolte (Engineering)	P	Y					
Graduate Council	Annie Everett (Education)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Assembly								
Agricultural Sciences	Travis Russell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Agricultural Sciences	Ram Neupane	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Communications	Ashley Smalls	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Education	Seongryeong Yu	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Education	Farhan Sadique							
Education	Yun-Chen Yen	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Engineering	Sandeep Krishnakumar	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Niladri Sekhar Mandal	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Tanveer Ahmed	P	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
Engineering	Arnab Chatterjee	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Health and Human Development	Brooke Mattern	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Health and Human Development	David Desmet	P	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Liberal Arts	Nora Tucker	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Nursing	Sherif Olanrewaju	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
School of International Affairs	Gerren Graham	P	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
School of Law	Megan Minnich	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
School of Law	Eli Fields	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
School of Law	Ava McCartin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
At-Large Delegate	Ama Agyapong (IGDP)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
At-Large Delegate	Yuki Takahashi (SIA)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
At-Large Delegate	Shakhzoda Tuychieva (Law)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
At-Large Delegate	Sara Albrecht Soto (Liberal Arts)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
At-Large Delegate	Rola Tarek	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Number of voters in Assembly:	27	Yes (Y)	25	25	24	24	25	21
Number of voters present:	26	No (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DID I MISS ANYONE?	Abstain (A)	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Veto	No	No	No	No	No	No