



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, April 12, 2017 | 6:00pm | 134 HUB Robeson Center

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting is called to order by the Executive Vice President at 6:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call Attendance – See Addendum I

III. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Motion made, and passed with unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- a. Hearing no objections to the meeting minutes, the past meeting minutes are approved.

V. Open Student Forum

- a. There are no comments.

VI. Special Presentation

- a. None

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President (Matt Krott)
 - i. President spoke to introduce himself.
 - ii. Encouraged Assembly to put themselves into leadership positions.
 - iii. Spoke on pursuing previous initiatives that Assembly has succeeded in using to engage Graduate School as a whole. Encouraged active participation from Assembly members among the Graduate School to preserve mission statement of promoting graduate students.
 - iv. Discussed encouraging Student Fee Board membership among graduate students.
- b. Vice President (Brienne Pragg)
 - i. Vice President spoke on unionization discussion.
- c. Treasurer (Erica Schwalm)
 - i. Treasurer gave brief description of job, and current balance of budget.
- d. Secretary (Nasr Cheaib)
 - i. No report.
- e. Faculty Senate Report (Kevin Reuning)
 - i. No recent meetings. Report of elections will take place next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- a. Confirmation of Presidential Appointments
 - i. Agricultural Sciences Delegate: Emily Erickson. ere6@psu.edu
 - A. Floor yielded for student who brought candidate forth. Vote approved by unanimous consent.
 - ii. Judiciary: Eric Flagg. euf34@psu.edu
 - A. Vote approved by unanimous consent.
- b. Speaker of the Assembly Election

- i. Nomination of Brian Conway. No other nominations. Floor yielded to former Assembly member for question. Vote approved by unanimous consent.
- c. Explanation of Committees
 - i. Student Affairs, Advocacy/Diversity, and Development. Sign-up sheet to be placed at Executive Table after meeting.
- d. 5-Minute Caucus Breakout
 - i. It happened.
- e. Bill 67-01: GPSA Blue and White Tailgate
 - i. Question as to expected attendance, and how it compares to previous times. Question as to leftovers. Question as to how families and others associated with the graduate school are made aware of this event. Question as to advertising.
 - A. Response that Assembly is partially needed to advertise, the food amount is generally the amount needed, and expectation is that this is sufficient.
 - ii. Discussion
 - A. Discussion about how the event seems positive. Recycling worries brought up, and assuaged.
 - iii. Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Seconded. Objected to. Modified to roll call. Seconded. Passed unanimously.
- f. Bill 67-02: Fall Professional Head Shots
 - i. Question as to means to mitigate absent sign-ups. Answer- none currently. Suggestion of wait-list. Question as to what dates will be chosen. Expectation of 3 hour blocks over 2 days. Question as to what yearly budget will cover this. Answer- based on when PO is opened. Could be this year, but no guarantee.
 - ii. Discussion
 - A. Conway - Expectation that this will be beneficial for graduate students. Event was successful before, and should be again.
 - iii. Bill approved by unanimous consent.
- g. Bill 67-03: Fall 2017 Graduate Writing Boot Camp
 - i. Question as to speaker timeline, and also who would be speaking. Answer- time blocks, and current speakers are undecided. Open-source writing and stress relief discussed as possible speaker subjects.
 - ii. Question as to location. Answer- Library room will be reserved.
 - iii. Question as to how communication and quiet room coexists. Answer- public areas are used to avoid noise during quiet periods, but speaker is utilized at a moderately low level of noise at certain periods.
 - iv. Clarification given on use of funds, and what is purchased, when.
 - v. Discussion
 - A. Motion to approve by roll call.
 - vi. Vote: Passed 18-0-1

IX. Reports

- a. Liaisons
 - i. Movin' On - Anthony Pinter
 - A. Explanation of Movin' On
 - B. Sign-up will be sent out for volunteers.
 - ii. Canvas Committee - Jesse Scott
 - A. Explanation of Canvas use and student involvement with it.
 - B. Request to pass on questions or comments.

- C. Reminder that ANGEL is unavailable after October 31st.
- iii. Healthcare - Brianne Pragg
 - A. March 31st meeting.
 - B. Grad health insurance is changing.
- b. Judiciary: Jesse Scott
 - i. Introduction from Chief Justice.
 - ii. Explanation of interactions between Judiciary and Assembly.
 - iii. Reminder that Committee ideas should be brought forward before summer break, as ideas are partially tabled during break. Reminder that open positions are available, and Assembly members should encourage involvement with GPSA for qualified individuals.
 - iv. Constitution and Bylaws on website are updated with 66th Assembly changes.
- c. Board of Trustees: Alie Goldstein
 - i. No report. Out of town. May BoT meeting reported on at next meeting.
- d. Advisor: Dr. Philip Burlingame
 - i. Welcome by the Advisor.
 - ii. Reminder that Dr. Burlingame will be leaving Penn State after this Academic Year.
 - iii. Will be offering closing remarks at next meeting.
 - iv. Encourages new members to utilize old members for questions, concerns, and any guidance they need.

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. Brian Conway
 - i. Email him with absences by the Monday before meetings.
 - ii. Proxies preferred if you must miss a meeting.
 - A. Explained what proxies are, and what preferred form they take.
 - iii. Will be setting agenda for future meetings, and asks that bills and resolutions be submitted by Monday at noon before a meeting.
 - A. Newer members should do so by Friday before, to allow review for problems.
- b. Brianne Pragg
 - i. Sign up for committee reminder.
- c. David Dopfel
 - i. Suggestion that Assembly members join social gathering after meeting to promote community.
- d. Matt Krott
 - i. Will not necessarily always wear suit. Suggestion previous President was fond of suits.
- e. Audience Student
 - i. Call for involvement in Centre County Paws visit.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kramer

Addendum I. Roll Call Attendance

P = present

A = absent

E = excused

PR = proxy

L = late

Office	Name	Attendance
Executive Board		
President	Matt Krott	P
Vice President	Brianne Pragg	P
Treasurer	Nasr Cheaib	E
Secretary	Erica Schwalm	P
Faculty Senator	Kevin Reuning	P
Graduate Council		
Graduate Council	Alexander Wilson-Heid	P
Graduate Council	August Jenkins	P
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling	P
Graduate Council	Ling Yang	P
Graduate Council	Mara Cloutier	P
Judiciary		
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott	P
Associate Justice	Michael Kramer	P
Associate Justice	Eric Flagg	P
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	P
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	P
Earth and Mineral Sciences		
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Joshua Bostwick	P
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Mikael Hiestand	P
Eberly College of Science		
Eberly College of Science	Alex Zhao	L
Eberly College of Science	Brian Conway	P
Eberly College of Science	Sonny Arora	P
Education		
Education	Carmen Vanderhoof	P
Education	Sonja Robinson	P
Engineering		
Engineering	Farnaz Tehranchi	P

Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	P
Engineering	Shenli Pei	P
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	P
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	David Dopfel	P
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Gerry Knapp	P
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Sailahari Ponnaluri	P
School of International Affairs	Abdulaziz Dahlawi	P
Liberal Arts	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	P
Liberal Arts	Sara Davis	P
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	P