I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting is called to order by the Executive Vice President at 6:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call Attendance – See Addendum I

III. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. There is a motion to amend the agenda to add “Old Business” following “New Business.”
      The motion is seconded.
   b. There is a motion to move Resolution #11-13 to “Old Business” and rename “Revised
      Resolution #11-11.” As a result, also renumber Resolution #66-16 to #66-13.
   c. Hearing no objections, the amended agenda is approved.

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 – Michael F. Vederame, PhD and Yvonne Gaudelius PhD, Task
    Force on the Future of Online Education and the role of World Campus
   a. How can we leverage what we have learned from World Campus to integrate into the
      whole University?
   b. The taskforce has been meeting with all kinds of groups (currently up to 26).
   c. “One Penn State 2025”
   d. Two examples:
      i. Increase (decrease barriers to) mobility
      ii. Establish a lifelong connection
   e. Question:
      i. MIT offers a lot of material online for free. Would this encompass something similar?
         1. Part of the public land grant mission of the University includes giving back to the
            public.
      ii. How are you going to get faculty buy-in?
         1. It may not include everyone in the beginning.
      iii. Is the plan to keep courses both online and in person?
         1. It is important to keep the community that comes from being on campus.
      iv. This feels focused on undergraduate education. How would this incorporate graduate
          education?
         1. What are the essential elements of a Penn State degree that we don’t want to lose?
      v. How will this work with students transferring with community college credits?
      vi. How would this incorporate the broader Penn State experience?
1. There are already some student organizations for World Campus students; they hired a Director of Student Affairs last year.

VII. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President (Kevin Horne)
      i. BugPAC, while completely separate from GPSA, is running four candidates with student interests in mind.
      ii. Student fee board approved allocations for Center for Women Students, Student Legal Services, BJC ticket subsidies, Center for Performing Arts, and Student Farm club.
      iii. Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Week was last week.
      iv. Student Board of Trustee interviews are winding down.
      v. GPSA purchased 1,000 S books last year. Next year’s are finished and we can buy 900 for $1,000.
      vi. GSAS had a meeting, to be discussed later.
      vii. Capital Day was last week; it was great.
      viii. Thank you.
      ix. Awards
            1. Burlingame Advocate for the Arts: Brittany Banik and Austin Barrett
            2. Delegate of the Year: Brian Conway
            3. George Atherton Award for Service to Penn State: Steve DeGrazia
            4. Kenneth Martin Award for Service to GPSA: Mohammad Wahba
   b. Vice President (Marina Cotarelo)
      i. Grad Leader roundtable went very well.
      ii. Register to vote if you live in the Borough.
      iii. Thank you.
   c. Treasurer (Sidharth Agrawal)
      i. We have $15,000 left.
      ii. Faculty Senate & student life met last Tuesday and has come up with 10 recommendations. They are also interested in conducting a time management survey.
      iii. Library is interested in developing resources for undergraduate research
      iv. Thank you.
   d. Secretary (Anne Whitesell)
      i. Get Newswire announcements to me by 6pm on Sunday.
      ii. Thank you.
   e. Faculty Senate Report (Kevin Reuning)
      i. See email.
   f. Graduate Council (Brianne Pragg)
      i. Nothing to report.

VIII. New Business
   a. Bill 66-38: March for Science Bus Funding
      i. WE ARE for Science was created post-election to keep science in the community.
      ii. There have been a number of outreach events; the next one is a bus trip down to DC for the March for Science.
      iii. Sustainability Institute, Eberly College is also providing funding.
      iv. The students are contributing $10 per person as a commitment.
v. Why have you not registered as a student organization?
   1. We want to include other members of the community, so we are hoping to register as a non-profit.

vi. How are you insuring ideological diversity? At a similar march held in Washington, for example, pro-life groups were not allowed to participate.
   1. We have tried to advertise widely. No one will be turned away.

vii. How can you assure us that our funding will be used for students?

viii. We were asked to contribute to funding to a similar event but provided less funding. Should this be treated differently?

ix. Motion to approve via roll call. The motion is seconded.

x. See Addendum II for roll call vote. The bill passes.

b. Bill 66-39: Co-sponsorship of the Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology Student Symposium
   i. Symposium for students to present posters and oral presentations.
   ii. Last year GPSA also provided funding for breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks.
   iii. Anyone can attend; you can still submit abstracts.
   iv. Last year, there were about 75 presentations.
   v. Every printed material will have the sponsors listed with their logo.
   vi. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
   vii. The bill passes.

c. Bill 66-40: PRI’s Graduate Student Methods Workshop in Mixed Methods Co-Sponsorship
   i. Every year the Population Research Institute hosts a workshop for quantitative methods.
   ii. Mixed methods cut across departments within the College of the Liberal Arts, Health and Human Development, and IST.
   iii. The sponsor is asking for funds to purchase Penn State mugs for speakers and notebooks/pens for those in attendance.
   iv. Because this is a co-sponsorship, funds cannot be used for reimbursements.
   v. Motion to increase the allocation to $600 to allow for purchase of supplies locally.
   vi. Motion to pass the bill via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
   vii. The bill passes.

d. Resolution 66-12: Opposing Anti-Student Bylaws Changes by the Graduate School Alumni Society (GSAS)
   i. These bylaws remove the voice of students from the decision-making process.
   ii. The President of GSAS thought the group should have more deliberation and may reconsider this summer.
   iii. Motion to approve resolution via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
   iv. The resolution passes.

e. Resolution 66-14: Resolution #66-14 Formation of Student Advocacy and Diversity Committee
i. Several times the advocacy and diversity committees worked together throughout the year to draft legislation and resolution.
ii. The mission of the diversity committee is more in line with the advocacy committee than with the student affairs committee, which is focused primarily on programming.
iii. Motion to pass the resolution via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
iv. The resolution passes.
f. Resolution 66-15: Continuation of Student Governor-Appointed Trustee
   i. Governor Wolfe has not taken a firm stance as to whether he will continue the tradition of appointing a student trustee.
   ii. UPUA passed a similar resolution last week.
   iii. The presidents of all three student governments (GPSA, UPUA, and CCSG) have met with members of the Governor’s staff and the Secretary of Education.
iv. Motion to pass the resolution via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
g. Resolution 66-13: Constitution and Bylaws Amendments to Ensure Financial Responsibility
   i. This resolution establishes an audit committee (member of exec board, member of Assembly, and Chief Justice).
   ii. Any purchases over $100 by the Treasurer would need to be approved by the adviser or GPSA president.
   iii. Motion to amend the bill so that line 27 will read “Article X Section C shall include the following:”
iv. Motion to approve the resolution via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
v. The resolution passes.

IX. Old Business

a. Revised Resolution 66-11: GPSA Bylaw Amendment to Increase Diversity
   i. Motion to amend line 21
   ii. Motion to amend the grammar of the last line of the proposed new language.
   iii. If there are persistently non-filled seats, should we be trying to tweak it according to demographic variables?
      1. What is the hierarchy of goals – filling seats or diversity?
      2. The language of this resolution is not a mandate; it is a suggestion.
iv. Question for Kevin: How many people have you appointed? How many people have you turned down?
   1. Kevin has only turned down two people and has probably appointed about 20.
v. Motion to vote via roll call. There is an objection. The motion is rescinded.
vi. This resolution is acting as some sort of filter. We are no longer valuing people solely on intrinsic merits. We are all equal, but some are treated as more equal. I have a problem with that on philosophical grounds. This is going backwards for people in an enlightened society.

vii. To your point that we are restricting the people that can fill these positions, the idea of this resolution is encourage the President to go out and find these people. It
encourages the President to increase participation from those who don’t feel like they have a good relationship with GPSA.

viii. Motion to vote via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
ix. See Addendum II for roll call vote. The resolution passes.

X. Reports
 a. Speaker of the Assembly (Brian Conway)
i. The grad student leader roundtable was a great success and it’s going to be important to maintain these relationships.
ii. Thank you
b. Internal Development (Vacant)
i. Nothing to report.
c. Student Affairs (James Fan)
i. Professional Development (Christine Mosich)
1. The last round of professional headshots is April 12 and 13.
2. We had a meeting with representatives about IT services, so we are hoping to put together a workshop with them this semester to be continued next year.
ii. Community Service (Steven DiGrazia)
1. Project Haiti has its final spaghetti dinner on Monday, April 3.
2. Volunteer.psu.edu
3. Friday Night Lights Out on April 14
4. April 23 before the Blue & White game
5. We will need more people to join the community service committee.
iii. Programming (Brian Conway)
1. Ice skating at Pegula was last Saturday – the total number of skate rentals was 224 (plus those who brought their own).
2. There was great attendance at the events and great diversity
iv. Diversity (Kyler Sherman-Wilkins)
1. Pride Week was last week – there was good graduate student attendance at the Pride Parade.
2. The survey is still a work in progress.
3. Thank you
v. Grad Cup (David Dopfel)
1. No inflatables this year because of possible grass damage.
2. There are about 200 people participating, plus however many volunteers we get.
d. Advocacy (Matt Krott)
i. People who are participating in Grad Cup will be able to provide feedback on what we’ve done well this year, what we should tackle next year.
ii. Make sure you vote in the Centre County primaries on May 16.
e. Liaisons
i. Nothing to report.
f. Judiciary (Jesse Scott)
i. Vote in GPSA elections.
ii. If there are any issues with voting, email gpsajudiciary@gmail.com
iii. If you know someone who is interested in joining, have them contact Jesse. They could also (theoretically) coordinate a write-in campaign.
iv. There will be a revised Constitution and by-laws posted to the website by the next Assembly meeting.
v. Bring bills for things that are going to happen over summer at the next Assembly meeting!
g. Board of Trustees (Allie Goldstein)
i. Vote in local elections, GPSA, and Board of Trustee elections.
ii. The next board meeting is May 4 and 5.
iii. Congratulations on a successful year.
h. Advisor (Dr. Phillip Burlingame)
i. This Assembly has done a lot to establish the legitimacy of graduate student government.
ii. You have shown that you can make the lives of graduate students better.
iii. I am honored to have this new award named after me.

XI. Comments for the Good of the Order
a. There are three new potential GPSA logos, to be discussed in the next Assembly.
b. Thank you to Sid for putting up with us and all the purchase orders.
c. To correct the record: No one was prohibited from marching in the Women’s March on Washington. Pro-life groups were not invited to co-sponsor.

XII. Adjournment
a. The meeting is adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Whitesell
## Addendum I. Roll Call Attendance

P = present  
A = absent  
E = excused  
PR = proxy  
L = late

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