



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, November 30, 2016 | 6:00pm | 302 HUB Robeson Center

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting is called to order by the Executive Vice President at 6:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call Attendance – See Addendum I

III. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Add under new business appointment of new delegate, before Bill 66-22. The motion is seconded.
- b. Motion to add Bill 66-23 after Bill 66-22. The motion is seconded.
- c. Hearing no objection, the changes are approved.

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- a. Hearing no objection to the past meeting's minutes, the minutes are approved as distributed.

V. Open Student Forum

- a. No comments

VI. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President (Kevin Horne)
 - i. There was a meeting with LionPATH and there was a test of the new interface. It seems more functional than eLion.
 - ii. THON wants graduate students to get more involved; they've created a module specifically for graduate students.
 1. Focuses on ways to get involved other than committees.
 - iii. Thanks for coming to the last meeting of the semester. Next semester we will be in 134 HUB.
 - iv. Thank you Lily for all your hard work! If you're interested in taking over, please talk to Lily or Kevin.
- b. Vice President (Marina Cotarelo)
 - i. We are working with Lion Ambassadors to create tours specifically for graduate students.
 - ii. The graduate student leadership roundtable received a warm response.
 - iii. On December 8 there is a formal advocacy training before Capital Day.
- c. Treasurer (Sidharth Agrawal)
 - i. The budget is up-to-date and online.
 - ii. We still have \$32,000 unallocated (doesn't include Grad Cup and Bootcamp).
 - iii. Sid will be away for a month so get your bills in soon.
- d. Secretary (Anne Whitesell)
 - i. There are 2,350 contacts on the Newswire listserv. Out of those, just over 1,500 have opened an email (~63%).

- ii. Less than 10% of contacts have clicked on link in the Newswire. The most popular links include the sign up for the professional headshots, and the Collegian article covering the meeting where we discussed graduate student unionization.
- e. Faculty Senate Report (Kevin Reuning)
 - i. Next Faculty Senate meeting is next Wednesday.
 - ii. There is a resolution on the table to stop the roll out immediately of LionPATH. It's unclear how that would work.
- f. Graduate Council (Brianne Pragg)
 - i. The next Grad Council meeting is December 14.

VII. New Business

- a. Delegate appointment
 - i. Miguel Campos (College of Arts & Architecture): there is no representative from our college this year, nor was there last year. More largely the arts is underrepresented in the Penn State community.
 - ii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded.
- b. Bill 66-22: College of Engineering Research Symposium Co-Sponsorship
 - i. The symposium provides an opportunity for students to present their research to students, faculty, and industry representatives.
 - ii. In past years GPSA has sponsored the Symposium, providing \$1000 primarily to cover the costs of lunch.
 - iii. The symposium includes panel presentations, poster presentations, a key note speaker (usually an alum in a high-ranking engineering job).
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. What is the turnout?
 - a. There are about 90 students.
 - b. The lunch is full. The room fits 200 people.
 - 2. How can non-engineering students get involved?
 - a. They can be judges.
 - b. You do not have to be an engineering student to submit something.
 - 3. How is it different from the Graduate Exhibition?
 - a. More geared towards industry.
 - v. Motion to vote via roll call. The motion is seconded.
 - vi. See Addendum II for roll call vote. The bill passes.
- c. Resolution 66-06: GPSA Constitution – Addition of Penn State Law
 - i. The two law schools are separate.
 - ii. Move to amend to strike out “University Park campus.” The motion is seconded.
 - iii. There are no objections.
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Are we technically representing med students too? Should they be included?
 - a. We believe that is already reflected in the Constitution.
 - 2. Could we teleconference in students from other campuses? Grad council does it.
 - a. We could and we should.
 - v. Remember that students at other campuses are not paying activity fees, and if they are members of the assembly they will be requesting funds.

- vi. There is a motion to pass the resolution via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded.
- vii. The resolution passes.
- d. Bill 66-23: Co-Sponsoring and Funding for Dr. A. Breeze Harper
 - i. Currently the date for the event is set for April 14.
 - ii. GPSA would be a major sponsor. It would be one main lecture event and two workshops: one geared towards teaching about diversity. Also planning a reception.
 - iii. Other groups involve include the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Rock Ethics Institute, and Black Graduate Student Association.
 - iv. This fits in well with the All In initiative.
 - v. The bill is coming up early to maximize promotion time and get flight tickets booked early.
 - vi. Questions/comments:
 - 1. Are you pursuing UPAC funding?
 - 2. Have you reached out to SPA for the speaker series?
 - 3. Could we allocate some amount of money as a type of deposit and then have an option to come back next semester after other funding sources are explored?
 - 4. Keep in mind that UPAC and SPA will not fund food. Also, the money has to be designated to a specific unit.
 - 5. It seems like a lot for us to support this without knowing more details.
 - 6. We cannot co-sponsor more than 90% of any event.
 - vii. Motion to change line 1 to \$2000, with a clause that it could be used towards a reception if it is not needed. Strike line 3 and 4.
 - viii. The amendment is retracted.
 - ix. Motion to change line 1 through 4. Allocate \$2700 general funds to the Community Sponsor Series. The motion is seconded.
 - x. The amendment is passed.
 - xi. Motion to pass via roll call. The motion is seconded.
 - xii. See Addendum II for roll call vote. The bill passes.

VIII. Reports

- a. Speaker of the Assembly (Lily Hill)
 - i. We are for science next Tuesday.
 - ii. Best of luck for the rest of the year!
- b. Internal Development (Jordan Morris)
 - i. Nothing to report.
- c. Student Affairs (James Fan)
 - i. Professional Development (Christine Mosich)
 - 1. We are starting to plan for next semester.
 - 2. Christine is meeting with the library tomorrow to discuss moving dissertation bootcamp.
 - ii. Community Service (Jennifer Gibbs)
 - 1. PSU won the blood drive against MSU!
 - 2. The Arboretum is still taking volunteers for their winter event.

3. Festival of Trees is next year. We raised the money from the Assembly's donation, so thank you! It is only \$2 to attend.
- iii. Programming (Brian Conway)
 1. Winter Gala is this Saturday from 6 to 10 pm.
 2. There is a programming committee meeting next Wednesday at 5pm.
- iv. Diversity (Kyler Sherman-Wilkins)
 1. The committee is putting together a survey and hoping to get it out by next semester.
- d. Advocacy (Matt Krott)
 - i. Moving forward on the smoking-free issue and exploring the possibility of a survey.
- e. Liaisons
 - i. Nothing to report.
- f. Judiciary (Jesse Scott)
 - i. We need another member of the judiciary.
 - ii. We will start gearing up for the election in January.
- g. Board of Trustees (Allie Goldstein)
 - i. Nothing to report.
- h. Advisor (Dr. Phillip Burlingame)
 - i. Nothing to report.

IX. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. There is currently a petition going around to make Penn State a sanctuary campus. If you are interested in signing it, get in touch with Kevin. UPUA is taking up the issue.
- b. We should use future events to recruit new members.
 - i. We have several openings for Assembly members, and Grad Council!
- c. Thank you, Lily, for all the help that you have provided to the programming and professional development committees. We could not have done our most successful events without you.

X. Adjournment

- a. The meeting is adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Whitesell

Addendum I. Roll Call Attendance

P = present

A = absent

E = excused

PR = proxy

Office	Name	Attendance
Executive Board		
President	Kevin Horne	P
Vice President	Marina Cotarelo	P
Treasurer	Sidharth Agrawal	P
Secretary	Anne Whitesell	P
Faculty Senator	Kevin Reuning	P
Graduate Council		
Graduate Council	Brianne Pragg	P
Graduate Council	Carol Rogers-Shaw	A
Graduate Council	Vacant	
Graduate Council	Vacant	
Graduate Council	Vacant	
Judiciary		
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott	P
Associate Justice	Michael Kramer	A
Associate Justice	Vacant	
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Cameron Stephens	P
Arts and Architecture	Miguel Campos	P
Dickinson School of Law	Fallon Dungan	E
Dickinson School of Law	Jordan D. Morris	A
Dickinson School of Law	Mackenzie Mitchell	E
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Michael Cronin	E
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Gerald Knapp	P
Eberly College of Science	William Wright	P
Eberly College of Science	Brian Conway	P
Eberly College of Science	Erica Schwalm	P

Education	Xulu Zhang	A
Education	Christine Mosich	P
Education	Jinhee Choi	A
Engineering	John McKay	E
Engineering	Matt Krott	P
Engineering	Shen-li Pei	P
Health and Human Development	Austin Barrett	P
Health and Human Development	Samuel Masters	A
Information Sciences and Technology	Anthony Pinter	P
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Brittany Banik	P
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	David Dopfel	P
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Lilian Hill	P
School of International Affairs	Jennifer Gibbs	P
Liberal Arts	Robert Zuchowski	P
Liberal Arts	Kyler Sherman-Wilkins	P
Liberal Arts	Vacant	
Smeal College of Business	Steven Di Grazia	E
Smeal College of Business	James Fan	E
Smeal College of Business	Nicolas Lien	E
At-Large Delegate	Mohammad Wahba	E
At-Large Delegate	Katharine Grills	E
At-Large Delegate	Sonny Arora	P
At-Large Delegate	William Dusch	E/PR

Addendum II. Roll Call Votes

Office	Name	66-22	66-23
Assembly			
Agricultural Sciences	Cameron Stephens	Y	Y
Arts and Architecture	Miguel Campos	Y	Y
Dickinson School of Law	Fallon Dungan	---	---
Dickinson School of Law	Jordan D. Morris	---	---
Dickinson School of Law	Mackenzie Mitchell	---	---
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Michael Cronin	---	---
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Gerald Knapp	Y	Y
Eberly College of Science	William Wright	Y	Y
Eberly College of Science	Brian Conway	Y	Y
Eberly College of Science	Erica Schwalm	Y	Y
Education	Xulu Zhang	---	---
Education	Christine Mosich	Y	---
Education	Jinhee Choi	---	---
Engineering	John McKay	---	---
Engineering	Matt Krott	Y	Y
Engineering	Shen-li Pei	Y	Y
Health and Human Development	Austin Barrett	Y	Y
Health and Human Development	Samuel Masters	---	---
Information Sciences and Technology	Anthony Pinter	Y	Y
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Brittany Banik	Y	Y
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	David Dopfel	Y	Y
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Lilian Hill	Y	Y

School of International Affairs	Jennifer Gibbs	Y	Y
Liberal Arts	Vacant		
Liberal Arts	Robert Zuchowski	Y	Y
Liberal Arts	Kyler Sherman-Wilkins	Y	Y
Smeal College of Business	Steven Di Grazia	---	---
Smeal College of Business	James Fan	---	---
Smeal College of Business	Nicolas Lien	---	---
At-Large Delegate	Mohammad Wahba	---	---
At-Large Delegate	Katharine Grills	---	---
At-Large Delegate	Sonny Arora	Y	Y
At-Large Delegate	William Dusch	Y	Y