Minutes

I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting is called to order by the Vice President at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call – See Addendum I

III. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. Motion to adopt agenda; adopted

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 3/28
   a. Motion to approve past meeting minutes; approved

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation— Eric Flagg, Chief Justice
   a. Robert’s rules
   b. Function of judiciary: consistency with constitution, administer elections (you can ask them constitutional questions during the meeting)
   c. Motions and amendments
   d. Vote by: unanimous consent, show of hands, roll call (required for funding bills >$1000)
   e. Objections: anyone in assembly can object, must be overcome by 2/3 vote
   f. Quorum is 11

VII. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President—Brianne Pragg
      i. Introduction
      ii. Unionization:
         1. Vote! Two days of voting left
         2. GPSA position: decision to be made by grad assistants
         3. Misinformation: ask questions if you have them
         4. Graduate school posted misinformation about deportation; inconsistent with Penn State values
      iii. Housekeeping
         1. Delegates will be invited to Slack; this is how we will conduct business
         2. GroupMe is terrible; Matt Krott sheds a single, silent tear
      iv. Priorities
         1. Diversity, inclusiveness of GPSA (see also: SafeZone 101 training by LGBTQ Center)
         2. Appointments: Faculty senator, 2 student fee board spots (1 exec board, 1 delegate)
v. Questions
   1. Where is SafeZone? Nick: I think it’s in this room (ed. note: it is)
   2. What’s barrier to diversity? A: outreach

b. Vice President—Stephanie Winkler
   i. Introduction
   ii. Unionization
   1. Vote! We fought to have this vote, exercise your right to participate
   iii. Committees
      1. Programming: plan social events, sense of community
      2. Prof development: scholarly activities
      3. Community Outreach: service opportunities
      4. Advocacy and diversity: promote diversity, handle grad problems
      5. Internal development: improving GPSA policy and procedures

c. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
   i. Introduction
   ii. Funding Bills
      1. Can’t buy alcohol
      2. Event cosponsorship: student fee money can’t exceed 90% of event cost
   iii. $1,936 remaining (rolls over on June 30th)
   iv. We get new allocation July 1st (last year’s was $59,542)

d. Secretary—Nick Dietrich
   i. Introduction
   ii. I take attendance (please tell me if you won’t be here)
   iii. I make the newswire (please send me stuff)
   iv. I take minutes (I’m writing these minutes right now)
   v. Broader mission: foster engagement among graduate and professional students

e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
   i. Kevin’s leaving at the end of the academic year
   ii. Faculty Senate
      1. Overarching governance in penn state
      2. Recommendations to the president (president can ignore them)
      3. Carmen will be taking over for Kevin when the school year ends

f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
   i. Ling leaves at end of academic year
   ii. Grad Council Functions
      1. Meet once a month
      2. Currently updating grad student bulletin
      3. Candidacy exam → Qualifying exam, changes to timeline of committee formation
      4. Increasing maximum course credits for graduate students?
      5. Grad career development workshop and website
      6. Graduate exhibition
   iii. Addendum from Claire
      1. Still discussing changes to qualifying exams and committee formation
VIII. New Business
   a. Confirmations of Presidential Appointments
      i. Michael - HHD (represent intl students)
      ii. Lars - Communications (only comm delegate, health insurance concerns)
      iii. Irving - At-Large (interested in advocacy and diversity, representing those with diverse backgrounds)
      iv. Cody – At-Large (MEGA, also advocacy and diversity, increase proportion of diverse students represented here)
      v. Motion to approve by slate by unanimous consent; no objections; motion is passed
   b. Election of the Speaker of the Assembly
      i. Motion to nominate Sailahari as speaker of the assembly
         1. Brief intermission from Eric and Jesse: speaker of the assembly sits in on executive meetings, leads the assembly, etc.
      ii. Motion to approve by unanimous consent; no objections; motion is approved

IX. Reports
   a. Liaisons
      i. Sailahari: new technical writing / english competency test as part of qualifying exam or on the way to qualifying exam under discussion
         1. Bagmi Q: for international students? A: for all students
         2. Kevin Q: my friend is Canadian and he had to take an English proficiency test. A: That’s mandated by state of PA, this doesn’t change that
         3. Q: How to address lack of proficiency? A: maybe a writing center course, still under discussion
         4. KP Q: Just PhD students? A: Yes
      ii. Claire: Sexual Violence and Awareness and Prevention
         1. SVAP Gala coming up
   b. Judiciary—Eric Flagg
      i. Nothing to report; please ask us if you have any questions
      ii. Brianne: what do we need to pass next meeting?
         1. Jesse: Need to prepare for grad student orientation
         2. Jesse: Need to fund a new social media coordinator because Ann is graduating :(
         3. Eric: If we want to sponsor a tailgate, we need to get on that
         4. Jesse: Beginning of semester welcome event
         5. Jesse: Theater Day; one or two per semester; subsidized tickets; social beforehand; partner with Center for Performing Arts for advertising
   c. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
      i. Not here, haven’t had a meeting since last report
      ii. Brianne: Student trustee is elected to board of trustees; Barron reports to board
         1. We have one student seat on the board; Mike has more time left in his term
2. President and Vice President have non-voting seats
d. Advisor—Adam Christensen
   i. Reports to vice president of student affairs (Damon Sims)
   ii. Adam has been with us for a year
   iii. Advises in regard to university policies and procedures

X. Comments for the Good of the Order
   a. Brianne:
      i. Nick made a google calendar
      1. Make liaisons more accountable
   b. David Dopfel: I’m gonna go grab a drink downtown
      i. Talk to him afterward to find out where
   c. Stephanie: sign up for a committee!

XI. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm
# Addendum I. Roll Call Attendance

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

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