



# Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67<sup>th</sup> Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, February 14, 2018 | 6:00pm | 134 HUB

## I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting is called to order by the Vice President at 6:01 p.m.

## II. Roll Call Attendance – See Addendum I

## III. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Motion to add Bill 67-32 to the agenda via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.

## IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (January 31, 2018)

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

## V. Open Student Forum

## VI. Special Presentation—Office 365 Project Team

- a. Email and calendaring software
- b. Transitioning to all faculty, staff, and students
- c. 98k students out of 170k people
- d. Option 1:
  - i. Release a collaborative toolset of office 365 without email/calendar for spring students
- e. Option 2:
  - i. Release with email and calendar in June/July
- f. Question?
  - i. How will that affect box?
    - A. It won't, there will be tools to help migrate information
  - ii. When will be the best time to release it to colleges?
    - A. We will work with senior leaderships to work the best timelines for each college

## VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
  - i. They will pull the list of students who didn't graduate and those will be eligible to purchase tickets for football season
  - ii. Faculty senate meeting coming up on Monday
  - iii. Unionization
    - A. PLRB stated we are eligible to have a union
    - B. Some students don't know what is really happening and there is a lot of general confusion
    - C. We should have detailed discussions about this
    - D. We don't know when the election is going to be
    - E. I believe this has widened the divide between both sides of this issue
    - F. I want students to understand the consequences of unionization

- iv. Discussion
  - A. It would be useful to compile information on unionization and provide it publicly
- b. Vice President—Brienne Pragg
  - i. GSFI
    - A. Talking about a proposal from the office of student conduct
      - a. Questions pertaining asking criminal background on graduate school application
      - b. They added these questions for undergraduate applications seven years ago and have seen no change in behavior in students
      - c. Why are they adding these questions when other schools are removing these applications?
        - i. Because they want to know the students
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
  - i. 16,000 left to allocate
  - ii. 2,800 pending income
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
  - i. Send me material for the newswire
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
  - i. World campus can offer graduate students courses
    - A. Funding can pay tuition for courses taken online
  - ii. Graduate exhibition signup is down by 50%

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Bill 67-30 Sustainable Urban Planning Panel
  - i. GPSA will sponsor a moderated expert panel (scheduled Thursday, March 1st , 6pm-8pm in the Flex Theater, 132 HUB) to discuss this Toll Brothers project as a springboard to addressing future sustainable urban development on campus and the surrounding municipalities. The panel will include a moderator and four experts from diverse areas who will discuss the issue from different perspectives (water resources, ecology, architecture, engineering, geology, etc.), followed by questions from the audience.
  - ii. Discussion
    - A. This is a valuable opportunity to engage student and community members together
  - iii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
  - iv. Bill passes
- b. Bill 67-31 Grad Cup 2018
  - i. Grad cup is recurring event that has been happening for 3 years
  - ii. The daylong event features outdoor events punctuated by breaks with food and refreshments.
  - iii. Registration fee is \$10.00 which includes the cost of one T-shirt.
  - iv. Motion to amend bill line 1 to 500\$ and line 21 to 11,600 via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.

- v. Motion to approve amended bill via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- vi. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
- c. Bill 67-32 Diversity Committee Co-Sponsorship
  - i. The Diversity Committee of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies is planning to have a film night showing the documentary “13th”, which examines the issue of race, justices, and incarceration in the US.
  - ii. They will show the documentary and afterwards a short 20-30 min panel discussion
  - iii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
  - iv. Bill passes.

**IX. Reports**

- a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
- b. Committees
  - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Gerry Knapp
    - A. Some key points on PRLB’s decision are:
      - a. The date of the vote is not set yet and that graduate students should keep an eye out for a follow up email from the Graduate School.
      - b. Promoting discussions about this within delegates’ programs.
    - B. Somehow assembling and responding to questions students have about this. There is a lack of unbiased information.
    - C. No update yet on talking about qualifying/candidacy exams with the Academic Standards committee. But thank everyone for their input on this!
  - ii. Student Affairs – Sonny Arora
    - A. Professional Development – Alex Zhao
    - B. Programming – Shenli Pei
    - C. Community Service – Emily Erickson
  - iii. Internal Development – David Dopfel
- c. Liaisons
- d. Judiciary
  - i. No report
- e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
- f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
  - i. No report

**X. Comments for the Good of the Order**

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nasr Cheaib

**Addendum I. Roll Call Attendance**

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

Office	Name	Attendance
<b>Executive Board</b>		
President	Matt Krott	P
Vice President	Brianne Pragg	P
Secretary	Nasr Cheaib	P
Treasurer	Erica Schwalm	P
Faculty Senator	Kevin Reuning	A
<b>Graduate Council</b>		
Graduate Council	Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP)	P
Graduate Council	August Jenkins (HHD)	A
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	P
Graduate Council	Ling Yang (Engineering)	P
Graduate Council	Liana Glew (Liberal Arts)	E
<b>Judiciary</b>		
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott (Engineering)	P
Associate Justice	Eric Flagg (Law)	E
Associate Justice	Ellen Hill (Law)	P
<b>Assembly</b>		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	P
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	P
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	P
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Joshua Bostwick	P
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Mikael Hiestand	P
Eberly College of Science	Alex Zhao	P
Eberly College of Science	Brian Conway	P
Eberly College of Science	Sonny Arora	A
Education	Carmen Vanderhoof	P

<b>Education</b>	Sonja Robinson	E
<b>Engineering</b>	Farnaz Tehranchi	P
<b>Engineering</b>	Jashwant Gunasekaran	L
<b>Engineering</b>	Shenli Pei	P
<b>Health and Human Development</b>	Abigail Keim	P
<b>Health and Human Development</b>	Oliver Wilson	P
<b>Information Sciences and Technology</b>	Stephanie Winkler	P
<b>Inter-Collegiate Degree Program</b>	David Dopfel	P
<b>Inter-Collegiate Degree Program</b>	Gerry Knapp	E
<b>Inter-Collegiate Degree Program</b>	Sailahari Ponnaluri	P
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	P
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Tori Thomas	E
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Trevor Bero	L
<b>Schools of Law</b>	Allie Amatuzzo	L
<b>Schools of Law</b>	Chuck Deibel	E
<b>Schools of Law</b>	Jessie McLaughlin	E
<b>School of International Affairs</b>	Bethany Little	P
<b>Smeal College of Business</b>	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	E
<b>Smeal College of Business</b>	Michael Rao	P
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Charlie Wolstenholme (Science)	E
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Richard Neal (Law)	E
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	A
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Sarah Rothman	P
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	E

**Addendum II. Roll Call Votes**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill 67-31</b>
<b>Graduate Council</b>		
<b>Graduate Council</b>	Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP)	Y
<b>Graduate Council</b>	August Jenkins (HHD)	-
<b>Graduate Council</b>	Claire Kelling (Science)	Y
<b>Graduate Council</b>	Ling Yang (Engineering)	Y
<b>Graduate Council</b>	Liana Glew (Liberal Arts)	-
<b>Assembly</b>		
<b>Agricultural Sciences</b>	Devon Carroll	Y
<b>Agricultural Sciences</b>	Emily Erickson	Y
<b>Art &amp; Architecture</b>	Abhinandan Bera	Y
<b>Earth and Mineral Sciences</b>	Joshua Bostwick	Y
<b>Earth and Mineral Sciences</b>	Mikael Hiestand	Y
<b>Eberly College of Science</b>	Alex Zhao	Y
<b>Eberly College of Science</b>	Brian Conway	Y
<b>Eberly College of Science</b>	Sonny Arora	-
<b>Education</b>	Carmen Vanderhoof	Y
<b>Education</b>	Sonja Robinson	-
<b>Engineering</b>	Farnaz Tehranchi	Y
<b>Engineering</b>	Jashwant Gunasekaran	Y
<b>Engineering</b>	Shenli Pei	Y
<b>Health and Human Development</b>	Abigail Keim	Y
<b>Health and Human Development</b>	Oliver Wilson	Y
<b>Information Sciences and Technology</b>	Stephanie Winkler	Y
<b>Inter-Collegiate Degree Program</b>	David Dopfel	Y

<b>Inter-Collegiate Degree Program</b>	Gerry Knapp	-
<b>Inter-Collegiate Degree Program</b>	Sailahari Ponnaluri	Y
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	Y
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Tori Thomas	-
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Trevor Bero	Y
<b>Schools of Law</b>	Allie Amatuzzo	Y
<b>Schools of Law</b>	Chuck Deibel	-
<b>Schools of Law</b>	Jessie McLaughlin	-
<b>School of International Affairs</b>	Bethany Little	Y
<b>Smeal College of Business</b>	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	-
<b>Smeal College of Business</b>	Michael Rao	Y
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Charlie Wolstenholme (Science)	-
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Richard Neal (Law)	-
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	-
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Sarah Rothman	Y
<b>At-Large Delegate</b>	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	-