



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, February 28, 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

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (February 14, 2018)

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

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation—Deans Michael Verderame, William Clark, Sarah Ades, and Stephanie Preston, The Graduate School

- a. Dean Younken
 - i. She has ultimate responsibility for graduate education
 - ii. 14,000 students across many campuses and various majors
- b. Dr. Preston
 - i. Summer research opportunity program (SROP)
 - ii. Ronald E McNair Scholars Program (homegrown program)
- c. Dr. William Clark
 - i. Graduate program review and assessment
- d. Dr. Sarah Ades
 - i. Graduate student ombudsperson
 - ii. Responsible for graduate student affairs
 - iii. Build more career development programs
 - iv. Involved in grant writing workshops and graduate exhibition
- e. Dr. Michael Verderame
 - i. Graduate faculty
 - ii. Oversee graduate enrollment services and network operations
- f. Conflict resolution
 - i. Start with your advisor, then head of department of graduate program, finally graduate administrator. The last stop is Dr. Sarah Ades
- g. Graduate council sets requirements for graduate degrees and each departments set its own requirements
- h. GPSA has 5 voting members on Graduate Council
- i. There are some proposed changes for some policies
 - i. Annual meetings with dissertation committee
 - ii. Name changes for candidacy exam
 - iii. Others
- j. Questions?

- i. According to your proposed changes, a student should find a dissertation committee and complete qualifying exam relatively sooner than later during their studies?
 - A. We are working with the committee to find a mutual policy
- ii. Will the graduate school oversee departmental policies?
 - A. Yes

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
 - i. Student fee board passed \$9 increase (3.5% increase)
 - A. The reason for this increase is to cover fees for the summer
 - B. Increased student legal services fee
 - ii. Emailed DISSA and haven't heard back
 - iii. Unionization
 - A. PLB sent subpoena for eligible voters
 - B. You should not be getting misleading information
 - iv. Elections
 - A. Direct people to run for elections
- b. Vice President—Brienne Pragg
 - i. No report
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
 - i. \$3900 left to allocate
 - ii. Some income left to come in
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
 - i. Send me material for the newswire
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
 - i. No report
- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang

VIII. New Business

- a. Bill 67-33 Relay for Life
 - i. 24 hour event on the HUB lawn.
 - ii. Annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.
 - iii. Performers, athletes will be there
 - iv. They are seeking funding from GPSA to rent an inflatable house.
 - v. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vi. Bill passes.

IX. Reports

- a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
 - i. We are willing to improving our relationship with Campus Rec
 - ii. Laura Hall wants to make sure that graduate students are utilizing the student fee
- b. Committees
 - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Gerry Knapp
 - A. Gathering policies from departments

- B. Gathered questions about unionization and broke it down to 17 questions which will be sent out to CGE and graduate school.
- ii. Student Affairs – Sonny Arora
 - A. Professional Development – Alex Zhao
 - a. Professional headshot room is booked for April 17-19
 - B. Programming – Shenli Pei
 - a. Social event and elections info session is tomorrow
 - C. Community Service – Emily Erickson
 - a. Helping the elderly community in March
- iii. Internal Development – David Dopfel
- c. Liaisons
 - i. August Jenkins (Center of Performing Arts)
 - A. National symphony of Cuba
- d. Judiciary
 - i. We are set to execute the elections
 - ii. We will work with Internal Development for proportional representation
- e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
- f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
 - i. ScreenYou for alcohol and drug abuse is available on UHS website

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. Discussion panel on toll brothers is tomorrow.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nasr Cheaib

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
Secretary	Nasr Cheaib	P
Treasurer	Erica Schwalm	P
Faculty Senator	Kevin Reuning	P
Graduate Council		
Graduate Council	Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP)	E
Graduate Council	August Jenkins (HHD)	P
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	E
Graduate Council	Ling Yang (Engineering)	P
Graduate Council	Liana Glew (Liberal Arts)	E
Judiciary		
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott (Engineering)	A
Associate Justice	Eric Flagg (Law)	P
Associate Justice	Ellen Hill (Law)	P
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	E
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	P
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	E
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	P
Education	Carmen Vanderhoof	P

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