



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, January 31, 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 (January 17, 2017)

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

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation—Peggy Lorah, Interim Assistant Vice President – Diversity & Inclusion

- a. I'm here to talk to you about things that are happening in student affairs
- b. We are working as a team to address the diverse study body
- c. Attending to needs student have
- d. Question?
 - i. How much is it of burden for students to seek out services?
 - A. We welcome referrals, and always happy when students connect each other
 - ii. Who do you with in the graduate school to make students aware of these programs?
 - A. We work a lot with the assistant dean and we are building new relations with the office
 - B. We are eager to be visible and available to what graduate students need
 - iii. Where are you located?
 - A. PRCC is in the HUB, LGBTQA and gender equity is in Bouke, more centers are in the Spiritual Center
 - iv. What do you do for adult learners?
 - A. It's about the responsibilities the student have. They do academic advocacy for students. They assist them with financial aid and career placement.

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
 - i. Assistant dean position will be filled and announced soon
 - ii. We talked about the resolution about DACA students
 - iii. We had a discussion on the GSFI guidelines and it was a good first step
 - A. There is an expectation that there will be a follow a few year from now
 - iv. Negotiations regarding UHS insurance will happen late spring
 - A. They welcome student feedback
 - v. If you have worked over winter break, that is not allowed.
 - A. Please talk to me if you did.

- vi. Assistantships will include the student fee and we have support from the provost
- vii. Student membership is sought for the following committees
 - A. Advancing the Arts and Humanities Steering Committee
 - B. Constituent Outreach and Engagement Steering Committee
 - C. Driving Digital Innovation Steering Committee
 - D. Enhancing Health Steering Committee
 - E. Infrastructure and Support Steering Committee
 - F. Organizational Processes Steering Committee
 - G. Stewarding Our Planet’s Resources Steering Committee
 - H. Transforming Education Steering Committee
- b. Vice President—Brianne Pragg
 - i. No report
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
 - i. \$15,000 left to allocate
 - ii. Encourage all graduate and professional to visit career services
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
 - i. Send me material for the newswire
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
 - i. Will be meeting in two weeks

VIII. New Business

- a. Confirmation of New Delegates
 - i. Sarah Rothman
 - A. Ecology Department
 - ii. Oliver Wilson
 - A. Kinesiology department
 - iii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - iv. New delegates are approved.
- b. Resolution 67-06 GPSA Constitution and Bylaws Changes
 - i. This will give grad council members voting privileges
 - ii. Discussion
 - A. This will help keep graduate council members more involved in GPSA
 - iii. Motion to amend resolution via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - iv. The resolution is amended
 - v. Motion to approve amended resolution via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vi. Resolution passes
- c. Bill 67-28 SPS and We ARE Mixer + Scholar Speed Dating Co-sponsorship
 - i. This event aims to bring together graduate and professional students from sciences, humanities, arts, and professional degree programs. The event will feature a traditional mixer setting that will be supplemented by a designated section for “scholar speed dating”

- ii. Questions?
 - A. Any plans to coordinate with career services?
 - a. The initial intent is to be social. In the future, we will have more professional support and bring in speakers and etc.
 - B. Is this open for graduate students only in science?
 - a. No, it's open to all graduate students with diverse background in research
- iii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- iv. Bill passes
- d. Bill 67-29 Graduate Open Skate
 - i. Renting out a 2 hour block at Pegula ice rink
 - ii. Last year attendance was around 200 people
 - iii. Snacks will be provided
 - iv. Discussion
 - A. Insurance issues brought up
 - B. There were a lot of families and it was fun
 - 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. State of state is happening this weekend
 - ii. Free speech and technology activism
 - iii. TedX is coming up
- b. Committees
 - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Gerry Knapp
 - A. Fill candidacy survey
 - B. Faculty senate is meeting with graduate school
 - ii. Student Affairs – Sonny Arora
 - A. Professional Development – Alex Zhao
 - a. Setting for professional headshots and writing camp
 - B. Programming – Shenli Pei
 - a. Cooking class coming up, deadline is this Friday
 - b. Pre-social for theater days
 - C. Community Service – Emily Erickson
 - a. Planning on doing book labeling
 - b. Blood drive for thon on Feb 16
 - c. State of state is looking for volunteers
 - iii. Internal Development – David Dopfel
 - A. Putting together delegate handbook
- c. Liaisons
 - i. Canvas advisory group
 - A. Working on issues with Canvas
 - B. Canvas day event happening

- ii. Campus Rec
 - A. Buildings are open from 12am-1am and don't know why students are swiping in
- iii. Student parent childcare subsidy committee
 - A. GPA requirements are for undergraduates
 - B. Income requirements are coming in at a federal level
 - C. Sent out 5000 postcards to increase awareness
- iv. Stand for state
 - A. Launched workshops
- v. Sexual violence and prevention roundtable
 - A. Planning April gala
- 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

- a. Fossil fuel table is happening tonight

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
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)	P
Graduate Council	August Jenkins (HHD)	P
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	P
Graduate Council	Ling Yang (Engineering)	P
Graduate Council	Liana Glew (Liberal Arts)	A
Judiciary		
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott (Engineering)	L
Associate Justice	Eric Flagg (Law)	P
Associate Justice	Ellen Hill (Law)	P
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	P
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	P
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	P
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Joshua Bostwick	E
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	E
Engineering	Farnaz Tehranchi	E
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	L
Engineering	Shenli Pei	P
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	A
Information Sciences and Technology	Stephanie Winkler	L
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	P
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	A
Liberal Arts	Trevor Bero	E
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	P
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	P
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	P
School of International Affairs	Bethany Little	L
Smeal College of Business	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	E
Smeal College of Business	Michael Rao	E
At-Large Delegate	Charlie Wolstenholme (Science)	P
At-Large Delegate	Richard Neal (Law)	P
At-Large Delegate	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	P
At-Large Delegate	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	E