



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, March 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

- a. Motion to add resolution 67-09 to the agenda via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- b. Resolution 67-09 added to the agenda
- c. Motion to add bill 67-39 to the agenda via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- d. Bill 67-39 added to the agenda.

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (March 28, 2018)

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

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation—Dr. Tim Balliett, University Ethics Officer

- a. Better university culture
- b. Direct report to board of trustees
- c. Direct compliance responsibilities include Export, Youth protections and athletics
- d. Universityethics.psu.edu
- e. We are the first higher education institution to conduct a value and culture survey

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
 - i. Unionization
 - A. Possibility of holding town hall, we decided as an executive not to hold one because they are being done at departmental level
 - B. I encourage you to go out and vote
 - C. You can't cast an absentee vote
 - D. It's important for GPSA to maintain involvement
 - ii. Fee board
 - A. Update handbook for holding closed meeting
 - iii. We need to provide a representative for SARI
 - iv. I appreciate everyone's hard work for this organization
 - v. The amount of serious issues we are tackling are climbing and that is a good sign
 - vi. Thank the executive board
 - vii. Thank Dr. Adam for his involvement and has been a huge assets to this group
 - viii. We are here because we want to make this university better

- b. Vice President—Brienne Pragg
 - i. Thank you
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
 - i. We \$9,800 left to allocate
 - ii. Thank you
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
 - i. Thank you
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
 - i. In the process to having a GPSA representative on Faculty Senate next meeting
- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
 - i. No meeting

VIII. New Business

- a. Bill 67-36 Red Folder Initiative
 - i. The folders are intended to be brief summaries, to which most employees that regularly interact with students have immediate access in their offices.
 - ii. They include the campus and community resources from which students can receive help.
 - iii. UPUA is also helping with this initiative
 - A. Questions?
 - a. What improvements were seen with this?
 - i. Other universities has similar project and they have seen an increase in the number of reports, which is a good sign.
 - iv. Motion to approve Bill#67-36 via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - v. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
 - vi. Bill passes
- b. Bill 67-37 The Great Debate 2018 Co-sponsorship
 - i. The University’s dominant political organizations, the College 4 Republicans and College Democrats, annually team up and host a “Great Debate”, featuring a high-profile speaker from each side of the political spectrum.
 - ii. The Great Debate will take place in the Freeman Auditorium on April 17th, 2018 from 8-10pm.
 - iii. GPSA will provide \$3000 toward the total cost of speaker honoraria
 - iv. Questions?
 - A. Who are the speakers?
 - a. We are currently writing the contract and not allowed to disclose information until it has been signed
 - B. Will it be a heated debate?
 - a. Last year it was not very heated but we are assume it will be this year.
 - v. Motion to approve Bill#67-37 via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vi. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
 - vii. Bill passes
- c. Bill 67-38 March for Science 2018 Co-sponsorship
 - i. On April 14, 2018, there is an organized March for Science in Washington DC that aims to refocus the national conversation around scientific research and policy.

- ii. GPSA authorizes the chartering of a bus for We Are for Science's trip to Washington DC on April 14, 2018.
- iii. There has been a lot of graduate student involvement last year, at least 50% of participants.
- iv. Questions?
 - A. Why haven't you gone to UPAC for funding?
 - a. Last year we came to you and we are doing the same
- v. Discussion
 - A. Concerns about timing for when the bill was brought forward to GPSA and funding issues.
- vi. Motion to approve Bill#67-38 via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- vii. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
- viii. Bill passes
- d. Presentation of Awards
 - i. Advocate for the Arts - August Jenkins
 - ii. George Atherton Dedication to Penn State - Gerry Knapp
 - iii. Kenneth Martin Exemplary Service - Emily Erickson
 - iv. Delegate of the Year - Carmen Vanderhoof
 - v. Communications Manager – Ann Klinck

IX. Reports

- a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
 - i. Thank you all.
- b. Committees
 - i. Student Advocacy and Diversity—Gerry Knapp
 - ii. Professional Development – Alex Zhao
 - A. Professional headshot coming up, will send signups via newswire
 - iii. Programming – Shenli Pei
 - A. Ice skating event this weekend and grad cups signups deadline is april 1
 - iv. Community Outreach – Emily Erickson
 - A. Book labeling event on Tuesday (April 3rd) from 6-8:30p
 - B. The event will be at 126 W Pine Grove Rd, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868
 - v. Internal Development—David Dopfel
 - A. Put together delegate handbook
 - B. Please fill transition forms
- c. Liaisons
 - i. Childcare funding committee
 - A. Student can have childcare if they take 6 credit hours
- d. Judiciary —The Honorable Eric Flagg
- e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
- f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
 - i. Thank you for interest in graduate students

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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)	P
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	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	E
Education	Carmen Vanderhoof	P

Education	Sonja Robinson	A
Engineering	Farnaz Tehranchi	P
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	A
Engineering	Shenli Pei	P
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	L
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	L
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	A
Liberal Arts	Trevor Bero	A
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	L
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	A
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	P
		P
School of International Affairs	Bethany Little	P
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)	E
At-Large Delegate	Sarah Rothman	P
At-Large Delegate	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	A

Addendum II. Roll Call Vote

Graduate Council		Bill 67-36	Bill 67-36	Bill 67-36
Graduate Council	Alexander Wilson-Heid (IGDP)	Y	Y	Y
Graduate Council	August Jenkins (HHD)	Y	Y	Y
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	Y	Y	Y
Graduate Council	Ling Yang (Engineering)	Y	Y	Y
Graduate Council	Liana Glew (Liberal Arts)	-	-	-
Assembly				
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	Y	y	N
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	Y	Y	Y
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	-	-	-
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Joshua Bostwick	Y	Y	Y
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Mikael Hiestand	Y	Y	Y
Eberly College of Science	Alex Zhao	Y	A	y
Eberly College of Science	Brian Conway	Y	Y	N
Eberly College of Science	Sonny Arora	-	-	-
Education	Carmen Vanderhoof	Y	N	Y
Education	Sonja Robinson	-	-	-
Engineering	Farnaz Tehranchi	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	-	-	-
Engineering	Shenli Pei	-	-	-
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	Y	Y	Y
Health and Human Development	Oliver Wilson	Y	Y	Y
Information Sciences and Technology	Stephanie Winkler	Y	Y	N
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	David Dopfel	Y	A	N

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