



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, October 11, 2017 | 6:00pm | 134 HUB

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call Attendance – See Addendum I

III. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Hearing no objections, the agenda was adopted.

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (September 27, 2017)

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

V. Open Student Forum

- a. There are no comments.

VI. Special Presentation: Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs

- a. Leadership
 - i. This is a group that are fortunate that have strong leaders
 - ii. Some of us get together regularly
 - iii. GPSA, UPUA, CCSG are all valuable to me
 - iv. We need to make sure the voice of GPSA is at the table and always heard
- b. Mandatory Fee Process
 - i. Activity fee, technology fee, facilities fee, etc.
 - A. They have been merged into one fee
- c. CAPS
 - i. These services are growing and continue to grow
 - ii. Penn State doesn't have the capacity despite having a robust operation
 - iii. Students continue to advocate to allocate and find more funding
 - iv. Penn State continues to make contributions
- d. Campus Recreation
 - i. Penn State was behind other Big Ten schools in their campus recreation department
 - ii. Expansion of facilities
 - A. IM building has been renovated
 - iii. Had some access issues at the beginning of the semester, all students should have access now
- e. Student Health
 - i. Providing vaccines
 - ii. Continue to work vigorously to keep health insurance cost down and quality up
 - iii. Possibility of a hard waiver for students
- f. State Funding
 - i. Please reach out to family and friends to contact their legislators
- g. Questions?

- i. Could you define “sponsored students”?
 - A. Students who are on assistantships, funded by a third party, etc.
- ii. Catabus ridepass possible price increase?
 - A. I’m not sure, I will find out and send the information back
- iii. Why is a trend in increase requirements for CAPS?
 - A. It is increasing nationwide with the increase of research and studies on human mental health

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
 - i. Value and Culture survey
 - A. This is a follow-up survey of one in 2013
 - B. I encourage you to fill the survey
 - C. This survey is conducted by a third party and they send back the results
 - a. It is anonymous
 - D. This is also a chance to report wrongdoing in the university
 - ii. UHS
 - A. University is placing holds for students who haven’t received an MMR shot
 - a. People who live in white course are required to have it
 - iii. Smoke free task force
 - A. It is about making a healthier campus
 - B. It would not be a policy but more on peer to peer enforcement
 - C. Smoking clinics would be provided
 - iv. State budget
 - A. Contact your legislators to get the bill passed
 - v. Mass Email
 - A. Send out a mass email to list campus resources available to students
 - a. CAPS
 - b. Off campus
 - c. Campus Recreation
 - d. Academic disputes
 - vi. Questions?
 - A. What is universities plan of enforcement for smoke free task force?
 - a. Peer enforcement
- b. Vice President—Brienne Pragg
 - i. Do the culture value survey that was sent out
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
 - i. Still waiting on our allocation, \$34,000 left to allocate
 - ii. If you are a delegate sponsoring a co-sponsorship, fill the form on the box
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
 - i. Send me material for newswire
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
 - i. No report

- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
 - i. We are meeting next week
 - ii. Nathan will be sitting in for our vacant seat

VIII. New Business

- a. Communications Intern Update
 - i. Office hours are on the door and on the website
 - ii. Google form will be available to fill out request help for events and etc.
- b. Bill 67-16 Financial Literacy Seminars
 - i. Last year GPSA hosted these seminars
 - ii. Workshops will help you to do taxes, etc.
 - iii. 35 people will attend each event
 - iv. Specialized topic events for the spring
 - v. Questions?
 - A. Who will be teaching the events?
 - a. Someone in the financial office
 - B. Attendance last year?
 - a. It was at full capacity
 - C. Dates?
 - a. October 26, 30, November 9
 - vi. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vii. Bill passes.
- c. Bill 67-17 Winter Gala Funding
 - i. Involves buffet dinner, DJ, photo booth, etc.
 - ii. Attendance last year was 165
 - iii. Tickets are the same price as last year
 - iv. Cash bar will be available, none of the student fees will pay for alcohol
 - v. Questions?
 - A. Any arrangements for watching the Big Ten Championship?
 - a. Last year there was a TV set up to watch the game
 - B. Why December 2?
 - a. It is before final exams week and after thanksgiving break
 - vi. Discussion
 - A. Concerns brought up for law school students that they won't be able to attend due to academic conflicts
 - vii. Motion to approve bill via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - viii. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
 - ix. Bill passes.

IX. Reports

- a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
 - i. I would like to see people volunteer with advertising
 - ii. I will be adding you all on social media to help advertising
- b. Committees
 - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity—Gerry Knapp
 - A. Survey is very important to fill out to show a collective opinion
 - B. Sending out a survey for candidacy and department policies

- ii. Student Affairs—Sonny Arora
 - A. Professional Development
 - a. Preparing for a second round of graduate writing workshops
 - B. Programming
 - a. We passed two bills
 - b. Theater day pre-social 5:45-7:30 next Thursday, we need help setting up
 - c. Next month we will be having the cooking class
 - C. Community Service
 - a. Still working for trail cleanup for November
 - b. Promote the blood drive
- iii. Internal Development—David Dopfel
 - A. No report
- c. Liaisons
- d. Judiciary—The Honorable Jesse Scott
 - i. No report
- e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
 - i. No report
- f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
 - i. No report

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 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)	A
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	P
Graduate Council	Ling Yang (Engineering)	E
Judiciary		
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott (Engineering)	P
Associate Justice	Eric Flagg (Law)	L
Associate Justice	Ellen Hill (Law)	P
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	P
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	E
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	A

Engineering	Farnaz Tehranchi	L
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	P
Engineering	Shenli Pei	P
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	P
Health and Human Development	Christopher Cheroret	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	P
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	E
Liberal Arts	Sara Davis	P
Nursing	Bruno Saconi	E
School of International Affairs	Abdulaziz "Aziz" Dahlawi	P
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	L
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	P
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	L
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)	P
At-Large Delegate	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	P
At-Large Delegate	Ruimin Chen (Engineering)	P
At-Large Delegate	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	P

Addendum II. Roll Call Votes

Office	Name	Bill 67-17
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	Y
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	-
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	-
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Joshua Bostwick	Y
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Mikael Hiestand	Y
Eberly College of Science	Alex Zhao	Y
Eberly College of Science	Brian Conway	Y
Eberly College of Science	Sonny Arora	Y
Education	Carmen Vanderhoof	Y
Education	Sonja Robinson	-
Engineering	Farnaz Tehranchi	Y
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	Y
Engineering	Shenli Pei	Y
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	Y
Health and Human Development	Christopher Cheroret	Y
Information Sciences and Technology	Stephanie Winkler	Y
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	David Dopfel	Y
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Gerry Knapp	Y
Inter-Collegiate Degree Program	Sailahari Ponnaluri	Y
Liberal Arts	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	Y
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	-
Liberal Arts	Sara Davis	Y

Nursing	Bruno Saconi	-
School of International Affairs	Abdulaziz "Aziz" Dahlawi	Y
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	Y
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	Y
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	Y
Smeal College of Business	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	Y
Smeal College of Business	Michael Rao	Y
At-Large Delegate	Charlie Wolstenholme (Science)	Y
At-Large Delegate	Richard Neal (Law)	Y
At-Large Delegate	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	Y
At-Large Delegate	Ruimin Chen (Engineering)	Y
At-Large Delegate	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	Y