



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, October 25, 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 (October 11, 2017)

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

V. Open Student Forum

- a. Moving On Liaison - Katie
 - i. Music festival in the spring, last day of classes
 - ii. 50,000+ attendees
 - iii. Liaisons are part of the executive board members
 - A. They discuss artist picks
 - B. They help with marketing funding
 - C. Liaisons are the source of communication
 - iv. Meetings are Fridays 4-6
 - v. Reach out at exec.movinon@gmail.com

VI. Special Presentation: Ben Locke, Ph.D., Director CAPS

- a. We are on the fifth floor in the UHS building
- b. We provide two types of services
 - i. Rapid services, routine services
 - ii. Emergency services
- c. We run 25 therapy groups per semester
- d. Now offer Penn State crisis line
 - i. 24/7 telephone answered by certified physician
 - ii. You can utilize it for yourself or for another person
 - iii. Texting option is available
- e. WellTrack service
 - i. Self-assessment tool
- f. Workshops are offered every week
 - i. Topics include: Depression, stress management, etc.
- g. Student Health Insurance
 - i. \$10 copay for in network provider
 - ii. United Healthcare has a service called Betterhealth that is included in the insurance
- h. Questions?
 - i. Has there been any efforts to educate faculty and staff about CAPS services?

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Speaker: Brian Conway | btc150@psu.edu

- A. Yes
- ii. Mental healthcare providers in the community?
 - A. We are working hard to increase our own staff. Hiring is a problem nationwide.
- iii. How do you do outreach to graduate students?
 - A. Red folder initiative

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
 - i. Pennsylvania Budget has not yet passed
 - ii. Culture and Value survey deadline has been extended
 - A. I am happy to take any feedback and pass it on to the people conducting the survey
 - iii. Office 365 will be ready next fall
 - iv. We are working with Dr. Adam to help better identify graduate students in the system
 - v. Election Day is coming up before our next meeting, if you are registered please vote
- b. Vice President—Brienne Pragg
 - i. Culture and Value survey was modified as per student complaints
 - A. Response rates are very low
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
 - i. Still waiting on our allocation
 - ii. \$25,000, it could change as we close events
 - iii. Lots of turnover in the ASA office, they are backlogged
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
 - i. Send me material for the newswire
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
 - i. Met last week, if you lose our funding we will be the first grant university to lose funding in the history of the United States.
 - ii. \$5000 increase in tuition may happen
 - iii. Voted on tobacco resolution
 - A. The president and others will decide how to go forward
 - iv. WorkLion will go live in December
- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
 - i. Met last week
 - ii. NSF fellowship is cut by half next year

VIII. New Business

- a. Bill 67-18 Climate Justice Panel Co-sponsorship
 - i. The idea is to have a more social justice panel on climate change
 - ii. It will be a Q&A discussion
 - iii. They will have a diverse panel with different backgrounds and experiences
 - iv. They will talk about how we can help combat climate change
 - v. Event will be held October 30, 6pm
 - vi. Questions?
 - A. How have you been advertising this event?
 - a. We have flyers

- vii. Discussion
 - A. Timing of the food is a great idea. Concerns of advertising are brought up.
- viii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- ix. Bill passes
- b. Bill 67-19 Fall GPSA Social
 - i. Event that is held once or twice a year
 - ii. Well attended, successful event in the past
 - iii. We will have the back patio to ourselves
 - iv. Appetizers will be served
 - v. Questions?
 - A. How many people is this designed for?
 - a. 300 people
 - vi. Motion to approve bill via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vii. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
 - viii. Bill passes
- c. Bill 67-20 PhD Movie Showing
 - i. The entire cast is played by a graduate students and faculty
 - ii. Adapted from PhD comics
 - iii. Event will be held on Friday night at the HUB
 - iv. Motion to approve bill via voice vote. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - v. The bill is passed with all votes in favor.

IX. Reports

- a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
 - i. No report
- b. Committees
 - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Gerry Knapp
 - A. November 15 first student round table
 - B. Tomorrow night at 7pm Light the night at old main
 - C. Discussions on Title IX changes
 - ii. Student Affairs – Sonny Arora
 - A. Professional Development – Alex Zhao
 - a. Request to help set up and take down one graduate writing boot camp
 - B. Programming – Shenli Pei
 - a. Tomorrow is the first financial literacy class, second is November 9
 - b. Cooking class is November 10
 - c. Questions?
 - i. Topics of financial literacy?
 - 1. Overview of financial literacy
 - C. Community Service – Emily Erickson
 - a. Blood drive is next Wednesday
 - i. Waiting on flyers and social media
 - b. Working on the can drive
 - iii. Internal Development – David Dopfel

- A. Fill out the event forms on the box
- c. Liaisons
 - i. Student healthcare childcare committee
 - A. Discussed childcare subsidies and requirement
 - B. Discussed participation from commonwealth campuses
 - ii. Center of performing arts
 - A. Thank you for showing up, overall is was good
 - B. Sent out another advertising email for the next show
 - iii. BGSA
 - A. Ongoing fundraisers around campus for those affected by the hurricanes
- d. Judiciary – The Honorable Jesse Scott
 - i. No report
- e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
 - i. No report
- f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
 - i. Communication to the graduate student body is important

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. Thank August for her help organizing theater days prosocial

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)	A
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	E
Graduate Council	Ling Yang (Engineering)	P
Judiciary		
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott (Engineering)	P
Associate Justice	Eric Flagg (Law)	L
Associate Justice	Ellen Hill (Law)	P
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	E
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	P
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	PR
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	E
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	L
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	E
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	P
Liberal Arts	Sara Davis	P
Nursing	Bruno Saconi	P
School of International Affairs	Abdulaziz "Aziz" Dahlawi	P
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	E
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	E
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	E
Smeal College of Business	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	P
Smeal College of Business	Michael Rao	E
At-Large Delegate	Charlie Wolstenholme (Science)	P
At-Large Delegate	Richard Neal (Law)	A
At-Large Delegate	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	P
At-Large Delegate	Ruimin Chen (Engineering)	E
At-Large Delegate	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	E

Addendum II. Roll Call Votes

Office	Name	Bill
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	-
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	Y
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	Y
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	-
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	Y
Engineering	Shenli Pei	Y
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	Y
Health and Human Development	Christopher Cheroret	-
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	-
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	Y
Liberal Arts	Sara Davis	Y

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