



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, January 17, 2018 | 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. Motion to withdraw Resolution 67-03 via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- b. Resolution 67-03 withdrew from agenda.
- c. Motion to add Bill 67-27 via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- d. Bill 67-27 added to agenda.
- e. Motion to add item (a) for new business, Approval new international affairs delegate via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- f. Added item (a) Approval new international affairs delegate
- g. Motion to approve amended bill via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- h. The agenda is adopted

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (December 6, 2017)

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

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation—Vanna Lee, President of Lion's Pantry

- a. Created to address the issue of student hunger at Penn State
- b. Using the pantry, all you need is a student ID
- c. It began operation is 2015
- d. Goal in 2018 is to increase awareness and continue to grow
- e. Questions?
 - i. Where do you get most of the donations from?
 - A. From the community and student organizations
 - ii. What can the graduate students do?
 - A. We are looking for mentorships and raising awareness
 - iii. Why you are only open 4 hours a week?
 - A. Shortage of volunteers and staff

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
 - i. Be sure to check out mlk.psu.edu for events
 - ii. The graduate school was not aware of the comments of faculty to graduate students
 - iii. Workday and Worklion are rolled out and operational

- iv. Student fees
 - A. I will have a talk of how graduate students fit in the student fees and discuss where the money is coming from
 - B. Looking into determining the student fee for next academic year
- v. Lot 10 parking passes have been distributed
 - A. Applications for the summer will start in April
- vi. Start thinking of elections for next year
- vii. Thank Stephanie for PhD comics events
- viii. Thank Ann for her work on the website
- b. Vice President—Brienne Pragg
 - i. Lion's pantry syllabus statement
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
 - i. \$24000 left to allocate before regular events
 - ii. \$12,000 left to allocate before June 30th
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
 - i. Send me material for the newswire
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
 - i. The first meeting of the semester is next week
 - ii. They are changing policies to fly a drone
 - iii. We are going to vote on having a representation directly from GPSA
- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
 - i. The graduate school is up for review and want to invite us to this meeting
 - A. Feb 19 from 2:30-3:15, location 102 Kern

VIII. New Business

- a. Approval new international affairs delegate – Bethany Little
 - i. First year graduate student
 - ii. I am passionate about education and want to be part of the contribution
 - iii. I am interested in joining the professional development committee
 - iv. Discussion
 - A. The seat is open
 - B. Bethany came to our last meeting and is aware of how assembly functions
 - v. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vi. Bethany Little is approved as School of International Affairs Delegate
- b. Discussion of Graduate School Best Practices
 - i. This is an ongoing effort since last October
 - ii. The Eberly college of science has these guidelines and the graduate school decided to adapt these guidelines at large
 - iii. Discussion
 - A. The repetitiveness is because there are four different groups and hoping for each group to go to their section only
 - B. HHD has similar guidelines
 - C. They are going to do a one year assessment after implementation
 - D. The committee is hoping each department will develop its own version

- E. If this is more concrete it would cause more problems
- F. These guidelines don't exist as a remedy but as a guidance
- c. Resolution 67-04 Support of Undocumented Penn State Students
 - i. There are 600,000-800,000 undocumented residents in the US
 - ii. They will not fall under DACA
 - iii. We don't want students to be removed because of an executive order
 - iv. Encourage graduate students to contact representatives
 - v. Working with students that have been deported and able to finish their degrees
 - vi. Questions?
 - A. Has there been any response from graduate school?
 - a. Not that I heard of
 - vii. Discussion
 - A. There has been interest in dealing with this on case by case basis
 - B. Its important to develop the contingency before hand before things start happening
 - viii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - ix. Resolution Passes.
- d. Resolution 67-05 2018 GPSA Elections
 - i. Last year we suggested to have these guidelines and now we will adopt them
 - ii. It is very similar wording to UPUA
 - iii. We always had low turnout for elections
 - iv. Questions?
 - A. None
 - v. Discussion
 - A. None
 - vi. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vii. Resolution Passes
- e. Bill 67-26 CERS 2018 Co-sponsorship
 - i. This is our 15th year doing this
 - ii. We have already had our call for abstracts and oral presentations are scheduled
 - iii. We are expanding to having a career panel at the end of the event
 - iv. During the day we will have a lunch in and are asking for a portion from GPSA
 - v. Our total budget is \$30,000
 - vi. Question?
 - A. Is it free and open to all?
 - a. Yes
 - vii. Discussion
 - A. None
 - viii. Motion to approve bill via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - ix. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
- f. Bill 67-27 Fossil Free Future Co-Sponsorship
 - i. The event is in conjunction with local events occurring all over the country on Jan. 31st for a live-streamed event with well-known climate justice advocates sharing their reflections on the state of the climate justice movement.
 - ii. Motion to approve via unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.

- iii. Bill passes

IX. Reports

- a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
 - i. I pulled resolution 67-03 for constitutional issues
 - ii. We will be collaborating with UPUA for red fort initiative
- b. Committees
 - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Gerry Knapp
 - A. No report
 - ii. Student Affairs – Sonny Arora
 - A. Professional Development – Alex Zhao
 - a. If you have any questions or suggestions for our upcoming LinkedIn workshop, send them through to have them answered by the presenter
 - B. Programming – Shenli Pei
 - a. PhD comics movie is coming up this Friday
 - b. Cooking class will be on Feb 16
 - i. We will soon have the list of recipes and menu
 - c. Theater day is this semester, the first show is Feb 27 with social
 - C. Community Service – Emily Erickson
 - a. Book labeling event in progress (March)
 - b. United way is looking for volunteers for Trash for Treasure for May
 - c. Blood drive before Thon 2018
 - iii. Internal Development – David Dopfel
 - A. Working on the delegate handbook
 - B. Putting together a time commitment sheet for future delegates
- c. Liaisons
 - i. Student parent childcare subsidy program
 - A. Moving their office to innovation park
 - B. Receiving applications
 - C. Completed a survey for the grant money they received, it was positive
 - D. Distributing marketing material of the availability of the program
 - ii. Sexual violence roundtable
 - A. Planning our week event in April
 - B. Looking for a contribution from GPSA
 - iii. Transportation commission meeting
 - A. They are releasing an interactive campus map
 - B. Hiring part time students for re-homing bike share
 - C. Bicycle workshops are ongoing and free
- d. Judiciary
 - i. Meeting with Internal Development to give graduate council right to vote
- e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
- f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
 - i. Encourage to push the guidelines to implement them

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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)	L
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling (Science)	P
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	P
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	P
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	P
Earth and Mineral Sciences	Joshua Bostwick	PR
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	P
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	P
Engineering	Shenli Pei	P
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	L
Health and Human Development	Christopher Cheroret	A
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	E
Liberal Arts	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	P
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	A
Liberal Arts	Trevor Bero	P
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	L
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	P
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	P
Smeal College of Business	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	P
Smeal College of Business	Michael Rao	P
At-Large Delegate	Charlie Wolstenholme (Science)	E
At-Large Delegate	Liana Glew (Liberal Arts)	E
At-Large Delegate	Richard Neal (Law)	P
At-Large Delegate	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	P
At-Large Delegate	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	E

Addendum II. Roll Call Votes

Office	Name	Attendance
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	Y
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	Y
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	-
Liberal Arts	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	Y
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	Y
Liberal Arts	Trevor Bero	Y

School of International Affairs	Bethany Little	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)	-
At-Large Delegate	Liana Glew (Liberal Arts)	-
At-Large Delegate	Richard Neal (Law)	Y
At-Large Delegate	Roman Jaramillo (Science)	Y
At-Large Delegate	Saratu Terreno (Engineering)	-