GPSA 68th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 | 6:00 pm | 134 HUB-Robeson

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of the Agenda

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 8/29

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation—Ben Locke, Director, Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)

VII. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President—Brienne Pragg
   b. Vice President—Stephanie Winkler
   c. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
   d. Secretary—Nick Dietrich
   e. Faculty Senate—Carmen Vanderhoof
   f. Graduate Council—Claire Kelling

VIII. New Business
   a. New Delegate Confirmation
   b. New Associate Justice Confirmation
   c. Bill 68-07: 2018 Winter Gala
   d. Bill 68-08: Professional Headshots
   e. Bill 68-09: PSU Votes Week Gerrymandering Panel

IX. Reports
   a. Speaker of the Assembly – Sailahari Ponnaluri
   b. Committees
      i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Mikaela Westhoff
      ii. Professional Development – Bagna Das
      iii. Programming – Charlie Wolstenholme
      iv. Community Service – Charles Tierney
      v. Internal Development – David Dopfel
   c. Liaisons
   d. Judiciary—The Honorable Eric Flagg
   e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
   f. Advisor—Adam Christensen

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment
Bill/Resolution # 68-07

The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
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Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

2018 Winter Gala
Funding for Dinner Dance Expenses
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association is responsible to enrich graduate life at Penn State. Over the past several years, the Winter Gala has become the cornerstone social program of the fall semester sponsored by GPSA. It’s an opportunity to bring all graduate and professional students together for an enjoyable evening at the end of the fall semester before final exams and fall graduation. The event comprises a buffet-style catered dinner, followed by a DJ and dancing. Additionally, there is a charitable component of the event, through which attendees are encouraged to support the local community. This year, the community service subcommittee is working with the community outreach subcommittee to coordinate this.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the following expenses for the Programming committee as part of the 2018 Winter Gala, which will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn the first weekend of December. Students and guests will be charged a $15 admission fee to recoup some of the costs of the event. It is anticipated that 250 tickets will be sold and therefore $3750 will be returned to our ASA account following the event. There will be a cash bar present, but no alcohol will be paid for by Student Activities Funds in accordance with Penn State policies.

- Security Deposit (non-refundable) - $200
- Dinner Buffet - $10,620 ($36/plate x 250 plates + 18% gratuity)

**Tentative Menu**

**Appetizer:**
- Salad Display with Seasonal Toppings and Selection of Three Dressings
- Seasonal Vegetable Display with Variety of Pickled, Grilled, Marinated, and Fresh Vegetables Served with Red Pepper Aioli
- Bread Station with Rolls and Butter

**Dinner:**
- Cucumber Salad with Tomato, Mint, Flat Leaf Parsley, and Mild Green Chili; Dressed with Olive Oil, Lemon, and Scallions
- Berkshire Short Ribs with Apples
- Chicken Cacciatore
- Bouillabaisse of Seafood Including Scallops, Mussels, Squid, and Shrimp
- Creamy Polenta
- Roasted Fennel and Baby Crimini Mushrooms

**Dessert:**
- Decadent Flourless Chocolate Torte

- Disc Jockey + Photo Booth + Up-lighting - $1000.00 (Contract tentative with “And We Danced”)

- Dance Floor Rental - $400

- Decorations - $100

**Total:** $12,320

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Wolstenholme
Programming Subcommittee Chair
Delegate, Eberly College of Science

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Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

**Fall Professional Head Shots**  
**Funding for Professional Head Shots for Graduate Students**  
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

Part of GPSA’s mission is to promote professional and job related opportunities for graduate and professional students. Establishing a professional identity usually requires professional headshots, which can be used on LinkedIn and other professional-related digital sources.

In order to provide an ample range of times for graduate and professional students to get their headshots taken, there will be two days with three hours of available slots on each day. Each headshot takes approximately 5 minutes, allowing up to 72 participants. Registration will be advertised through the GPSA Newswire prior to the event.

**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Professional Development Committee will hold a professional headshot event for graduate and professional students in HUB 134 in on November 5 and 6, 2018. Headshots at the past two events have been taken by photographer Michael Davis, whose work can be found at [www.mtdphotography.com](http://www.mtdphotography.com).

Photography Service: $800 (estimated $50 for set up each day, then $125/hour)

Total: $800
Respectfully submitted,

Bagmi Das  
Delegate, College of Education

Shawn Siroka  
Delegate, College of Engineering

President ___________________________________________ Affirm  Veto

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Gerrymandering Panel Discussion and Voter Registration Event
Funding for Gerrymandering Panel and Voter Registration Event
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

A great number of Penn State graduate and professional students will be voting in Centre County and in the state of Pennsylvania. The redrawing of district lines has been a topic in the state legislature and is relevant to how the state votes and how students are represented in the government. This panel bring professors and local experts on the state of gerrymandering in Pennsylvania and around the country to an information session and discussion with graduate and professional students. Part of GPSA’s community outreach is to encourage involvement in the community through understanding issues and decision-making in the community. Therefore, there is a need to educate graduate students and professionals. Additionally, many new graduate students and professionals have not yet registered to vote. With the upcoming midterm elections, graduate and professional students can benefit from easy access to voter registration and nonpartisan information about current issues.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Community Outreach committee to purchase the following items for a voter registration event with a gerrymandering panel consisting of community workers and academics on Wednesday, September 26th during “PSU Votes” Week. 

Wegman’s Sub Platters: $55 x 3 = $165
Water Bottles: $2.59 x 2 packs of 35 = $5.18
Plates: $11.49 (60 count)
Cups: $11.49 (120 count)
Reservation Fee for HUB 129B: 20$/hour x 2 hours = $40

Total: $233.16

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Tierney  
Delegate, College of Engineering

Bagmi Das  
Delegate, College of Education

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