Action Items

- All delegates will respond to their committee chairs to schedule regular committee meetings
- One delegate will become liaison to Student Legal Services; contact Stephanie if interested
- Up to three GPSA representatives will attend All-U Day football game; contact Brianne if interested
- Maria (GPSA Communications Manager) will keep track of GPSA office scheduling; contact Maria if intending to reserve the office for GPSA business

Bills Passed

- None

Minutes

I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order by the vice president at 6:02pm

II. Roll Call – See Addendum I

III. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. Motion to adopt the agenda; motion is adopted

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 4/25
   a. Motion to approve past meeting minute; approval carries

V. Open Student Forum
   a. Kyle – here to observe

VI. Special Presentation—Cathi Alloway, Director, Schlow Library
   a. Schlow has resources for graduate students, but also their significant others and children
   b. Accept Penn State library cards
      i. Give free cards to anyone with PA residency; apply online or use mobile app
   c. Services
      i. Board games
      ii. Children’s department
      iii. Audiobooks, magazines, downloadable resources
      iv. Language learning services
      v. Early literacy programs
      vi. Return Schlow books to PSU and vice-versa; drop-offs at Giant and other locations
   d. Questions
      i. Brianne: do you accept book donations?
         1. To a limited extent; we only accept new, good-condition books
         2. Older books should be donated to community organizations
What are the hours of operation?
1. Hours listed on website (closed Labor Day weekend, then shifting to fall semester hours)

Mikaela: How do you access online resources?
1. Apply for online library card, use login on website or mobile app

Limits on book rentals?
1. No limits on physical books, very reasonable limits on eBooks

VII. Executive Officer Reports

a. President—Brianne Pragg
i. Brianne spoke with Sarah Ades, guest speaker from last meeting, who is planning a professional development task force
   1. Trying to get input from GPSA and department-level GSAs
   2. Brianne will be connecting professional development committee with her
ii. If you need to reserve the GPSA office for GPSA business, reach out to Maria Evangelou (GPSA communications manager)
   1. Maria will keep track on the internal GPSA calendar
iii. We’ve been invited to send representatives to All-U Day
   1. Walk across football game field at halftime
   2. Sept 15 against Kent State
   3. Brianne will not participate for ethical reasons
   4. Contact Brianne by Friday if interested; 2 representatives and an alternate
   5. Need to have season tickets or buy your own ticket for $40

b. Vice President—Stephanie Winkler
i. Stephanie thanks everyone who volunteered for new student orientations
ii. Student legal services contacted us about a liaison position; contact Stephanie if interested

c. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
i. We do not yet have our allocation for the year
ii. Question: when do we get new allocation?
   1. Last year it was in November

d. Secretary—Nick Dietrich
i. 500+ new newswire subscribers
ii. David: how many total subscribers?
   1. Two to three thousand, many probably graduated and did not unsubscribe

e. Faculty Senate—Carmen Vanderhoof
i. Has not met yet

f. Graduate Council—Claire Kelling
i. Nothing to report

VIII. New Business

a. New Delegate Confirmation
i. Steven Baksa
   1. Earth and Mineral Sciences
   2. Community outreach, internal development
   3. Heard about opening from graduate school orientation, cares about student government
   4. First year student

ii. Azaria Cunningham
   1. Education
2. Professional development
3. Heard at graduate orientation that there was an opening
4. First year student

iii. Alena Ricci
1. International Affairs
2. GPSA liaison for SIA GSA

iv. Terry Torres-Cruz
1. At-large delegate from Plant Pathology
2. Community outreach, programming
3. Heard from Alex Zhao at orientation

v. Nicole Rufo
1. Nursing
2. Programming
3. Replacing previous nursing delegate

vi. Discussion
1. Brianne met with all these delegates; stipulated that advocacy committee delegates must also serve on another committee
   a. They all had initiatives and they were interested in
   b. Many are first-year students who do not have an opportunity to run in our elections

vii. David motions to approve by unanimous consent as a slate
1. Seconded
2. Delegates are approved

IX. Reports
a. Speaker of the Assembly – Sailahari Ponnaluri
   i. For new delegates: Sailahari is the go-to person for delegates
   ii. Lots of interest in GPSA at orientation
b. Committees
   i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Mikaela Westhoff
      1. Had first committee meeting today
      2. Information for student parents initiative
         a. Gathering resources and information
      3. Resources on services available for traditionally underrepresented groups
         a. First doing university-wide options, then compiling college-specific resources
      4. Following Title IX director hiring; sat in on interviews
         a. Decision has already been made
      5. Office of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response (OSMPR) director interviews
         a. Decision not yet made
      6. Prioritizing graduate student mental health
         a. Red folder initiative follow-up
         b. Compiling resources for mental health services
         c. CAPS guest speaker next assembly meeting
      7. Possible panel on gender harassment
         a. Reviewing current university policies
      8. Advocacy committee members should stay after this meeting to work out regular meeting schedule
9. Questions
   a Sailahari: delegates are required to respond to committee chairs and read Slack messages
ii. Professional Development – Bagmi Das (Absent; representing GPSA at LionBASH)
   1. Sailahari: Professional development will be working with Sarah Ades
      a Fall and spring career fairs have recruiters for graduate students, but graduate students largely do not make use of these resources
iii. Programming– Charlie Wolstenholme
   1. Trying to book pavilion for welcome back picnic; waiting on necessary insurance confirmation from the university
   2. Anyone interested please stay after the meeting to schedule programming committee meetings
iv. Community Service – Charles Tierney (Absent; representing GPSA at LionBASH)
   1. Brianne: Partnering with UPUA to do PSU Votes week at the end of September
      a Voter registration, other civic participation services
      b UPUA puts this on every year
   2. Sailahari: traditionally we have not spent any money on community outreach
      a Open to new initiatives
   3. Questions
      a Are we organizing PSU Votes or just volunteering?
         i Brianne: it is mostly volunteering; UPUA organizes. Ask Charles for details
v. Internal Development – David Dopfél
   1. Surveying past GPSA delegates about advice and ongoing initiatives
      a Roughly 7 responses; half of those are still here
      b One respondent was apathetic about GPSA and reported lack of interest in their department
      c Respondents were frustrated with lack of knowledge in GPSA and unsure how to get new projects started
      d David suggests that new delegates with ideas should reach out to him or other chairs and executive board members
   2. Questions
      a Sailahari: there’s a delegate handbook with resources and we will be collecting feedback after events
         i David urges the assembly to please fill out these feedback forms
      b Kyle (see open student forum): what relationship exists between University Alumni Relations and GPSA
         i Brianne is on the alumni council; we primarily work with the graduate school
         ii Brianne: we advise the university on several different committees; will talk to Kyle afterwards if interested
   c. Liaisons
   d. Judiciary—The Honorable Eric Flagg (Absent–Proxy Ellen Hill)
      i. Eric is teaching Street Law; has a scheduling conflict
      ii. Looking into proportional representation adjustments based on actual enrollment
      iii. Trying to replace Jesse Scott
         1. Not much interested from law school contacts
e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele (Absent)
   i. Stephanie and Brianne will attend Board of Trustees meeting in two weeks
f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
   i. Adam urges GPSA to keep engagement high; it has an impact when we show up and represent GPSA on advisory boards

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm
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