GPSA 68th Assembly Meeting       Wednesday, February 13, 2019     6:00 pm   |   134 HUB

Action Items

- Interested delegates will contact Charles about Friday Night Lights Out a week from Friday
- Interested delegates will contact Charles about presenting research at Research Unplugged on May 2nd
- Internal Development will revise language in the conflict of interest policy to address points raised during discussion
  - Abstention vs. recusal
  - Timing of disclosure
  - Process of allegations
  - Disclosure of conflict without disclosing specifics
- Deliver bills to Steering and the Executive Board at least 72 hours in advance
- Charlie will post Campus Rec committee schedule on the #general Slack channel; interested delegate(s) will serve as liaison
- Executive board will look into possibility of audio amplification in meeting room

Legislation Passed

- Resolution 68-10: Support of Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Reform
- Bill 68-20: Co-sponsorship: Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology Student Symposium (ECMSS)
- Bill 68-21: Spring Professional Head Shots

Agenda

I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting is called to order by the vice president at 6:03pm

II. Roll Call – See Addendum I
   a. We have a “fragile” quorum

III. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. Discussion of proportional representation agenda items not received in advance
      i. Removed by the vice president
   b. David motions to adopt removed internal development bylaw and constitutional amendment
      i. Unchanged from previous discussion when they were tabled several weeks ago
      ii. Seconded; vote by show of hands
         1. The motion fails with 13 votes in favor
   c. Motion to adopt the agenda; seconded
      i. The motion passes

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes from 1/16
   a. Motion to approve past meeting minutes; seconded
      i. The motion passes

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation: Cheryl Bonner, Director, Alumni Career Services

VII. Executive Officer Reports

President – Brianne Pragg | pragg@psu.edu   Treasurer – Alex Zhao | yazhao@psu.edu
Vice President – Stephanie Winkler | sxw96@psu.edu   Secretary – Nick Dietrich | nmg184@psu.edu
Advisor – Adam Christensen, Ph.D. | aec187@psu.edu   Speaker – Sairahari Ponnaluri | svp20@psu.edu
a. President—Brianne Pragg
   i. Voting and amendments
      1. We should submit legislation early to avoid these issues
   ii. Board of trustees
      1. Student trustee applications close soon; apply!
      2. Last board of trustees meeting soon
   iii. Health and Wellness
      1. Needs liaison
      2. Meet once a month
   iv. Capital day
      1. Coming soon; need graduate representation
   v. Questions
      1. David: what part of governing docs has info about running meetings?
         a. Bylaws, executive officers
         b. Too bad judiciary isn’t here
b. Vice President—Stephanie Winkler
   i. It’s not an undue burden to distribute bills in advance; generates better discussion
c. Treasurer—Alex Zhao
   i. Send legislation that needs money 72 hours in advance
   ii. Alex W-H: what is the state of our budget?
      1. We want to end the year with $5,500 or less for carry-over
      2. We are on track to have a slightly larger surplus
      3. Several large spending bills coming up; we could probably fund another event
      4. Budgeting year ends June 30
      5. Brianne: Some next-year materials are on this budget: orientation materials, for example
d. Secretary—Nick Dietrich
   i. Send me stuff for the newswire
e. Faculty Senate—Carmen Vanderhoof
   i. Educational Equity and Campus Environment Committee
      1. Submitted feedback about academic integrity report
      2. “Results will vary” interactive play
      3. Syllabus text – stalled
   ii. Student Caucus (Updates from other committees)
      1. Undergraduate Committee is now Educational Committee
         a. Now covers graduate students
      2. Moving forward with exit survey for students who did not finish degree
      3. Moving forward with 30 credit-hour cap
   iii. Senate
      1. 597 faculty retired early; have not replaced all of them
      2. Administration justified choice not to send text alert for emergency situation
   iv. Questions
      1. Claire: is this exit survey redundant with the grad council exit survey?
         a. Confusion about who is running what survey
         b. Research Scholarship and Creative Activity Committee
f. Graduate Council—Claire Kelling
   i. LGBTQ+ Resources
      1. Welcome reception at beginning of every semester
      2. One graduate scholarship
      3. “Safer People, Safer Places” Training Network
      4. Mentorship program
      5. Clothing Transit (gently used clothing free to try different gender presentations)
      6. Graduate orgs: Out In Stem
      7. Tentative name change to Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity
      8. Considering move into the Robeson Gallery in the HUB
   ii. Relationships Policy
      1. Current policy discourages consensual relationships between supervisors and students
2. New policy would prohibit those relationships
   iii. Committee meeting requirement
   1. Required dissertation committee meeting once per year, with many asterisks
   iv. Graduate Exhibition
   1. Registration closes February 22nd
   v. Questions
   1. Stephanie: Brian from LGBTQ+ center is coming to guest speak soon

VIII. Unfinished Business
a. Resolution 68-10: Support of Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Reform
   i. We amended bill language on January 16th but were unable to take a vote because of quorum
   ii. Charles: If we vote yes, members can sign on individually in their capacity as GPSA members
   1. Letters will be sent individually with each name on them
   2. Each letter will be from an individual
   3. David: can we still send a letter as a group from GPSA?
      a. Otherwise there’s no real need for this resolution
      b. Brianne agrees that we do not need a resolution to sign on as individuals and identify ourselves as GPSA members
   4. Alex W-H suggests it will be best to pass the bill in case we want to send as a group
   iii. Logan requests to see the text of the letter
   1. We already amended the bill to make approval of bill text a requirement
   iv. David motions to approve by unanimous consent
   1. Seconded; the resolution passes
   2. Stephanie will send out letter to review once we agree on language with other student governments

IX. New Business
a. Bill 68-20: Co-sponsorship: Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology Student Symposium (ECMSS) – Charles
   i. $2,900 for food
   ii. 12 student oral presentations, poster session, diversity and inclusion session
   iii. Abstracts due February 21st
   iv. Questions
   1. David: funding for dinner and lunch?
      a. Catered dinner on Friday, casual breakfast Saturday morning, Saturday lunch
      b. Food and registration are free
   2. Brian (Sailahari’s proxy): does anyone else contribute to food?
      a. No
   3. David: we are missing the co-sponsorship form
      a. Total cost above $7,000
   4. Alex Z: These bills are mislabeled on agenda; they are 68-20 and 68-21
   5. Alex W-H asks about graduate/undergraduate breakdown
      a. Undergraduates can attend, but the target audience is grad students
   v. Logan motions to approve by roll call vote – See addendum II
      1. Seconded; the motion passes
b. Bill 68-21: Spring Professional Head Shots – Shawn
   i. April 15 and 16 in the HUB
   ii. Funding for photographer, HUB room, facebook advertising
   iii. Questions
   1. Is it the same photographer every year? How do we select?
      a. We have a longstanding relationship with this photographer
   2. Attendance?
      a. Usually all slots are filled before event
   iv. Discussion
   1. Alex W-H thinks this is a great service
   2. Stephanie has heard many inquiries about this event
   v. Alex W-H motions to approve by unanimous consent
      1. Seconded; the bill passes
c. Resolution 68-11: Constitutional Amendment, Conflict of Interest – Steven
   i. Currently we have no conflict of interest procedure
   ii. Member with a conflict must disclose conflict and abstain from vote
      1. Failure to do so is grounds for discipline as laid out in the governing documents
   iii. We cannot vote today
   iv. Questions
      1. Alex W-H: what is the necessity for this?
         a. Brianne recommended that we be prepared
      2. Alex W-H: what is the language based on?
         a. It is a modified version of the Penn State Board of Trustees policy
   v. Discussion
      1. Alex W-H thinks it is appropriate to have a policy
      2. Stephanie mentions that someone abstained previously for conflict of interest reasons; this would formalize that informal process
   vi. Shawn motions to table the resolution
      1. Seconded; the resolution is tabled

d. Resolution 68-12: Bylaw Amendment, Conflict of Interest
   i. Corresponding bylaw changes for the conflict of interest policy
   ii. Member with the conflict must disclose during discussion and leave room for voting
      1. A conflict can be alleged with a 2/3 vote
   iii. Questions
      1. Liana: do they have to state what the conflict is, or can they recuse without specifying?
         a. Possibility of changing language to say “disclose that there is a conflict of interest”
      2. Brian (Sailahari’s proxy): why do they recuse from the room instead of abstain from the vote?
         a. As written, they could discuss but must leave room for the vote
      3. Logan: what is the procedure for alleging conflict of interest?
      4. Emma: time frame for disclosure?
         a. During discussion
      5. Claire: you may not want to vote against something when someone in the room has personal interest in what you’re voting on
         a. Brian: roll call votes are public record anyway
   iv. Discussion
      1. Carmen: walking out of the room seems unnecessary
         a. Abstention would be quicker and more efficient
         b. Liana: this hasn’t come up very much, so recusal might be a safer choice
         c. Claire: recusal is a fast process
      2. Charlie thinks that this policy can make conflicts of interest less contentious
      3. Mandy clarifies whether a recusal would remove the member from discussion
         a. We do not want to shut people out of discussion if they are a source of information; abstaining from vote is enough
      4. Alex W-H suggests that internal development fine-tune the language of the amendment
      5. Things to think about (Brianne):
         a. Abstention vs. recusal
         b. Timing of disclosure
         c. Process of allegations
         d. Disclosure of conflict without disclosing specifics
   v. Motion to table the resolution
      1. Seconded; the resolution is tabled

X. Reports
   a. Speaker of the Assembly – Sailahari Ponnaluri (Absent)
   b. Committees
      i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Mikaela Westhoff (Absent)
         1. Have not met
      ii. Professional Development – Bagmi Das (Absent)
1. Preparing for headshots
2. Writing boot camp underway

iii. Programming – Charlie Wolstenholme
1. Grad Cup
   a. End of April
   b. Trying to make more inclusive, accessible, and environmentally friendly
   c. Charlie would like to meet with at least two representatives of every other committee
   d. Contact Charlie if interested in being involved in Grad Cup process
2. Theater Days
   a. We did not sell very many tickets
   b. Likely unnecessary to have a social event given attendance

iv. Community Service – Charles Tierney
1. Upcoming meeting with career services regarding career resource fair
2. Blood drive openings
3. Friday Night Lights Out
   a. Sign up to turn off lights in buildings on Friday
   b. First Friday of every month, community service will be doing this
   c. Will be turning out lights next Friday
   d. Alex W-H suggests contacting PAWS about volunteer days

v. Internal Development – David Dopfel
1. Thanks for feedback regarding conflict of interest
2. Proportional representation
   a. Would not have passed anyway
   b. Please let David know your problems with the bill so that Internal Development can update it

c. Liaisons
i. Student Fee Board – Brianne
   1. Heard all proposals
   2. Public meetings (8am on Friday in the HUB)
   3. Brian: Fee board stance on funding facilities movements?
      a. LGBTQ+ center renovation is a separate proposal from the center’s budget
      b. The board is wary of long-term debts; still paying off HUB renovations

ii. SVAP – Claire
1. Centre Safe Gala upcoming

iii. Campus Rec – Charlie
1. Charlie is unable to attend their meetings; will send schedule
2. No real rhyme or reason to the schedule
3. There is free food at all meetings

d. Judiciary—The Honorable Eric Flagg (Absent)
e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
   i. Please encourage people to attend given our “fragile” quorum
   ii. Alex W-H cites our attendance policy
      1. We have a removed a few people for attendance; they resigned instead of coming before assembly
   iii. Lars suggests that participation would be better if it was easier to hear
      1. Microphone in this room?
      2. We can ask HUB

XI. Comments for the Good of the Order
a. Research Unplugged – Charles
   i. 10-minute presentation on Thursday, May 2nd

XII. Adjournment
a. The meeting is adjourned at 7:24pm
## Addendum I – Roll Call Attendance

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