



Graduate and Professional Student Association

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GPSA 67th Assembly Meeting | Wednesday, September 27, 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 is adapted.

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (September 13, 2017)

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

V. Open Student Forum

- a. There are no comments.

VI. Special Presentation: Canvas Project Team

- a. Q&A type discussion:
 - i. TA permission is not robust to include upload/quiz creation etc ?
 - A. Permission are not really granular, we are changing it to be more granular
 - ii. Any integration with other applications such as Turnitin, Piazza?
 - A. Yes, we are working on it. Problems will arise with user permission
- b. We are planning for the next 6 months to solve the top 10 problems occurring on Canvas
- c. Adobe Acrobat Cloud is now free for all students
- d. Working on updating the FAQs for adobe

VII. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President—Matt Krott
 - i. There are still openings in the assembly
 - ii. Student Fee board
 - A. Continue to meet every other Friday
 - B. They are updating their website for students to see what the budget is paying for
 - iii. GPSA representation
 - A. We currently don't have any representation on the faculty senate
 - iv. Health insurance
 - A. We continue to receive feedback for the new health insurance
 - B. Reach out to UHS first for any questions and concerns
 - v. State Budget
 - A. Please reach out to family and friends to reach out to their state representative to pass the bill
 - vi. Europa
 - A. Heard different feedbacks from students
 - B. We want everyone to feel safe on campus

- C. We are going to be engaged with administration on how to address this
- b. Vice President—Brienne Pragg
 - i. I met with ethics and clients committee
 - ii. Next week the culture survey will come out, please keep an eye for that
- c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
 - i. Still waiting on our allocation
- d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
 - i. We have 2700 contacts on the listserv
 - ii. We added 300 this semester
 - iii. 30% open rate, 5% clickers
 - iv. People are interested in theater days, professional headshots, a few health and wellness clinics and teaching opportunities
- e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
 - i. No meetings since last meeting
 - ii. Faculty senate supports the decision for fraternity recruitments for students in sophomore year standing
- f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
 - i. No report

VIII. New Business

- a. Confirmation of New Delegates
 - i. Trevor
 - A. First year graduate student from the College of Liberal Arts
 - B. Interested in Advocacy committee
 - ii. Mike
 - A. MBA student
 - B. I want to contribute to communication to my school
 - iii. Christopher
 - A. First year graduate student in Recreation Park Tourism Management Department
 - B. College of HHD
 - iv. Questions?
 - A. Have you thought about which committee to join?
 - v. Discussion
 - A. Matt met with all three of them. They heard about us through our events and orientations. They are first year students and seem to be very excited.
 - vi. Motion to approve three candidates via slate unanimous consent. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
 - vii. Slate is approved.
- b. Bill 67-15 Co-sponsorship of PSU-MSU Blood Drive
 - i. Helping to sponsor a blood drive
 - ii. Melissa-Representative from Red Cross
 - A. I work with the red cross
 - B. 24th annual challenge
 - C. Penn State won the past 8 years
 - D. We are trying to grow at a steady rate of 10% a year
 - E. Thank you for your support

- F. Only 38% of the population can donate blood
- iii. Questions
 - A. What other funding do you have?
 - a. UPUA is donating \$1000. UPAC is sponsoring room rentals.
 - B. Locations of the blood drive?
 - a. All around campus, HUB, Alumni Centre
 - C. What is the expected time for donating blood?
 - a. 30-45 min, you can expedite the process by completing pre-check online or on the mobile app
- iv. Discussion
 - A. Concerns of the remaining budget were brought up. Everyone seems to be on board. Maybe next time the future delegate will try to find other funding sources.
- v. Motion to approve bill via roll call. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
- vi. See Addendum II for roll call vote.
- vii. Bill passes.

IX. Reports

- a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
 - i. 2 men and 3 women nominees were submitted to Homecoming which will be November 11, 2017.
- b. Committees
 - i. Advocacy and Human Diversity—Gerry Knapp
 - A. Graduate Student Unionization
 - a. Working on a resolution, should be ready by our next meeting
 - B. Determining deficiencies in departments
 - a. Reach out if you have any complaints or concerns
 - C. Round table meetings
 - a. Have not been able to put a round table for September but October is in the works
 - ii. Student Affairs—Sonny Arora
 - A. Professional Development
 - a. Setting up for another professional headshot event
 - B. Programming
 - a. Looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up for the preshow receptions
 - b. Cooking class is finalized and it is to be held in November
 - c. More details on Winter Gala will be provided next meeting
 - C. Community Service
 - a. Blood drive bill passed
 - b. Hard to get in touch with person in charge of trail cleanup
 - i. He will only allow 10 people to participate
 - ii. Trying to do it before the weather becomes bad
 - iii. Internal Development—David Dopfel
 - A. Please fill out the form on the box after you hold an event to help future delegates

- B. Putting together a delegate handbook
- c. Liaisons
 - i. UPAC
 - A. Will host a policy meeting next Tuesday
 - ii. Mental health wellness round table - Kevin
 - A. Wellness week is in November
 - B. Ideas for speakers, please reach out
 - iii. Canvas-Jesse
 - A. I will stop reporting after this semester, if you are interested, please reach out
 - B. They pay attention and listen to graduate student concerns
 - C. Meetings are once a month
 - D. They do have remote meeting access
- d. Judiciary—The Honorable Jesse Scott
 - i. Amendment to legislation to include updated university policies
 - A. They require specific phrasing and wording
- e. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
 - i. Last board of trustee meeting was 15 September
 - ii. Official borrowing plan was approved
 - iii. Emphasis on reaching out to state representatives to pass funding
- f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
 - i. Add my encouragement, use the link the president sent
 - ii. The administration has student safety in mind when it comes to freedom of speech

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. Writing camps on Sundays afternoon if you are interested instead of joining Graduate Writing Camp
- b. Please attend Theater days

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 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	A
Graduate Council	August Jenkins	E
Graduate Council	Claire Kelling	E
Graduate Council	Ling Yang	E
Judiciary		
Associate Justice	Eric Flagg	L
Chief Justice	Jesse Scott	P
Associate Justice	Ellen Hill	P
Assembly		
Agricultural Sciences	Devon Carroll	P
Agricultural Sciences	Emily Erickson	P
Art & Architecture	Abhinandan Bera	P
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	P

Engineering	Farnaz Tehranchi	P
Engineering	Jashwant Gunasekaran	P
Engineering	Shenli Pei	P
Health and Human Development	Abigail Keim	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	PR
Nursing	Bruno Saconi	P
School of International Affairs	Abdulaziz "Aziz" Dahlawi	P
Smeal College of Business	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	L
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	E
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	E
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	E
Liberal Arts	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	P
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	L
At-Large Delegate (Law)	Richard Neal	E
At-Large Delegate (Science)	Roman Jaramillo	P
At-Large Delegate (Science)	Charlie Wolstenholme	A
At-Large Delegate (Engineering)	Ruimin Chen	P
At-Large Delegate (Engineering)	Saratu Terreno	P

Addendum II. Roll Call Votes

Office	Name	Bill #67-15
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	Y
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	Y
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
Nursing	Bruno Saconi	Y
School of International Affairs	Abdulaziz “Aziz” Dahlawi	Y

Smeal College of Business	Huiniang "Helena" Wang	Y
Smeal College of Business	Michael Rao	Y
Schools of Law	Allie Amatuzzo	-
Schools of Law	Chuck Deibel	-
Schools of Law	Jessie McLaughlin	-
Liberal Arts	Austin "Nathan" Geiger	Y
Liberal Arts	Trevor Bero	Y
Liberal Arts	Tori Thomas	Y
At-Large Delegate (Law)	Richard Neal	-
At-Large Delegate (Science)	Roman Jaramillo	Y
At-Large Delegate (Science)	Charlie Wolstenholme	-
At-Large Delegate (Engineering)	Ruimin Chen	Y
At-Large Delegate (Engineering)	Saratu Terreno	Y