A meeting of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly was held at 7:30PM on February 13, 2013 at the Law School.

Members in attendance:
Dina Shapiro (R)
Britney Thornton
Neyha Sheth (P) – proxy
Marlene Walk (R) – proxy
Nikhil Joshi (P)
Allison Putterman (P)
Lauren Ciolek
Irene Bukh (R)
Kevin Zeng (P)
Kelly Breen (P)
Justine Sefcik (R)
Jessica Morris (P)
Stacy Krieg (P)
Kristy Kimball (R)
Steven Lin (P)
Katherine France (P)
Frank DeSimone (P)
Davy Huang (P)
Esther Lee
Simon Burger (P)
Preeti Krishnan
Qiwei Sun (P)
Raghesvendra Prasad (P) – proxy
Rajatesh Gudibande (P)
Jacob Berger (R)
Frank Streller (R)
Rebecca (Ying) Yan (P)
Ayinde Tate (P)
Luyao Wang (P)
Yixi Sun (P)
Payal Thakkar
Will Pickering (P)
Helen Reed (P) - proxy
Edward Chen (R)
Kristy Simmons (R)
Nate Snyder (R)
Ben Ediger (R)
Jiayi Liang (P)
Quyen Le (P)
Chair James Wiley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved.

**VC Updates:**

*Chair*
Working with Exec Board and Alumni Relations for GAPSA alumni outreach.

*Communications (proxy)*
Positive response (8/12) regarding GAPSA notice boards in the professional schools. GAPSA sweat-shirts will also be ordered soon. Survey coming soon regarding sizes.

*Equity and Access*
Took pictures for GA today. Thanked deputy, Ben Ediger, for building relationships with LGAPSA and BGASPA. Donated money for Penn Shape, Family Resource Center, co-sponsoring event for a large group of people. If there are affinity groups that want money for school-wide events, contact Equity and Access.

*Finance*
Deadlines for individual vice chairs and chair to submit budget by Friday 2/15/2013. Will have spring G12 synergy fund. Need volunteers to go through student funding applications for this semester.

*International Affairs*
Talk with GSC to screen international sports and get a streaming subscription.

*Operations*
Asking for deputy.
Reiterated attendance policies.
Professional
Most people have received travel grants – crisis averted – the only issue is not showing up in university records. Advocated for more involvement in Research and Professional Councils. David would like to be invited to school council meetings in the next couple of weeks – this is mostly to teach about grant opportunities for the students. Send emails to David within one week.

Research
Also updated on travel grants (same issues as Professional Council). Presented cake and singing Happy Birthday to three special individuals.

Social Activities
Open Mic Night was a super success; high-energy, exciting, good performances. Next one is the third Monday of March (this time was with BGAPSA); future Open Mic Nights will be held on the first Monday of each month. Next Sips event will involve prizes with a lock and key event. Friday is the sold-out wine tasting. Boat cruise and wine walks are both coming up.

Student Activities
SHIAC survey – continue to advocate for student health insurance. Relationship/career workshops conducted by Career Services. Penn Shape updates: finalized deals with a partner – discounts for Shape participants. Discounted massage therapists are coming to campus.

Vice Chair (proxy)
President’s Awards committee – meeting, so will hear by Sunday/Monday. Already started planning for September 23, 2013 as the beginning of GradFest.

Discretionary Fund Votes:
Three groups of students came before the General Assembly requesting money from the Discretionary Fund.

Group 1:
Date-A-Doctor (Penn Vet)

Event was held in conjunction with Dental and Med. Annual fundraiser held on Thursday 2/6 at 8:30PM at Mill Creek Tavern. Split the profits among the different people who participated.

“Funding of $1,000 through GAPSA would offset costs of the venue, prizes, and decorations to bring revenue to $285.00.”

Anticipated 200 people, and achieved 200 people who attended. All Penn Grad students were invited through Facebook, GAPSA Newsletter, and Word of Mouth.

Money will be towards Class of 2015 White Coat Ceremony and End of Core Celebration in December 2013, as well as other class events
Asking for $1000.

Questions (only during the Q and A, not the GA discussion that follows):
  Q: Asking to fund event that has already happened… Why ask $1000 specifically.
  A: Event cost $1500, which is why we are looking for $1000. Need to make some funds.
  Q: Profit/loss figures?
  A: Came out almost even.
  Q: Why waited so long to preset?
  A: Planning occurred in January. Due to cancellation of a bar, the whole planning had to be last-minute.

RESOLVED: By a majority vote, **Date-A-Doctor** will receive no funding.

Group 2:
The Wharton Charity Fashion Show
Raising money for Youth Build, a high school drop-out second-chance program to allow students to get high school credit and transfer to college. The fashion show will donate all proceeds. April 4 is the date, and two weeks before event tickets will be sold to all graduate students. Funding is also through: corporate sponsors, ticket sales, shirt sales. Funding will be towards the walking platform. All models will be Wharton students. Target of donating $25,000 to Youth Build = 25 students to go to school.

Proposal of $1500.

Questions (only during the Q and A, not the GA discussion that follows):
  Q: Which other schools have you gotten funding from?
  A: Mostly retail sponsors. Reached out to the Social Impact Initiative, which cannot donate but can publicize.
  Q: What do you charge for tickets?
  A: General $40; VIP $80. VIP is closer to the walk.
  Q: If you can’t get total funding, where do you plan on cutting expense?
  A: Already at the bare minimum. May have to take away from the t-shirt and the ticket sale profits.
  Q: Where did you have venue?
  A: Moved back to the Crystal Tea Room due to too many people (overexpected turnout)

RESOLVED: By a majority vote, **The Wharton Charity Fashion Show** will receive funding, in full, in the amount of $700.

Stipulations: No.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Lin, VP for Operations