Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting on December 1, 2010

The fifth regularly scheduled meeting of the GAPSA General Assembly was convened on December 1st, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Seminar Room of the Department of Public Safety Headquarters (4040 Chestnut St.)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present were Maher Zamel, Lee Solomon, Suzanne Bratt, Divya Menon, Michael Hore, Henry Friedman, Esther Yu, Maria Murray, David Pietrocola, Joseph Friedman, Sven David Udekwu, Elizabeth Roodhouse, Garth Baughman, Carla Medalia, Nate Brill, Scott Ordway, Alison Baraty, Amy Lynch, Rebecca Wetzler, Seattle Wang, Thai Nguyen, Ashley Ward, Giselle Liu, Stephanie Pasquesi, David Conklin, Punit Gouthi, Shaina Oake, Mark Francisco, James Wiley, Kim Wexler, Benjamin Ediger, Julie Crudele, Vera Mucaj, Steve Santoro, Gina Siddiqui, Nina Zhao, Justine Sefcik, Ehriel Fannin, Carla Robinson, Tracie Husted, Tom Byrne, Sadia Kalam, Abigail Pleeter, Emma Stanley, Laura O'Sullivan, Mike Baiocchi, Tony Altimore, Matthew Verghese, Keith Motelson, and Jessica Wang.

Quorum was declared.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

IV. Officer Reports

Chair – Mr. Zamel stated that the gym survey would be live soon.

Vice Chair – Ms. Bratt was not present.

Professional Students – Mr. Udekwu stated that the Professional Council met, and gave one academic event grant.
**Research Students** – Mr. Solomon stated that the Research Council gave out an academic event grant to the Strangers in Strange Land event.

**Finance** – Mr. J. Friedman stated that finance committee will meet in January to make posters explaining ways to obtain money from GAPSA.

**Equity & Access** – Mr. H. Friedman stated that the Pluralism Council will meet this Friday 12:30 pm until 1:30pm at GSC conference room. He is also working with Mr. Hore on a Holiday Happy Hour to thank GA Members and Committee Members for their time during the past semester.

**Student Life** – Ms. Rothchild stated that she has planned a nutrition talk Jan 21st w/ Lunch. She is also working with student parents for child care and lactation spaces and family student housing. She is also looking for volunteers to help at a soup kitchen.

**International Affairs** – Ms. Menon reported that the International Student Survey is still live and she would like to get the word out to more students.

**Social Activities** – Ms. Yu reported that she was organizing more Happy Hours including a Toys for Tots donation Happy Hour. There will be more inter-school happy hours in the coming months.

**Student Programs** – Ms. Murray stated that she had many successful events recently including a Thanksgiving Dinner at Philly Diner, Harry Potter Tickets, and a Celtics basketball game that sold out in two days.

**Communications** – Mr. Pietrocola reported that the t-shirt slogan: “Because life is too short to have only 1 degree.” won the contest for a GAPSA slogan. He also Put in order for promotional material: GAPSA water bottles, bottle openers, and cuzies.

**Operations** – Mr. Hore reported that this is the final GA meeting of the Fall 2010 semester and that meetings will resume on February 9th, 2011 at 6:00pm in Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall. He also reminded the GA that the post-meeting Happy Hour would be held at Distrito this week.

**V. Follow-up Questions on Reports**

There were no questions.
VI. Funding Request/Presentation: Pottruck Survey

The GA funded from the GA discretionary fund a request by Ms. Maria Murray for $1500 for the Gym Survey. $750 would go toward a student to analyze the data, and $750 would be for raffle prizes for those who complete the survey.

VII. Department of Public Safety Presentation
The Department of Public Safety spoke to the General Assembly on topics ranging from the details of the department, programs such as PennAlert, and other concerns that members of the General Assembly had, including recent muggings in West Philadelphia.

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.