Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting on March 23rd, 2011

The eighth regularly scheduled meeting of the GAPSA General Assembly was convened on March 23rd, 2011 at 6:00 PM in Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall.

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, Esther Yu, Maria Murray, David Pietrocola, Joseph Friedman, Sven David Udekwu, Emily Joy Rothchild, Elizabeth Roodhouse, Carla Medalia, Nate Brill, Scott Ordway, Rachel Delgado, Ellen Kamei, Alison Baraty, Jeff Li, Amy Lynch, Jason Cantu, Rebecca Wetzler, Seattle Wang, Thai Nguyen, Giselle Liu, Stephanie Pasquesi, David Conklin, Punit Gouthi, Shaina Oake, Mark Francisco, Elizabeth Feldmeier, James Wiley, Kim Wexler, Benjamin Ediger, Julie Crudele, Vera Mucaj, Sam White, Jessica Langer, Gina Siddiqui, Nina Zhao, Justine Sefcik, Ehriel Fannin, Carla Robinson, Tracie Husted, Sadia Kalam, Emma Stanley, Laura O'Sullivan, Tony Altimore, Becac Kleinstein, Matthew Verghese.

Quorum was declared.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available and therefore not approved.

IV. Officer Reports

Chair – Mr. Zamel reported that Denzel Washington will be the commencement speaker and that the new gym fees are now in effect. Finally, he encouraged anybody interested in running for a position on the 2011-2012 Executive Board to contact the VC for Equity & Access.

Vice Chair – Ms. Bratt reported that the first cycle of President’s Awards had been given out.

Professional Students - Mr. Udekwu had nothing to report.

Research Students – Mr. Solomon stated that more academic events had been funded.
Finance – Mr. J. Friedman stated that $14,000 of the $25,000 discretionary fund had been spent and that he is currently drafting a provisional budget for FY2011.

Equity & Access – Mr. H. Friedman was not present.

Student Life – Ms. Rothchild stated that had many events planned in the coming weeks including a de-stress day, sex ed 101, and a self-defense class.

International Affairs – Ms. Menon stated that she is bringing Japanese students together for support due to the earthquakes and subsequent tsunamis that recently occurred.

Social Activities – Ms. Yu stated that she has many events planned -- more than can be listed here.

Student Programs – Ms. Murray stated that she had issues with the Mary Poppins tickets, but has basketball tickets and lacrosse tickets available.

Communications – Mr. Gouthi stated that GAPSA t-shirts are being ordered.

Operations – Mr. Hore was replaced by David Conklin, Esq. as he was presenting at the APS March Meeting in Dallas, TX.

V. Follow-up Questions on Reports
There were no questions.

VI. Museum Advocacy Board
Flyers from the Museum Advocacy Board were distributed containing upcoming events there.

VII. GA Discretionary Fund Requests
GAPSA funded eight requests:

(1) School of Education for a symposium in the amount of $2000.
(2) PGWISE for a networking/alumni luncheon in the amount of $1000.
(3) Philadelphia Global Water Initiative in the amount of $400.
(4) A Law/Med School Mixer in the amount of $325.
(5) A Native American conference at Penn in the amount of $700.
(6) The Native American Society in the amount of $500.
(7) A charity basketball tournament in the amount of $900.
(8) $500 to Student Programs for an American Beer event.

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.