Roll Call
Do not have quorum.

Faculty Self-Disclosure
No quorum, can take it up again next year if desired by GA

Student Government Funding Allocation
Andrew: the GAPSA budget, some of it we keep, some of it we give to the 12 school governments (41% vs. 59%). G12 = the 12 school governments.

I broke it out into pie charts. Biggest schools that get the most funds is Wharton, then Med....

Total head count – per capita # of students per school. SAS has the most students, followed by Wharton, then Med, then Education, then Engineering, Law....

Ideal Student Government: 3 guiding principles
1. Equal and full representation: for all grad and prof. students across schools
2. Fair fund allocation: that is transparent and reflects the paying contributions of students enrolled in each school
3. Clear recognition and expectations: students and admin should clearly know how the govt serves student needs

It was agreed on last year that the way we allocate funding is based on FTE – full time equivalent. The way the admin calculates enrollment for courses. It very closely mirrored the actual contribution that students were paying to the general fee. Only students who take courses pay it. So part-time students pay less. FTE = (# full time) + (#part time/3). This doesn’t include dissertation students. They don’t take courses. 59% is in SAS, 13% in GSE, Med 8%, SEAS 7%. Vet and dental don’t have any dissertating students.

under the old funding formula, GAPSA would get its allocation from the general fee and then allocate that to the 12 schools. Now, the university is going to start charging the dissertating students a general fee b/c dissertating students are actually using a lot of the resources that other students are using, like the library, GAPSA, etc. we need to come up with a new formula to include dissertating students.

Let me just point out the big changes. SAS will go from 10% to contributing 17%, GSE will be contributing 7% to 9% and Annenberg is actually contributing twice as much next year. Most of the schools is going the other way. Design, dental and med are contributing less, with the exception of SP2 and engineering are balancing out. b/c they have both populations and they’re pretty well represented. The issue is that dissertating students didn’t pay before and now they are, so the problem is getting the data to come up with allocation. The solution is to hold back a portion of G12 funding. overall the university is not pulling in more money, it’s a revenue neutral thing, with the exception of the inflation type of stuff that goes on every year. In order to have
functioning school govts in the fall, we need to allocate the money in the summer. Every school gets a journal transfer. This is a temp solution, to hold back a portion of the school funding until we can figure out the fair way to allocate this. Over the summer the exec board will try hard to come up with a fair allocation, and the final distribution will happen in the fall.

We just need to get the data. We're buying ourselves time. we'll correct for it in the October distribution of funds.

Dan: It's a big pot, and we only get a chunk of that pot. So we had to use FTE to figure out distribution.

It's the # of dissertation students years 6-10. It's also clarifying who are the 2 year master's programs that should be in years 6-10.

**GSE Start Up Funds Proposal**

Dan: GSE wants to start up a new govt. and they want some start up money to get pizza and stuff to get started. Is everyone ok with that?

*yes*

**Grad Student Center Wish List**

Dan: every year the GSC asks us for things off their wish list. They asked us to help with their AV system. It's $13000. General thought, is this ok with people?

Lucas: is this time sensitive?

Dan: they're also asking us to paint the downstairs room, it'll cost us $3000, and the AV system is $10000. We always ask them at the end of the year what they need from their wish list.

There is a precedence. We paid for their elevator, renovated their bathrooms, and we have been supporting them since the GSC started.

Wenny: I just want to clarify that. GAPSA and GSAC started the grad center. And in the first year, we gave $50000 then the second year we gave $40000. Now we're not giving them any money, so we ask them what they want. And it's good to support them b/c it's our grad center.

Andrew: I just want to say that it looks bad if GAPSA doesn't spend its budget and accumulates a budget.

The administration also does stuff off of their wish list and fund them. It's not like they only come to us. It looks really good for us if we contribute to it.
Lucas: I'm in favor of spending this but I'm concerned b/c they come to us with a round # and it doesn’t seem like they’ve really checked for this. I want to make sure that GAPSA gets the best cost...it looks like we're throwing away money that we don’t know a lot about.

Victor: we usually approve money up to a certain amount.

Dan: thumbs up, everyone is in favor of approving the GSC requests.

GradFest

Dan: please wear the t-shirts to promote gradfest.

Wenny: I have a few more posters. Has anyone gone through their lives at Penn and not seen a poster? My committee has been going to all of the school parties so that we can get the word out about gradfest. We show them the posters and flyers and try to get them to sign up. You can send a guy with 20 IDs, we can sign you up. We have 397 tickets sold as of right now. We’re hoping that it’ll go closer to 1000. April 25 is the deadline for the $5 tickets, and after that, it’ll double. Check out our website, it’s been revamped. We have great raffle prizes. Click on the free stuff link at the top.

You can buy up to 4 tickets with student id.

Jessica: there are less than 100 tickets left for the boat cruise.

Financial Update

Victor: I actually wanted to distribute what we have so far, but I think we need to wait for all the expenses to come in, we are running significantly under budget, which is actually very good. It means we have money and we have money to do very good programs that come up. I’d like to focus on the quality of programs, rather than worrying about if we have too much money or not. If there are any outstanding expenses you haven’t claimed yet in your committee, please do so.

The financial presentation will be shared once ready.

Leadership Retreat

Alejandro: last time I checked we have 42 confirmed, and we have 36 deposits in.

We can take 40 students, we have slots reserved for the upcoming exec board and other school leaders. All schools are represented.

Exec Reports

Andrew: it looks really good what we’re doing in the Graduate Council of Faculties.

Victor: event funding, we’re seeing applications.
Wenny: the student programs committee recently did the Frida Kahlo exhibit tour. I heard it went well. Tammer was in charge of that.

Tammer: it went well. we had 2 last minute cancellations. We had 23. The exhibit is here til may 18th.

Wenny: we have 2 dinners coming up. Fork at April 28, 7:30. Horizons Restaurant – vegan, may 8th

Jessica: we recently had a couple events. Phillies cubs game. 279 people showed. Ice cream social – 200 people were there. We had a brunch at the PMA this coming Sunday, 90 people will be there. We’ll have a Dock’s Street happy hour. They’re closing their doors just for us. Please come to it. This Sunday. 5:30pm. 50th and Baltimore.

Neal: we had a prof. council dinner the day before elections. 36 people showed up. That was really great.

Kara: 2 kinda exciting things. First is…we’re gonna go out to bid for health insurance to try and get better competitive pricing. SHIAC has been working on that. Today I went on a tour of Sansom with some folks from Facilities, and I couldn’t plan a better bad tour. So I think their eyes have been opened.

Christa: I had the last meeting of the year. I handed in one report for Diversity at the Grad Student level. Key points – staff members at the cultural center whose job is specifically related to grad student affairs, mentoring, maintaining website.

Henna: I just want to emphasize for you all to please join us at Pietro’s next Wednesday. It’s gonna be good times, good food. We’re currently short about 7 people to have the private room upstairs, so we’re now in a corner in the dining room. So if you still want to come, please email me or tell me today.

Anne: we had a full transition. I met with my successor.

Dan: I just want to take a moment to recognize 2 people. Wenny Lin and Kara Yokley. They were recognized by the President and Provost for Gradfest Corporate Sponsorship and Student Life respectively.

Meeting adjourned: 7:19pm