AGENDA FOR THE SECOND GA MEETING OF 2015-2016

Wednesday, September 9, 2015
6:00-8:30 pm

Houston Hall
Ben Franklin Room

I. Dinner is served in Ben Franklin Room (218). 6:00 - 6:15 pm

II. Professional and Research Councils: 6:15 pm-7:15 pm
   Professional Council: Ben Franklin Room
   Research Council: Bishop White Room

III. Welcome – Chair – 7:15– 7:20 pm.

IV. Vice Chairs stand for questions—see updates below—7:20-7:30 pm

Chair – Samantha Miller

- G12 Summit held Saturday, September 19. A substantive conversation was held surrounding how the schools, together with GAPSA, can better collaborate with each other throughout this year. A Presidents Advisory Council (PAC) and Financial Advisory Board (FAB) are being formed to facilitate this collaboration. Further, an expanded Synergy Fund will be presented as part of the budget. The G12 cohort will meet again in the next two weeks, with the next official PAC meeting being planned for later this semester.
- Max Goodman has resigned as Vice Chair of Operations. We welcome Katie France as interim Vice Chair of Operations. We will be holding elections to permanently fill the VC of Operations position at the October 7, 2015 meeting.

Vice Chair – Kelsey Van Gelder

- I've been working hard on GradFest!
- GradFest Events:
  9/18 Blue and Red Bash at the Armory (will be over before agenda/updates are sent)
  9/20 Museum Day at Penn Museum, the Institute of Contemporary Art, and the Arthur Ross Gallery (will be over before agenda/updates are sent)
  9/21 Alison Malmon Lecture and Reception - register at www.gsc.upenn.edu/register. Lecture is 6-7pm in the Hall of Flags, reception is 7-8:15pm in Cafe '58 in Irvine. Some campus resources will be present before/after the lecture.
  9/22 Outdoor Movie Night - free candy, popcorn, and drinks; showing Inside Out on Shoemaker Green. Movie starts at 8pm!
  9/23 Student Activities Fair, 10:30am-2:30pm - free lunch for attendees! Huge variety of resources will be present
  9/23 Family BBQ, 5-7pm - for students with children, register at www.gsc.upenn.edu/register.
  9/24 Reception honoring fellows of the GAPSA-Provost Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation - appetizers and drinks will be served, and you get to hear about some super cool summer projects!
• Please see the individual Facebook events for more details!

VC for Communications – Miriam Archibong
VC for Equity and Access – Justine Sefcik
VC for Finance – Paul Welfer
• Budget is submitted
• Held G12 Summit on 9/19.
VC for International Affairs – Sangya Agarwal
VC for Operations – Katie France (Interim)
• Operations has been busy continuing to organize the beginning of the school year! We have been in touch with the student government leaders of each school to make sure all General Assembly positions are filled and to support those elections in whatever way we can. We have also been planning the normal meetings and social events as well as an upcoming GA retreat: more information on that forthcoming as it is finalized! Operations is also working on an ongoing project with the libraries to effectively organize and digitize our historic documents- more on that to come in future weeks as well!
• Also, as a preview: Happy hour after all GA meetings this fall will be at City Tap House (3925 Walnut St). Come out to have a drink on GAPSA and get to know your fellow GA members!
VC for Professional Students – Taylor Knoche
• Professional Council Overview: financials and organization
• What Makes a Good Leader Presentation
• Review of recent Sexual Violence Prevention Video; Jessica Mertz
• Discussion of current G12 Government structures; advocate for GAPSA GA rep role on each exec board
VC for Research Students – Laura Bryant
• Travel grant applications will open on October 1st
• The Provost Award Reception is on September 24th at 4pm. The event is free, but registration is required.
VC for Social Activities – Erica Shim
• October 1st MadParty. Planning to have 800 attendees and we need every GA to promote as heavily as possible! Please share the facebook event page (the most effective method of getting any events viral) and spread the word!
VC for Student Life – Kristian Taketomo
• I've been working on securing PennSHAPE room reservations for the term. I've also been in touch with LambdaGrads about the potential for a lactation space at the LGBT Center.
VC for Student Programs – Ruiyuan Ma
• Tickets: fringe art festival show (09/12/15), Flyers pre-season game (09/22/15), Philadelphia Orchestra concert (10/01/15).
• Trips: Columbus day shopping mall trip (tentatively on 10/12/15).
VCs for Equity and Access and International Affairs - Select Committee Update
• Empowerment Plan Applications for Affinity Organizations are due Wednesday, Sept 30th at 11:59pm. More information can be found at: http://gapsa.upenn.edu/sc-funding/

V. Budget Presentation – 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm

VI. Committee Meetings – 8:00 pm to 8:15 pm
   New GA Representatives will meet with the Chair for Orientation

VII. Committee Presentations – 8:15 – 8:25 p.m.
VIII. Open Forum: -- 8:25-8:30

IX. Adjournment.

X. Happy Hour! At City Tap House