AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH GA MEETING OF 2015-2016

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
6:00-8:30 pm

I. Professional and Research Councils: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
   Professional Council: Ben Franklin Room
   Research Council: Bishop White Room

II. Dinner is served in Ben Franklin Room (218). 7:00 - 7:15 pm

III. Welcome/Roll Call – Chair/VC Operations – 7:15– 7:20pm.

IV. Vice Chair Updates —see updates below—

Chair – Samantha Miller

• The Executive Board met with President Gutmann on Tuesday, February 23.
• University Council Open Forum Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 17. One student spoke in support of the University divesting from fossil fuels.
• Our next meeting will take place after spring break on Wednesday, March 23. This will be a new business/voting meeting. Committees will not meet within the GA meeting. Committees should plan to meet as necessary.
• GA Elections will take place on Wednesday, April 6. Please reach out to current executive board members if you are interested in learning more about their role.

Vice Chair – Kelsey Van Gelder

• Planning and executing the exec board retreat (2/21)
• Preparing the spring PGLA
• Planning and executing the mixer at the Penn Basketball game (2/19) - it went super super well!! Thanks to everyone who came.
• Working on the new website - managing contract negotiations, compiling content, etc.

VC for Communications – Miriam Archibong
Judicial Review Board Focus Group
GAPSA Weekly
State of Campus Address

VC for Equity and Access – Justine Sefcik
• The E&A committee is working on planning a thank you celebration for all the graduate and professional students who have served on a University Committee this academic year

VC for Finance – Paul Welfer
• SGEF and Synergy Fund application windows open 2/15-3/14/16.
• Discretionary and GAP Fund applications are rolling.
• Assessing carryover reserve for spring allocation.
• Coordinating Heritage and Renaissance Programs.

VC for International Affairs – Sangya Agarwal
• Preparing surveys and talking points for a Town Hall Meeting discussing the climate for international students at Penn.
• Forerunner India Program in collaboration with the ISSS and affinity groups - Organizing agenda for two day pre-departure orientation in India at two locations for incoming graduate students. The initiative has been approved by Penn Global.
• Final Penngagement: International Student Discussion Series on April 22nd.

VC for Operations – Katherine France
• Working on amendments to the policy on proxies and working with Judicial Review Board
• Planning small group GA dinners
• Working on seat allocations to all degree programs (still)
• Working on end of year celebration

VC for Professional Students – Taylor Knoche
• Financial literacy workshop underway
• Successfully hosted 72 leaders across campus at our Cross Club Collaboration meeting on Friday Feb. 12
• Hosted a Happy Hour for those leaders at City Tap House Feb 12. - it was a great time!
• Professional Travel Grants are approaching open March 1, 2016. (Marketing, posters, social media updates)

VC for Research Students – Laura Bryant

VC for Social Activities – Erica Shim
VC for Student Life – Kristian Taketomo

VC for Student Programs – Ruiyuan Ma
  • GAPSA Career development talk 1: How to become a Quantitative Researcher, on Feb. 23rd.
  • Philadelphia Flower show and Philadelphia Zoo.

Select Committee
  • The committee is discussing a name change and electing a deputy within the committee to be the liaison with the GAPSA Exec Board

V. Committee Meetings – 7:20 pm to 8:00 pm

VI. New Business – 8:00 pm – 8:25 pm
  a. Discretionary Fund Presentation & Voting (3)

VII. Committee Presentations -- 8:20 – 8:25 p.m.

VIII. Open Forum: -- 8:25-8:30

IX. Adjournment.

X. Happy Hour! At City Tap House