AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH GA MEETING OF 2015-2016

Wednesday, December 2, 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.
   • Welcome to our meeting, hope you all had a great thanksgiving
   • Katie is away this week but her deputy Sean is collecting attendance cards, please make sure you check in with him or otherwise let him know that you are here
   • Any questions about the Vice Chair status updates? Seeing none we will move on to business

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

Chair – Samantha Miller
   • University Council Open Forum Meeting today at 4 pm.
   • Ivy + Summit Updates (from visit to Dartmouth 11/13-11/15)
   • PAC Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 7 at 5 pm
   • First GA Meeting of Spring 2016: January 27, 2016
   • Good luck with finals and have a safe and happy winter break!

Vice Chair – Kelsey Van Gelder
   • Working on setting up alumni networking site on LinkedIn with Vinayak
   • Beginning to plan Wine Walk
   • Working on developing content pages for website redesign
   • Planning executive board retreat for January
   • PGLA is closing November 30th! Applications will be reviewed, and decisions will be disseminated by December 16th.

VC for Communications – Miriam Archibong
• GAPSA Photo Shoot
• Revamping GAPSA Weekly Newsletter
• Planning for GAPSA State of Campus Address + Speaking with UA Vice President

VC for Equity and Access – Justine Sefcik

VC for Finance – Paul Welfer
• Processing fund applications

VC for International Affairs – Sangya Agarwal

VC for Operations – Katherine France
• GA small group dinners have been successful so far- look for more in the winter and spring!
• Still working on re-allocating seats appropriately
• Sorry I’m missing the meeting today. Be nice to Sean!

VC for Professional Students – Taylor Knoche

VC for Research Students – Laura Bryant
• Travel Grants - Award Allocations
• Workshop Initiatives

VC for Social Activities – Erica Shim

VC for Student Life – Kristian Taketomo
• Penn Run Club's inaugural run!
• Spring Term Pilates: Wednesdays from Jan 6 to Feb 10 for 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Irvine 404 - Emily Sachs Auditorium

VC for Student Programs – Ruiyuan Ma
• Selling tickets:
  (a). 76er vs Spurs on Dec. 7th.
  (b). 76er vs Cavaliers on Jan. 10th.
  (c). Book of Mormon tickets on Dec. 10th.
• Preparing for career development talks.
  Please feel free to talk to Rui if you have any idea about career development talks for graduate students.

VCs for Equity and Access and International Affairs - Select Committee Update

V. New Business – 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm
a. Discretionary Fund Presentation & Voting (1)
  • Discretionary and other funds are in good shape so far
• Deputies rise and be recognized, these are the people you can contact with any questions about funds
• We have one presenter tonight for discretionary, a reminder that they will speak for 3 minutes, 2 minutes of questions, followed by discussion and voting
• Penn Dental Day of Service
  o Third annual event from Penn dental that involves going out into community sites all on one day and giving back
  o This year will be held on Saturday, May 7
  o This event has been growing every year, got GAPSA funding last year and has increasingly included students from other schools
  o Open to everyone and hope everyone will join in on the volunteer opportunities
  o Sites this year:
    o Jane Addams Place to work with the kids in the shelter on arts and crafts, outdoor and indoor play, and engaging the community
    o Morris Animal Refuge: we will play with sheltered animals and do various tasks to clean up the center
    o Greensgrow: help outdoors with weeding, harvesting, and cleaning the farm
    o Community Health Fair: resources for members including dental students doing oral cancer screenings and education of the community
    o Salvation Army: helping with a Mother’s Day brunch for community members
  o We are really trying to get people of different skills sets involved and hope that one of those sites will appeal to everyone around campus
  o Asking $1525 for logistical set up and food for volunteers
  o Awarded in full amount of $1525

b. Mid-Semester Feedback/Planning for Spring 2016
• This executive board has been very committed to letting the GA have a voice in matters
• We want you all to feel like this is a truly representative government and that you have your voice heard
• If there is an initiative you are passionate about or think is particularly relevant to the current campus climate, please bring it forward for the GA to deal with
• GA can also pass resolutions or vote on any other business at any time
• Feedback can be given in person or to any member of the executive board
VI. Committee Meetings – 8:00 pm to 8:15 pm

VII. Committee Presentations -- 8:15 – 8:25 p.m.

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

• No new items of business

IX. Adjournment.

X. Happy Hour! At City Tap House