AGENDA FOR THE SECOND GA MEETING OF 2016-2017

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
6:00-8:30 pm
Houston Hall
Class of 1949 Auditorium

I. Dinner is served in Class of 1949 Auditorium: 6:00 - 6:15 pm
   • Call to order

II. Budget presentation: 6:15 – 6:45 pm
   • Budget Presentation
     • Presentation of Constitutional amendments relating to the budget
     • Budget ratification presentation
     • Motion to suspend the rules to present the budget
       • Seconded
       • Passed
     • Overview of budget (refer to
       • $1,768,833 Total Budget
         • allocated throughout the various executive roles of GAPSA
         • $1.5 million from VPUL student fees
         • $40,000 President’s Award
         • $38,000 Provost’s Award
       • 50% for GAPSA
       • 50% for G12
     • Constitutional mandates
     • Funding Initiatives
     • Lending Vehicle
     • Revenue Models
     • GAP Breakdown
     • FY16/17 Exec Breakdown
     • Exec Board Budget Presentations
       • President – Alumni Initiative
         • New initiative to connect with graduate alumni
           • Creating a broader community for after school
           • Building a professional network
• Increasing fundraising
  • President’s budget will be going towards setting this up
• Vice President
  • Presentation on Grad Fest
• Chair for Communications
  • Revamping the newsletter
  • Brand awareness through swag/banners
  • General Assembly Photo Shoot
• Chair for Social Activities
  • Pop up socials
  • Big events
  • Rotating events through different schools
• Chair for Student Programs
  • Ticketed events
  • Small social events/happy hours
• Chair for Operations
  • Food and logistics for meetings
  • Small group dinners
• Chair for Student Life
  • Penn Shape
  • Subsidizing equipment related to student life (ex. Lactation pumps,…)
  • Wellness days
• Chair for Equity and Access
  • Supplementing empowerment fund
  • Happy hours for University Committee
  • Meetings with Administration and EA committee
• Chair for International Affairs
  • Forerunner program
  • International Student Discussion series
  • Intercultural parties
• Questions
  • No questions from the floor
• Motion to close
  • Seconded
  • Passes
• Discussion(Pros/Cons)
  • Question: Is there a more detailed breakdown of what the committees are spending their money on?
• Answer: Not historically, the two councils have recorded what they spent overall and not specific budget items
• Comment: That should be publicly presented
• Question: Is there the same budget chart for last year?
  • Answer: Yes, it will be uploaded to the google drive by the end of the night
• Motion to close
  • Seconded
  • Passes
• Motion to vote on approving the budget
  • Seconded
  • Passes

III. Sunshine policy: 6:45 – 6:55 pm
• Embedded within the JRB amendment that did not pass last year was a finance control and auditing clause
• While there has been a tradition of disclosing information, it was not mandated in the Constitution
• Finance is proposing that we ratify a policy of disclosure in the bylaws
• Sunshine
  • Consolidated statement of accounts reported monthly
  • All direct or indirect support by GAPSA requires disclosure of budget and actual, including funding sources
  • GAPSA advisory services to certify compliance with funding guidelines
  • All support promotes open community and inclusion, representative form of governance
  • Discretionary sponsorship comes from GA members
• Open the floor to Questions
  • Question: For clarification, what is involved in supporting student groups by GA
    • Answer: Just helping them and nominating them when they get ready to present
  • Question: How do student groups know to come to GA members for sponsorship?
    • Answer: They will be notified when they submit the form on the website
  • Question: This is a great idea, why was it not passed earlier?
Answer: About 4 years ago there were control issues with Exec members spending funds in nonprofessional manner
• This was going to be covered in the JRB, but it didn’t pass
• Question: Will this consume a lot of time if it requires GA sponsorship?
• Answer: It wouldn’t have an effect because instead of Finance announcing the groups, it would just be the GA reps
• Question: The consolidated statement of accounts, is there a reason that is not posted internally so GA members can access it monthly?
• Answer: The accounting system of the University is not live so it has to be posted monthly
• Motion to ratify the Sunshine policy
• Seconded
• passes

IV. Finance updates and awards: 6:55 pm – 7:05 pm
• Several funds are open
• Information is on website
• Awards – GAPSA4Lyf Lifetime achievement award
  • 2015 - Vinayak Mathur
  • 2016 – Andy Wu

V. Committee structure and assignments: 7:05 – 7:10 pm

VI. Deputy confirmation: 7:10 – 7:15 pm
• Finance
  • Need to formally recognize Deputies
    • Ruiyan Ma, Jessica Chao, Rebecca Umbach
  • Motion to recognize
    • Second
    • Passes

VII. Open Forum: 7:15 – 7:20 pm
• Vice President - Fan
  • Has extra GradFest T-shirts
• President - Gaurav
  • Presentation on NRLB decision will be during the next meeting
  • GAPSA goal is to educate and process information, not advocate a position
• Operations - Minutes from last meeting
• Approving the minutes
• Seconded
• Passes

VIII. Council meetings: 7:20 - 8:00 pm

Professional Council: Class of 1949 Auditorium
Research Council: Meyerson B5

IX. Committee meetings: 8:00 – 8:30 pm

X. Adjournment.

XI. Happy Hour at Tap House: 8:30 – 11 pm