AGENDA FOR GA MEETING

Wednesday, November 07, 2018

Houston Hall 6:00-8:30 pm

Ben Franklin Room

I. Food is served (5:45-6:00pm): Bareburger Catering

IV. General Assembly (6:00-6:40pm)

A. Approve minutes (6:00 pm)

Passes

B. Presidential update: Ivy+ Overview and Funding Vote (6:05-6:15pm)

Ivy summit debrief
BJ delivered an update external affairs update, can post the schedule for everyone
Some schools were interested in doing joy hours at their schools
Blanca was on a panel about sexual assault harassment
Disability accessibility on campus as well as resources for first generation students (we were ahead of a lot of schools in terms of getting people to participate)
Most valuable takeaway was building relationships with other Ivy schools
Want to collaborate with Brown on their title 9 office
Participated in drafting language for the Ivy plus constitution
Penn brought up the fact that it would be best to make Ivy plus more inclusive rather than less inclusive for schools
Keep accessibility in mind for events (are there places to sit, are there cups, color blindness, type of food you are serving)
Being a part of the discussion with peer schools is essential so we should keep attending
Follow up with BJ during the photoshoot if they have more questions
Each school that participates gives $1500 each year for the participation and we voted to ratify that for this year as well
C. Anti-Sexual Harassment Resolution (6:15-6:25pm)

Passed

Sexual Harassment Resolution
With feedback from admin and data
Want a resolution that another full time person be hired for the division of work in the sexual harassment
Q: Can we amend the resolution for caps to have a specific helpline for victims to discuss before officially filing a complaint
A: Cannot at this time but we are happy to pass other resolutions
The administration hasn’t made any effort to find a new person to share jess’ duties
Want 2 people for two roles (want to include additional headcount as a friendly amendment)

D. Finance Resolution (6:25-6:40pm)

Passed

The budget has not changed we will have the update on 11/28
Round 1 is closed and allocated
Round 2 opens 11/15
Must attend FIN101 for each funding round that you apply to
We suspended rules for portfolio for discretion votes
12 groups receive scores above 16
The scores reflect priorities for GAPSA’s mission (sustainability, responsibility, mission etc.)
No questions about this scoring mechanism
Q: Proportionality of funding for similar scores.
A: Dollar amount is tied to what score you get, but it is not related to the total dollar amount you ask for.
The range of scores goes between 0 and 24

Went to a full vote on the portfolio of discretionary awards and it passed

Pilot fund resolutions
These funds will expire if they are not renewed next year
Chairs of the new funds will be talking for ½ a minute

Outreach Pilot Fund
AEFs kept receiving requests for community projects but didn’t fall under the guidelines for “grad student events” so we created a new fund so we can provide money to those types of events

Passed
Wellness Fund
Seeing how many groups have wellness programing that doesn’t include grad student access so it allows us to expand it to that
Equity and Access (TAE pilot)
Small relief grants for students that need funding for life expenses (example: child care assistant)
Passed

International Chair
International student pilot fund
Help students fund Optional Practical Training (extra $1000 fee that students are charged)
Want to eliminate the fee in the future
Really need an immigration lawyer on campus and would like that to be tied into the fund eventually
Passed

Constitutional finance deputies need to be confirmed by the GA
Sam Kang and Kristen Leong will be the deputies
Passed

E. Photoshoot (6:40-7:30pm)

II. Council Meetings (7:30 – 8:30 pm): IDEAL (Brachfeld Room), Research (Golkin) Room, Professional (Ben Franklin Room)