AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH GA MEETING OF 2017-2018

Wednesday, October 25, 2017
6:00-8:30 pm
Houston Hall
Ben Franklin Room

I. Food is served

II. General Assembly Meeting

   Ben Franklin Room [sequence subject to change]
   a. Approve Minutes from October 11
      • passed
   b. Chair for Equity and Access Election
      • Mark Bookman is elected Chair for Equity & Access
   c. Sexual Violence Investigative Officer (SVIO) Presentation
      • [see slides in previous email from Miles]
      • Q&A:
         • investigates complaints where the alleged offender is an enrolled student, or faculty member, but not administrators.
         • uses trauma-informed investigative practices
         • Q: funding for grad students can be at stake. A: the no-retaliation policy would be enforced.
         • Q: what are post-docs considered? A: hard to say
         • Q: Has SVIO changed since the new U.S. presidential administration change? A: Penn is not changing policy now, we’re in an interim state.
         • Q: Would it be possible to get a one-page graphic to share? A: They like making graphics and flowcharts
         • A: staff and faculty (either) can be designated as advisors
         • Q: in Vet, you’re always in the same class with the same people – what if there was a complaint against a classmate? A: there are accommodations that can be made. We take delayed complaints, but don’t delay out of worry for the logistics of your schedule
         • Enforcement expires if the respondent graduates before the complaint is made
         • Q: How many grad students report to the SVIO office? A: can’t report directly, but use the Cleary Act as a way to find out
d. DACA Update
   • Miles: university allocated funds but no one requested them so for now they say they are looking at things on a case by case basis, they
   • [notes] Betsy: we’re asking the administration to hire a person who will be the central diversity officer

e. Exec Updates
   • President: Ivy+ coming up
   • Comms: New events section of website
   • Finance: [see slides]
   • External Affairs: discount code “GAPSA” for red tickets to homecoming

f. Alcohol Policy updates
   • Highlight: sharply distinguished line between grad & undergrad policies. Deans can create policies for the grad students in their school that are less stringent.
   • Miles highly encourages the GA to read through the draft and submit comments

g. Campaign for Community
   • Amy Gutmann sent an email to everyone about Campaign for Community conversation, panel, and group breakout session. The stated purpose is to bring the Penn community together in the face of the challenges that we face.
   • Miles is not sure what exactly this means but encourages participation because undergrads will be very present
   • Betsy encourages GA to push for Centralized Diversity Office if that is allowed during this event.
   • Brenda: do people in the room recognize who the Admin are? Most people would recognize Amy G, fewer Pritchett, a few ppl Anita Allen. It would be nice if there is an opportunity for GA to meet admin and ask questions.

III. Council Meetings:
   7:30 – 8:30 pm
   IDEAL Council: Morris Seitz Room (Room 313)
   Professional Council: Ben Franklin Room
   Research Council: Bishop White Room

IV. Happy Hour:
   8:30 – 11:00 pm
   Wahoo’s (32nd & Chestnut)