MINUTES FOR THE Eighth GA MEETING OF 2017-2018

Wednesday, January 31, 2018
6:00-8:30 pm

I. Food is served

II. General Assembly Meeting

A. Approve Minutes from January 17
   • approved
B. Fels Student Association Statement
   • [Madeline & John presenting]
   • Unfruitful (vague) meeting between current Fels students and the administration about recent pause on admissions into Fels
   • Asking for GAPSA to sign onto statement, which LPSgov has already signed onto
     • Q&A: is this affecting full time program? [yes in the sense that a new class isn’t being admitted. The “executive” program is completely different]
     • Can any school or program have this happen? [theoretically yes]
     • Will you ask whether or not there will be changes in how professors are going to be compensated? [have gotten no new info. First-year classes won’t be run, which will end their TA-ships]
     • Motion to sign on: passes with 30+ votes
C. Update on GAPSA Renewal
   • Discretionary Fund update
   • Wharton Charity Fashion Show
   • First appeal of the year to ask for additional funds for this event: Design and WGA reps are here.
   • Motion to present from WGA, and it passes
     • Adopted voting procedure in effect:
     • Ran and Danielle are presenting
     • Showcases Penn Design students’ work
     • Funds raised for YB Philly
     • Estimated attendance of 450 people this year
     • March 15th, 8pm
     • Requesting $5,850
• The show has been going on for 5 years
• This source of funding isn’t what goes to the charitable donation
• Q&A:
  • has worked with YB since inception
  • still working on ticket pricing. Historical price has been $65 across both VIP and gen.ad. categories
  • Asking for money from discretionary fund – why not the GAP fund? [we are pursuing the GAP fund, and meeting with them next Tuesday. Did get GAP funding last year.] [point of order: the appeals process always goes through discretionary]
  • How many students went? [about 350, about an 80%-20% breakdown between Wharton and all other G12 schools. Trying to change that ratio this year]
  • How does this event improve grad and professional student life? [the fashion show is a fun, special event that brings students together]
  • How are you working to make it more interdisciplinary? [We’re involving Penn Design]
• Recommendation: Greg is helping to present, because David may be a model (conflict of interest)
• Followed by Q&A
• Up for debate – whether to table this until after they meet with the WGA about GAP funding
  • not tabled – continuing discussion/Q&A
• Motion to fund according to the recommendation. Also motion for $1,000 with the same split, with the stipulation that X% goes to non-Wharton students [perhaps in violation of Sunshine Policy]. Also motion for $2,000 (rec) but 100% in kind. Motion for $5,850 at 100% in kind.
• Most to least destructive:
  • $5,850 – does not pass
  • $2,000 passes.
  • 100% cash – does not pass
  • 60% cash - 40% tickets – does not
  • 50% - 50% - passes

  d. Undergrad Assembly update from Jordan Andrews:
  • GAPSA mentoring program was run through the Grad Center until that was stopped last (May?)
  • Seeking support to get it back running, since it’s still a budget
item

- **communications@ua.org** – if you want to help! Specifically with programming (already funded)

e. Exec Board Mid-year reports
   - President:
     - job: to put issues in front of the GA, and bring them to the administration
   - VP:
     - Chief of Staff, organizes Exec meetings. Organizes GradFest. Accompanies President to various meetings. Also administers the President Gutmann Leadership Award
   - Comms:
     - Created some social media contests, seeking to increase participation rates. Also outreach about Exec roles. New events section for website. Our newsletter has 3,500 subscribers
   - E&A:
     - Filled 28/32 slots, which is amazing.
     - UPenn Access Mapping Project – only one of its kind in the world. 30 partners around the University.
     - Mapathons coming up: March 2nd, March 30th, April 20th (all 3pm). Please come! Email Mark if you have questions or want to get involved.
   - Fin:
     - New initiatives that have been coming out of the leadership retreat meetings. New full-time staff for Grad Student finance help. GAP is at 18% utilization so far. Seeks confirmation of Yue as deputy – passes.
   - IA:
     - out of town
   - Ops:
     - no updates
   - Professional:
     - creation of community among prof. GA reps. Grant evaluations and more
   - Research:
     - Lots of travel grants, and fall academic funding for conferences and colloquia. Hosted inaugural GAPSA 101 Event. New Research Thursdays and upcoming Research Gallery. Next one’s Feb 15th, 4-5pm at the Grad Center. Many more advocacy points as well.
   - Social:
     - Thanksgiving, winter masquerade, and more very large events.
   - Student Life:
     - Many activities, most focusing on mental health and
wellness. Collaborating with Penn Rec. Wellness Week/Fest. New Wellness Writing program. [More on slides]

• Student Programs:
  • Culture events, coffee, New Years, etc. Something coming up related to entrepreneurship.

• External:
  • Legislative Action Days in D.C. Also, National NAGPS conference. #NoGradTax movement. Seeking help for upcoming Spring LAD, and NE Regional NAGPS Conference @GSC. Upcoming alumni project – talk to Brenda about expanding the alumni network for you.

• IDEAL:
  • All Access coming up. Advocacy Committee is working hard behind the scenes. Upcoming Diversity Summit. Recent success with Student of Color Speak-Out.

  f. GAP Fund strategy session
  • [vastly shortened for time]

III. Committee Meetings 7:15 – 8.45pm

IV. Council Meetings: 7:45 – 8:45 pm

  IDEAL Council: #16
  Professional Council: Amado Recital
  Research Council: Green Room

V. Happy Hour: 8:45 – 11:00 pm

  William Street Common