AGENDA FOR THE Thirteenth GA MEETING OF 2017-2018

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
6:00-8:30 pm
David Rittenhouse Lab
Room A1

I. Food is served 5:45 pm

II. General Assembly Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 pm

DRL A1

a. Approve Minutes from April 4
   • Approved

b. Special Elections
   • Congrats to Buyan Pan (Vice President) and Christiana Kallon (International Affairs)

c. Finance Presentation
   • EOY budget
     • Has not changed
     • Every budget is in good shape
     • Professional council is ending with more money due to carry over and due to people not claiming their travel grants
     • Discretionary fund
       • $16,000 should go to the discretionary tranche
       • This is from round 4 of the discretionary applications
       • 16 groups were approved by the finance committee
       • Questions were raised about the procedure for this which Paul explained
       • Motion to approve these funds for $17,400 was approved
       • Motion to move these funds to the discretionary account was approved as well
     • Paul presented the Life time achievement award to Ruiyuan Ma → Congrats!!!! 😊

d. End of Year Presentations
   • An email will be sent out at a later date

e. Institutional email amendment
   • The point is to have institutional emails because knowledge has been lost due to people changing positions
   • Fears is that smaller organizations would lose funding due to the current way the amendment is worded
   • Discussion Points:
Would be willing to work on these concerns over the summer to figure out how funding would be affected
Concerns were raised about how funding could change
Support was for saying that it would help with the transition between school governments and further planning events like the GAP fund
Concern was that it would end up causing an issue since as stated in part c the budget allocations will be subject to reduction by the chair for finance
A vote was done and it did not pass

f. Global Student Community Position amendment

Amendment: A representative position that will represent the needs of all graduate and professional students who live outside the city of Philadelphia
- Represents anybody who is not present in Philadelphia that is conducting research abroad or in other areas of the USA
- The need is because there was 1,000 research students that are abroad
- This position would represent them and would get the resources it needs from GAPSA and from the university

Proposed two ways to go about it:
- A chair on the executive board for these 1,000 students
  - Pro would make it a priority and would be able to have its own deputies
  - Con the executive board is inflated and might be hard to communicate
- A mandated deputy under the equity and access positions
  - Pro would help it in the transition year

Discussion
- For many reasons it should not be chair, not a lot of definition for it yet, and what about the budget
- Need to have a more concrete idea of how the role would work before we would constitutionally define it
- A concern was raised that maybe it should not be stipulated that they should be on campus since as currently written it states the duration of their term is not present on the University of Pennsylvania campus
  - Proposal to amend this point
- Proposal that to postpone voting on this for now and moving the discussion to next year
- Decided to table the chair and table the deputy version
- Tabling passed it
• Mark agreed to look into this position for upcoming years and make it a deputy

g. Chair for Equity and Access amendment
   • When ideal and E and A split a lot of things got left out last
   • Want to use E and A as an information gathering and be able to present other GAs to make further discussions
   • This is important for right now because it would change how people worked
   • In addition it would require the E and A position to present to the GA
   • There was support of this amendment by previous members
   • It passes

h. Exec Board Constitutional order amendment
   • Proposal for the positions to be ordered through the constitution in a standard format
   • Motion to vote
   • It passes

i. Outreach deputy amendment
   • Has been tabled to next year

j. Election amendment
   • Two amendments
   • Amendment 1
      • To close debate requires 2/3 voting majority
      • When GA debates advocates will speak in equal time alternating between candidates
      • No one will be recognized twice if others are waiting to speak
      • Discussion
         • Worry about it not recognizing other people’s opinions
         • Motion to table → does not table
         • Spirited discussion occurred
         • Motion to table again → passed
      • Amendment 2
         • During candidate questions all candidates for a position shall be in the room
         • After open questions all candidates for position shall leave the room and the GA shall discuss
         • Discussion
            • Motion to table → passes

k. University Capital Giving Campaign
   • Penn traditions
      • Fund 4.1 billion
      • The care for graduate students is very small
      • And figure out how to make graduate students a priority next year
      • New business → recommended E&A get a deputy for global
student positions
  • Mark nominated Tom Elliott
  • It passed

III. Council Meetings: 7:30 – 8:30 pm
   IDEAL Council: DRL 2C6
   Professional Council: DRL A1
   Research Council: DRL 2C8

IV. Happy Hour: 8:30 – 10:00 pm
   Penn Museum, Middle East Galleries Gala
   City Tap House 10:00 – 11:00 pm