AGENDA FOR GA MEETING

Wednesday, January 30th, 2019

Houston Hall  6:00-8:00 pm

Golkin Room

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

II. Council meetings (6:00-7:00pm), Professional Golkin Room, IDEAL Bishop White, Research Brachfeld

III. GA meeting (7:00-8:05pm)

A. Approve minutes (7:00 pm)
   a. Passed

B. Visit from Greg Ellis (7:00-7:10 pm)
   a. Came from working for the CAPS equivalent at Cornell
   b. Students are interested in implementing a “Notice and Respond” program to train faculty and staff to recognize issues and refer students to services.
   c. Students expressed a desire to decrease wait times for students that have specific counseling requests
   d. Students interested in an embedded model of counseling where professionals come into schools, particularly important for professional students with very challenging schedules (hard to leave for CAPS appointments)

C. Presidential Update (7:10-7:15 pm)
   a. Penn Police: IRS Phone Scam
i. The IRS will never ask you for your account information over the phone; if this happens please immediately report it to campus security

b. Spring Gala Tickets
   i. Promo code: GAPSA

c. Wellness Campaign
   i. Opportunity to submit your ideas for wellness activities/programs on campus
   ii. bigmedicine.pennmedicine.org/wellness

d. GA Member of the Week
   i. Esther was awarded GA member of the week for all of her work in IDEAL council (awarded workout pass for the year)

e. Thank you to External Affairs Chair Matt Schaff

D. GAPSA gives back workshop (7:15-7:20 pm)
   a. Elicited feedback about attendance for GAPSA gives back, very successful for people that attend, but have a problem with people signing up and not showing up. Issue when GAPSA promises non-profits a specific number of volunteers.

E. Wellness Resolutions (7:20-7:25 pm)
   a. Rawad presented resolutions student life committee drafted last semester
   b. Resolves: “Advocate for more grad student specific spaces on campus to increase integration between grad students and campus life.”
   c. Resolves: “To advocate for more emphasis on graduate student mental health issues and wellness.”
   d. Resolutions pass

F. International Affairs update (7:25-7:27 pm)
   a. Want to incorporate more international students in advocacy for a centralized diversity office
   b. Will be going to the United Nations
   c. Will be publishing a policy paper in collaboration with External Affairs
   d. International students are 30% of the student body so IA would like to increase their budget to $20,000

G. Equity and Access: Mentorship Program (7:28-7:30)
   a. Grad students that are interested in practical mentoring please email gapsa.eachair@gmail.com. Would like student volunteers from several grad programs to provide a diversity of advice on the panel
H. Finance: Discretionary Vote (7:30-7:55 pm)
   a. Discretionary Fund Portfolio 2B:
      i. Supporting Autistic Graduate Students Teaching Panel 2018-2019
         $1500.00
      ii. ARC: An Immersive Art Group $655.00
   b. Discretionary Fund Heritage Program:
      i. Global China Connection: PWCS $4000.00 (40% cash/60% in-kind
tickets)
      ii. PGWISE Fall 2018 All Access Party $6611.50
      iii. Penn Charity Fashion Show $8000.00 (50% cash/50% in-kind tickets)
I. GAPSA Carryover (7:55-8:05 pm)
   a. Passed out allocation requests and GA members voted. Will tally to
determine the allocations

IV. Happy Hour (Bernie’s, 3432 Sansom St., 8:15-10pm)