AGENDA FOR GA MEETING

Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
Irvine Auditorium 6:00-8:00 pm
Amado Recital Hall

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

II. Council meetings (6:00-7:00 pm), Professional Amado Recital Hall, IDEAL Irvine G-7, Research Irvine G-16)

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

A. Visit from Chief Wellness Officer Benoit Dubé (7-7:10 pm)

6 month tenure in position
23rd year at Penn overall
Goal is to infuse “wellness” into the culture. Invited students to reach out to him to meet with him.
Please submit an idea to the “Big Idea Program”
GA Question: How do they plan to get faculty and staff to support students, what ways are you working with current training to enhance this aspect of life for graduate students?
Response:
“One good idea does not make a policy”
“On a syllabus would like to have a section about wellness related resources on campus”
GA Question: How they are evaluating the ideas that are submitted to the Big Ideas Program?
Response:
What will be the most impactful. Looking for collaboration between students faculty and staff.
GA comment: They are concerned about the visibility of wellness programs at Penn (want to make sure we increase the visibility).
The Big Idea that GAPSA has submitted revolve around the centralized diversity office
B. President Updates (7:10-7:15)

C. Operations Proxy Announcement (7:15)
If you have to leave the meeting please send Alex an email to appoint your proxy before you go

D. Finance Updates (7:15-7:25 pm)
   a. Budget Update
   b. GAP Update
Re-branded as “Inter-School Partnership Fund”
Authorization proxy pilot: proposal to have GAPSA rep for each school be appointed to approve GAP partnerships
   c. CapEx Update
Card readers has a lot of functionality (admissions management, attendance tracking, data analytics, payment options)
   d. Merchandise Investment Update
Want to buy GAPSA branded merchandise so we don’t pay so much overhead to the bookstore. Saying that we can sell that to all students not just GAPSA students
Yards Brewery Partnership: GAPSA Growlers

E. Sexual Harassment Reform Committee Update (7:25-7:35pm)
The office of sexual harassment prevention is soliciting comments on their proposed policy changes. If you have a comment you can email Joanne, and graduate student comments will be weighed heavily.
The process for reporting sexual harassment has been streamlined, but it’s unclear what the policy is for sexual harassment complaint resolution.
Reform committee is asking the office to define the procedure for informal resolution, the role the dean of your school will have in the process, and for the formalization of an advocate for each student going through the process.
Looking for student representation in ABP search and hiring committee. Reporting procedure will go through the ABP.
Events: Sexual Harassment Panel, and creation of a support space for students to discuss healing from sexual violence

F. Call for NGAPS Conference Abstract Submissions (7:35-7:40 pm)
Link for abstract submissions:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwaOxtn0C78dshYgl3BoSgkMB4QgOXPvxduxPv687HrUsNsQ/viewform

G. Salary Negotiation Workshop Announcement (7:40-7:43 pm)
Email gapsa.prof@gmail.com, Feb 23rd 12:30-4:30 $10 per ticket

H. External Affairs Special Election (7:43-8:00 pm)
Elected B.J. Courville