AGENDA FOR GA MEETING

Wednesday, February 27th, 2019

Irvine Auditorium 6:00-8:00 pm
Amado Recital Hall

I. Food is served (5:45-6:00 pm): Kilimanjaro 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. Minutes
Passed

B. Presidential Update
Solicited GA retreat ideas: Axe throwing, karaoke
Big Idea Penn Medicine Webpage, fave big idea please

C. Finance Updates (7:00-7:10 pm)
Budget Update
Discretionary Portfolio Vote
Carryover Release

Round 3 closed, next one will be in 3 weeks
Tickets for Wharton fight night, fashion show, and China summit
Motion to affirm that $1850 will be released to DSO to rectify an accounting error
Released $14000 from finance reserve to cover allocations for portfolio that we previously voted on
All Access was given an extra $2000 because BGSA took away their GAP funding
Discretionary portfolio, released reserve
Carry over release: Passes
D. Wellness Committee Update (7:10-7:20pm)
Mental health crisis in graduate students at around the country (cited data)
6x more anxiety and depression than the general population
1500 Penn graduate students surveyed. (13%) population of total population. Looked a
flourishing scale as well to identify which schools are doing the best.
SAS had pretty bad score as well as nursing. Most of the professional schools are doing worse
than the Ph.D. students. In particular Design and Vet.
Financial concern is major source of anxiety
Recommendations: 1. Train faculty and advisors and 2. increase access to grad spaces
(resolution). In addition to other initiatives
Please submit your ideas to the Big Ideas survey

E. Penn Sustainability Office and Environmental Sustainability Committee Update
(7:20-7:30 pm)
Penn has an environmental plan ‘Environmental Action Plan’
Launched in 2009, has 7 initiatives
The biggest impact penn has in running the buildings
40-60% built in 60s/70s, Need to be retrofit
Questions: Does Penn have a plastic bag recycling space? Why not?
Waste Management is a small footprint for the campus, but high visibility
High rates of contamination for recycling, bound by what can be recycled by the local industry
so use single stream recycling
The trash is currently incinerated as a trash-energy plan
Co mingled recycling was put in place when India and China were accepting large quantities of
recycling
Solution is less things of single use disposable. EU is banning single use plastics in 1-2 years.
Recyclers do not want plastic bags because they clog up the facilities.
5 years from now want caterers to bring plates that they can reuse
Composting: There is no large scale composting in our region, the cafeteria does, but once you
outside that system its very difficult to compost

Will be posting internships on their website for anyone that’s interested

F. Ideation Session with Professor JP (7:30-8:00)

G. GA member of the month

IV. Joy Hour (8:00-10:00 pm): Irvine Auditorium Lobby

A. Gourmet Hot Chocolate Catering by Bon Appetit
B. Games (“Anomia,” “Bang!,” “Say Anything,” “Jenga,” and “Code Names”) and
other activities provided by GAPSA