Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Amado Recital Hall, Irvine Auditorium, 3401 Spruce Street

I. Dinner Service (5:45 PM - 6:00 PM): Han Dynasty

II. GA Meeting (6:00 PM - 7:20 PM)

A. Meet Your Fellow GA Members (6:00 PM - 6:20 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

B. Introduction to GAPSA, GAPSA GA and Due Procedure (6:20 PM - 6:35 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

GAPSA stands for the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly and is
the student government body for more than thirteen thousand graduate and
professional students across all twelve schools at the University of
Pennsylvania. It falls under the University-level administration, and arches
over and bridges the school-level administrations and arches over and
bridges school-level administrations and student bodies. 91% of the
GAPSA funding comes from school-level and only 9% comes from the
university.
The General Assembly (GA) is the deliberative body of GAPSA comprising of voting and non-voting members. The 70 voting members are representatives from across twelve schools and 10 affinity groups. Among other things, the GA approves budgets, votes on resolutions, and elects the executive board. It is divided into three Councils - Research Council with 20 voting members, Professional Council with 39 voting members, and IDEAL Council with 11 voting members. Each Council handles all academic and advocacy issues for their respective student populations. Additionally, each voting member of the GA serves on at least one committee. GA meets every other Wednesday during the Fall and Spring semester. A typical GA meeting schedule for the year will look like:

5:45 Arrive and Grab food
6:00-6:15 Committee Check-ins
6:15-7:30 GA meeting
7:30-8:30 Council Meetings
Followed by Happy Hours

GAPSA is governed by its constitution and the GA meetings follow a relaxed version of Robert’s Rules of Orders.

C. Updates from Summer (6:35 PM - 6:40 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

Observation of silence in memory of Dr. Gregory Eells. GAPSA shall strive to continue advocating for mental health and wellness.

The Chair for Equity and Access and the Chair for Social Programming resigned over the summer. Elections for the same will be held on October 2, 2019. Reach out to Operations for nominations.

GAPSA gets a new office in OSA in Houston Hall with additional storage space.

Many University Committee seats are filled. The seats for Open Expression
and for Academic and Related Affairs are to be filled. Reach out to Operations for nominations.

D. Confirm Interim Social Programming Chair (6:40 PM - 6:45 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

Hong Zhang is confirmed as Interim Social Programming Chair.

E. Budget Presentation (6:45 PM - 6:55 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

The budget will be voted on in the following meeting on October 2, 2019. It is based on provisional budget passed in May 2019. Major changes from the provisional budget are increased budget for Operations and for IDEAL Council. The source for this increment is the carry-over from the previous year.

F. Committee Speed Dating (6:55 PM - 7:15 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

The Chair for each Committee meets with the GA in small groups and explains their committee’s role and goals.

G. Council Overviews (7:15 PM - 7:20 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

Introduction to Research Council, Professional Council, and IDEAL Council.

H. Adjournment (7:20 PM)
Chair: Gregory Callaghan, President

III. Council Meeting (7:20 - 8:00 pm)
Professional Council (Amado Recital)
IDEAL Council (IDEAL Office)
Research Council (ARCH 110)

IV. Happy Hour (Bernie’s, 3432 Sansom St.)