General Assembly Agenda
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Amado Recital Hall, Irvine Auditorium

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

II. Committee Meetings (6:00 – 6:15 PM)

III. General Assembly Meeting (6:15 – 7:00 PM)

a. Call to Order, (6:15-6:20 PM)


President/Chair of School Government must confirm the appointment of all GAPSA representatives to Chair for Operations (gapsa.operations@gmail.com) in order for them to be recognized as voting members.

Proxy Rules

Must email Chair for Operations (gapsa.operations@gmail.com) up until the start of the meeting. GA’s may appoint a proxy twice per semester.
c. Finance Mid-Year Update (6:25-6:45)

Kristen Leong, Chair for Finance
Please bring pens to the next GA Meeting (February 5) as GA’s will be voting to allocate $50,000 across different councils.

d. Chair Mid-Year Reports (6:45-7:15)

Gregory Callaghan, President

All positions on the GAPSA executive board have now been filled. The focus of spring will be the restructuring process.

Matthew Lee, Vice President

Hosted multiple events last semester, including Gradfest, apple picking, and graduate wellness initiatives. Forthcoming project “The Little Idea Project” to be spearheaded soon.

Kelly Diaz, IDEAL Council Chair

Welcomed a Penn First Graduate Association member to the Council. Subsidized Fire and Ice Ball tickets. Held an All Access Pajama Party event in December. Progressive dinners will be hosted in the future. Office hours take place on Wednesday’s from 12:00pm-1:00pm in 103 Williams.

Tirth Mankek, Professional Council Chair

Hosted headshots, family portraits, and Dine with a Franklins last semester. Spring events include mystery dinners, headshots, speed dating, and Beyond Penn (resume writing, leadership development, networking).

Chris Choe, Research Council Chair

Fall travel and provost grants were awarded. Co-hosted family portraits
for the Together Campaign. Please apply for grants this semester!

Amarachi Nasa-Okolie, Chair for Social Activities

Used 50% of the budget for two Happy Hours, the Fire and Ice Ball, and Thanksgiving dinner. There will be a 90’s themed February event. Annual Yacht Party will take place in April.

Emily Huang, Chair for Communications

Students won GAPSA swag via social media giveaways on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Check out GAPSA’s website for more information!

Julia Hah, Chair for Student Life

PennSHAPE held multiple physical wellness events such as Zumba, Acroyoga, Tai Chi, and rock climbing. Wellness Day took place during the midterm/final exam season. HIIT will be added to PennSHAPE in the spring. The first week of February will be Wellness Week.

Stacey Bevan, Chair for Equity and Access

Completed qualitative work around to-be parents and what the transition will look like. Will focus on policies around sexual misconduct this semester.

Joo Hyung Park, Chair for International Affairs

Top three concerns over the last five years with international students are cultural integration, orientation [adaptation period], and employment. Tentative projects in the spring will include an International Student Body, off-campus housing workshops, and social events in March-April.

Thaddeus Woodard, Chair for External Affairs

Elected last semester. Will grow the External Affairs committee, support
Beyond Penn, and clarify advocacy projects.

Stephanie Ko, Chair for Operations

Elected last semester. Looking to improve communication with all 12 graduate schools.

*Gregory Callaghan, Matthew Lee, and Kristen Leong will be holding office hours inside the Graduate Student Center Resource Center (Room 304) on Tuesday’s from 4:00pm-5:30pm.

IV. Council Meetings (7:15 – 8:30 PM)

a. Research in IRG7, IDEAL in IRG17

V. Happy Hour (Bernie’s)