General Assembly Agenda

Wednesday, 5 February 2020
6:00PM – 8:30 PM
Amado Recital Hall, Irvine Auditorium

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

II. Carryover Presentation (6:00-6:15)

Allocate 25 points across Research Council (travel grants), Professional Council (Beyond Penn), IDEAL Council (All Access and student groups), Chair for Communications, President (Together Campaign), Chair for International Affairs, and GAPSA Finance Fund (SGEF, Discretionary, Synergy).

III. Carryover Ballots (6:15-6:20)

IV. Restructuring Overview (6:20-6:50)

Round I: Executive Board and Committee Reorganization
The Executive Board of GAPSA will be organized into three manager divisions:

1) Policy (President)
2) Programming (Executive Vice President)
3) Operations (Vice President of Operations)

The President will oversee GAPSA’s Policy Division and work with the Council Chairs (Professional Student Council, Research Student Council, and IDEAL Council) and the Directors of Student Wellness, Equity & Access, External Affairs, and International Student Affairs to advocate for the needs and desires of graduate and professional students at the University.

The Executive Vice President will oversee GAPSA’s Programming Division and work with the Directors of On-Campus Programming and Off-Campus Programming to coordinate and promote activities and events that foster a sense of community among graduate and professional students.

The Vice President of Operations will oversee GAPSA’s Operations Division and work with the Directors of Fund Management, Logistics, and Public Relations to ensure proper deployment and management of GAPSA’s assets to achieve its mission and yearly goals. The Vice President of Operations will also be responsible for all budget concerns and maintain accurate and current financial reports and records.

The Director of Fund Management will manage the applications, evaluations, and disbursement processes for all grants managed by GAPSA’s General Assembly and administer the Discretionary and Synergy Funds.

The Director of Logistics will maintain all records for the General Assembly and Executive Board, including meeting minutes, proceedings and events, and resolutions approved by the General Assembly, and coordinate logistical planning for the Executive Board and General Assembly.

The Director of Public Relations will promote the communication of information between GAPSA, the graduate and professional student body, the wider campus community, school and graduate groups, and academic, administrative, and student life departments.
The Director of On-Campus Programming will devise, implement, and monitor recurring programs and small-scale events of interest to the graduate student community that take place on campus and work with the staff of the Graduate Student Center and relevant divisions of the Vice Provost of University Life to encourage synchronicity and avoid redundancy in programming.

The Director of Off-Campus Programming will devise, implement, and monitor recurring programs and small-scale events of interest to the graduate student community that take place off-campus and work with the staff of the Graduate Student Center and relevant divisions of the Vice Provost of University Life to encourage synchronicity and avoid redundancy in programming.

The General Assembly will be divided into three committee divisions:
1) Policy
2) Programming
3) Operations

Policy Committee Division -- Responsible for monitoring issues of university, local, state, federal, and global policies and affairs that affect graduate and professional students, and developing initiatives and responses in response to these issues. The Policy Division includes Subcommittees for External Affairs, International Student Affairs, Student Wellness, and Equity & Access.

Programming Committee Division -- Responsible for planning and organizing events and activities of interest to the graduate and professional student community. The Programming Division includes Subcommittees for On-Campus and Off-Campus Programming.

Operations Committee Division -- Responsible for ensuring the logistical continuation of GAPSA, including the design and review of its budget, disbursement of finances, management of general GAPSA-controlled grants, and the communication of GAPSA events and initiatives. The Operations Division includes Subcommittees for Budget, Grant and Fund Management, and Public Relations.

*Each member of the GAPSA General Assembly is expected to serve in one of the three divisions.*
V. Carryover Results (6:50-7:00)

Chair for Research - $15,000

Chair for Professional - $5,000

Chair for IDEAL - $10,000

Chair for Finance - $10,000

President - $1,000

Chair for International Affairs - $9,000

Chair for Communications - $750

VI. Council Meetings (7:00-8:00)

VII. Joy Hour (Board Games)