GAPSA GA 03/03/2021 Notes:

7:30: Introductions and welcome

7:40: Food Pantry, GAPSA initiative.
- Food distribution for grad students in mid/late March to address short term needs.
- Food handed out in reusable/sustainable grocery bags with GAPSA logo.
- This event relies on volunteers (who will get GAPSA swag).
- Looking long term, need a location to store food – currently storing in GSC. Permanent line item in budget? Formal pantry student organization?

7:45: The Peer Support Network, Guest Presentation by Hannah Kolev
- A new initiative in BGS (Biomedical Graduate Studies Program).
- PSN is based in the School of Medicine.
- Provides a support system in response to COVID-19. Includes 1-on-1 mentorship and group discussions/community building events.
- Looking to recruit additional groups to join PSN-hosted events, and provide PSN facilitators/volunteers for wellness events.
- To contact bgspeernetwork@gmail.com. Website: https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/psn.html

7:50: Break

8:00: Sunshine Policy
- Operations/Logistics budget is above expected spending because of food reimbursements.
- Proposal: $5,000 to get to the end of the semester, allocating $25 per GA member for food reimbursement per meeting instead of $15.

8:05: Upcoming Events
- Build a Budget Bonanza, March 5 at 6 pm (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gapsa-build-a-budget-bonanza-tickets-143596134905)
- Adam Grant Book talk, March 4 at 4 pm (https://wharton.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV_023KckvTt9gK7Ea?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current)
- Grow with GAPSA, closes March 6.
- Sculpt with GAPSA
- IDEAL All Access – Flower Arranging
- Charcuterie Boards with GAPSA
- 3 minute Thesis (GAPSA co-sponsoring)
- Alan Alda Event (partnership with GSC)
- One Health Week (https://pennvetonehealthcl.wixsite.com/my-site/home)
8:15: Swag and updates
- Vacuum Waterbottle, Moleskine Hardcover Notebook. Link to solicit address for swag will be sent in a couple weeks.
- March Madness is next meeting’s theme
- Call for nominations for elections. Voting happens April 14th.
- Vision benefits included in PISP, for $125, at no additional cost.

8:20: Meeting Adjourned