General Council Meeting Agenda
Houston Hall | Class of 1949 Auditorium
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Link | Contact gapsa.professional@gapsa.upenn.edu

I. WELCOMING REMARKS
   A. Call to Order (Chair Joe Suh)
   B. Roll Call
   C. Robert’s Rules of Order
   D. Approval of Agenda

II. SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (~10 minutes)
   Each School shall designate a Spokesperson to provide a one-minute report.
   A. Annenberg School for Communication
      1. Note: No Professional Council Representatives are apportioned.
   B. School of Arts and Sciences
   C. School of Dental Medicine
   D. Stuart Weitzman School of Design
   E. Graduate School of Education
   F. School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
   G. Carey Law School
   H. Perelman School of Medicine
   I. School of Nursing
   J. School of Social Policy and Practice
   K. School Veterinary Medicine
   L. The Wharton School
   M. Other School or Student Government Representatives

III. CHAIR’S REPORT (~15 minutes)
   A. GAPSA Professional Council Apportionment
      1. School of Arts and Sciences (3 Representatives)
      2. School of Dental Medicine (3 Representatives)
      3. Stuart Weitzman School of Design (3 Representatives)
      4. Graduate School of Education (5 Representatives)
      5. School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (5 Representatives)
      6. Carey Law School (4 Representatives)
7. Perelman School of Medicine (4 Representatives)
8. School of Nursing (3 Representatives)
9. School of Social Policy and Practice (2 Representatives)
10. School Veterinary Medicine (2 Representatives)
11. The Wharton School (7-8\* Representatives)

   a) * Upper range of Vacancies under Article II.A.4 of the GAPSA Constitution

B. University Council and Committee Vacancies

1. The Professional Student Council shall handle all academic and advocacy issues specific to professional students. It shall represent professional student interests on University Committees. The Professional Student Council shall propose changes to University policies specific to professional students.

2. The Professional Student Council shall monitor the work of the University Council Committee on Academic and Related Affairs, the University Council Independent Committee on Honorary Degrees, and the Lindback and Provost's Teaching Award Committee.

   a) Possible Motion(s):

   (1) That the Professional Council nominate [ ] of [ ] to be a member of the University Council Committee on Academic and Related Affairs.

   (2) That the Professional Council nominate [ ] of [ ] to be a member of the University Council Independent Committee on Honorary Degrees.

   (3) That the Professional Council nominate [ ] of [ ] to be a member of the Lindback and Provost's Teaching Award Committee.

   (4) That the Professional Council nominate [ ] of [ ] to be a member of the University Council Committee on Open Expression.

   (5) That the Professional Council nominate [ ] of [ ] to be a member of the University Council Committee on Facilities.

   (6) That the Professional Council nominate [ ] of [ ] to be a member of the Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee (SHIAC).

C. Professional Council Budget (~10 minutes)

   POSSIBLE MOTION: That the Professional Council appoint the following Representatives to the Professional Council Budget Committee to finalize a Professional Council Budget:

   a) [ ] of the School of Arts and Sciences
b) [ ] of the School of Dental Medicine  
c) [ ] of the Stuart Weitzman School of Design  
d) [ ] of the Graduate School of Education  
e) [ ] of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
f) [ ] of the Carey Law School  
g) [ ] of the Perelman School of Medicine  
h) [ ] of the School of Nursing  
i) [ ] of the School of Social Policy and Practice  
j) [ ] of the School Veterinary Medicine  
k) [ ] of The Wharton School  

D. GAPSA Budget and Slack Procurement  
1. Latest Figures: $XXX,XXX for 14,000 licenses for 12 months  
2. See $165,000 “Communications” Budget Line Item on page 4 of “GAPSA 2022 Budget”  

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (~10 minutes)  
A. Professional Student Travel Grants  
1. Possible Motion: That the Professional Council eliminate the Faculty Letter of Recommendation requirement for all Professional Student Travel Grants, unless otherwise required by University policies and procedures.  
2. Application Review  
   a) Steven T. (Perelman School of Medicine)  
      (1) Possible Motion: That the Professional Council partially approve Steven T’s funding request and provide an award in the amount of $55.  
B. Webcam and Lighting Equipment Lending Program  
1. Possible Motion: That the Professional Council coordinate with Penn Libraries to approve up to $1,500 for webcam and ring lighting equipment to lend to eligible Professional Students for interviews and related activities.  
C. Equitable Budget and University Committee Seats for Professional Students.  
1. Possible Motion: That the Professional Council recommend that the GAPSA Executive Board and General Assembly adopt equitable funding practices for Academic Year 2021-2022 and apportion all budget allocations based on the official “School Headcounts” of Students from the “Academic Year 2020-2024 Quinquennial General Assembly Apportionment.” (See Meeting Documents.)  
2. Possible Motion: That the Professional Council recommend that the GAPSA Executive Board and General Assembly adopt equitable practices for Academic Year 2021-2022 and designate, to the furthest extent possible, an equitable allocation of not less than one Professional Student for each University committee and for each similar body.” (See “University Council and Committee Seats”)
D. Standing Committee Acting Chair Appointments (~5 minutes)

Note: Out of courtesy, the Professional Council shall elect an Acting Chair for each Committee to lead that Committee's duties and responsibilities until all Representatives from all Schools apportioned seats on the Council are seated, at which time an election shall be held for a permanent Chair.

1. Acting Chair of the Budget and Funds Management Committee
2. Acting Chair of the Public Relations Committee
3. Acting Chair of the Logistics Committee
4. Acting Chair of the On-Campus Programming Committee
5. Acting Chair of the Off-Campus Programming Committee
6. Acting Chair of the Equity & Access Committee
7. Acting Chair of the External Affairs Committee
8. Acting Chair of the International Students Committee
9. Acting Chair of the Wellness Committee
10. Other Committees

V. RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS (~10 minutes)

A. Resolution 21-00: A Resolution to Call on the University to Expand Access, Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity with Digital PennCard

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT