Wednesday, 29 September 2021

6:30-7:30PM General Assembly @ Bodek Lounge
8:30PM Happy Hour @ New Deck Tavern

Zoom link: https://upenn.zoom.us/j/91963881814

General Assembly Minutes

6:47pm meeting started (led by Joe R)
6:48pm: Agenda approved
6:48pm: Minutes from 9/15/2021 approved
6:49pm: Introductions & Welcome New GA Reps
6:50pm: Robert’s Rules of Order – Quick Refresher

- Motions:
  - 1) Motion to...
  - 2) Second
  - 3) Restate motion
  - 4) Debate
  - 5) Vote
  - 6) Announce Vote

- Explanation of using clickers for voting
  - E.g. Voting for “motion to order more burritos”
6:55pm: Point of order to log into zoom for virtual members

- Review of Robert’s Rules Points (led by Aalok)
- Points: (must be recognized by chair)
  - 1) Point of Order
  - 2) Point of Information
  - 3) Point of Inquiry
  - 4) Point of Personal Privilege

7pm: GradFest Debrief (led by Paul)

- Thank you to all our volunteers (40) and directors (Paul, Tiffani, Shreyas) and deputies, and everyone
- Some events coming up:
  - October: Halloween, Ivy+ Summit
  - November: Lambda Speed Dating
  - December: Winter Formal
- GradFest by the Numbers:
  - Community
  - Cost $105,000
  - Tickets $35,759
  - Affordability 66% subsidized
  - Average Ticket $22 (FREE - $55)
- Please join Programming Committee!
- Get a GAPSA swag t-shirt when you trade in

7:03pm: GAPSA Committees

- Programming Division - Paul
  - On campus programming – Shreyas
  - Off campus programming – Tiffani
- Advocacy
  - Wellness - Robert
    - Information Sharing among other initiatives this year
  - Equity and Access
  - International Student Affairs
  - External Affairs
- Finance and Operations Division
  - Public Relations
• Logistics
• Budget and Oversight

• *** Email will be sent out by Joe R for more information because we are running short on time

7:07pm: Budget (FinOps, led by Christian)

• Constitutional Budget 101:
  o Budget amendments require 10 days
  o Exec does not vote on the budget
  o Finance is responsible for budget
  o Provisional budget presented to GA
  o Finance presents final budget to GA by second meeting. No funds spent thereafter without ratification
  o ¾ vote to amend budget
  o GAPSA allocates G12 budgets
  o Research Council mandate
  o Discretionary Fund mandate
  o Energy Fund mandate
  o * Please see the presentation Christian shared for more information.

• Budget Ratification
  o Motion by Steven Neuhaus: Suspend rules
  o There was some opposition to passing the budget today (mostly Joe S) because it was not made clear to some members who just joined
    ▪ However, the budget has been posted online on GAPSA website the whole time (and also proposed last Spring, has been there over the summer)
  o although it was made clear that unless we pass the budget by the second meeting all funds will not be available to G12 schools
  o Can amend budget after passing it today

7:25pm: voting and no opposition, motion to suspend rules was passed.

• Total distribution of funds were presented
  • Increase in Exec Base this year but this has been put towards G12

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• All Access
• GA Opportunity
• Individual Grants
• Pilots

• Going through the different directors on Executive board and their goals for the year
7:42pm: **Open Floor/New Business/Q&A**

Points brought up by Noor, Law School rep:

- **Communications Budget**
  - **Point corrected that this does not go towards payment for Slack (she and Joe Suh assumed so) --** **there is no Slack contract**
- **Decrease in Law School budget decrease, although there was an increase in number of law students**
  - Money was already allocated due to the numbers provided by the university registrar to GAPSA
    - May be different than the numbers on website? (which Noor looked up) --> this was not shared with us though

7:48pm: Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes, motion passed.

7:49pm: Motion to extend debate 3 minutes, motion passed no opposition.

7:54pm: Voting, motion to approve provisional budget ratification was passed.

7:55pm: No motion to amend budget at this point in time. Please note that the budget can be amended at any time, must be 10 days in advance in order to give your constituents time to consider.

7:57pm: Adjournment.

Return of clickers, free GAPSA shirt, drink tickets given out for happy hour at New Deck Tavern.