Wednesday, 27 October 2021

5:30-6:30PM Professional (Ben Franklin [HH218]) and IDEAL (Griski Room [HH311]) Council Meetings
6:00-6:30PM Food served and check-in (Ben Franklin)
6:30-8:00PM General Assembly Meeting (Ben Franklin)
   Zoom link: https://upenn.zoom.us/j/91963881814
8:00-9:00PM Research Council Meeting (Bishop White [HH217])
8:30PM Happy Hour starts at New Deck Tavern

General Assembly Minutes

1. Approve Agenda (6:35PM)

2. Approve Minutes from 10/13/2021 (6:35PM)

3. Announcements (6:37PM)
   a. Upcoming programs
      i. Ivy + Halloween Fest (Paul/Tiffani)
         1. All access Halloween Party
            a. Tickets subsidized by 95% ($200 value for $10)
b. Costume Contest
   2. Boo at the Zoo
   3. Halloween Nights
   ii. Networking opportunities
   iii. Need volunteers for setting up/breaking down

b. Ivy+ Summit (6:40PM: Paul)
   i. Health & Financial Wellness
   ii. Academic Affairs & Career Support
   iii. Integration & Community Building
   iv. International Student Affairs
   v. DE&I

b. Updates from Exec Meeting with Interim Provost and Vice Provost for Education (6:42PM: Joe R)
   i. Interim Provost said that there is ongoing support for mental health (contrary to what we were told by the student body), so we will investigate that and get back to you --> Mental health care with CAPS: long-term care
   ii. Want to talk about financial aid for international students at university level instead of at school level
   iii. Gym access for part time students --> part-time students pay lower already, so it is not covered – can opt in if you want
   iv. PhD climate for advisor and student relationship
      1. Survey will be coming out soon for all graduate students at Penn to better assess state of topic
      2. Engineering is creating a mental health program to promote better relationships between advisors and students

d. University Committees - Available Seats (6:46PM: Joe R)
   i. Committee on Manufacturer Responsibility – 1 seat
   ii. Social Responsibility Advisory Committee (SRAC) - 2 seats
   iii. Student Advisory Group for the Environment – 1 seat
      1. Reach out if interested in any seats

4. Appoint Parliamentarian (6:48PM: Joe R)
   a. Michael Krone nominated
i. MOTION
ii. SECOND
iii. APPROVED

5. Finance Updates (6:49PM)
   a. Updates on distribution of funding (Christian)
      i. Programming has been using its budget well so far
      ii. Still haven’t touched reserves, which is great
      iii. Been using IPF well so far
      iv. Please contact gapsa.vp.fin.ops@gapsa.upenn.edu for more info/slides

6. Discretionary Funding Applications (6:51 PM)
   a. Director of Funds (Ajay)
   b. Motion to Suspend the Rules and adopt the following rules...
      i. APPROVED
   c. Finance 102
      i. Explanation of Discretionary Fund Guidelines
   d. Wharton Africa Business Forum (7:04 PM)
      i. $30,000 requested, $21,000 recommended
      ii. WABF Representative presentation
         1. Will mostly be used towards MBC Venture Competition prizes (1\textsuperscript{st} prize: 10K, 2\textsuperscript{nd} prize: 5K, etc.) to directly affect + fund startups in Africa
         2. They are also being funded by other companies, e.g. McKinsey
      iii. Proposal deliberation (4 minutes)
         1. Debate extended
      iv. New Venture Competition (NVC)
         1. Debate to allow funding to be awarded to external companies in competition
      v. GAPSA Off-campus programming has also already bought subsidized tickets ($5000 value) to this event
      vi. Funding propositions
1. $30,000  
   a. Does not pass

2. $21,000  
   a. Pass

vii. Deliberation on funding breakdown  
    1. Motion to table to online voting  
       a. Does not pass

viii. Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes  
    1. Pass

ix. Debate on composition of funding stipulations  
    1. Debate extended  
    2. $21,000 in cash with stipulation not to be spent on prize money for NVC  
       a. Pass

e. Fight Night  
   i. $60,000 requested, $36,000 recommended  
   ii. Tabled for interest of time

f. Wharton Fashion Club  
   i. $25,000 requested, $22,500 recommended  
   ii. Tabled for interest of time

7. Discussion & Vote: (7:48PM: Ludwig Zhao)  
   Resolution on First-year Doctoral Student Relocation Funds  
   a. Provide first year PhD students with funding for relocation  
   b. $3,500 to offset cost of relocation at least 2 months prior to matriculation  
   c. Move to vote  
      i. Pass

8. Discussion & Vote: (7:51PM: Joe Suh)  
   Resolution to Expand Access, Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity with Digital PennCard  
   a. tinyurl.com/digitalpenncard  
   b. Resolution matches logistics from previous minutes
c. Asking University to adopt Digital ID as official form of Penn affiliation
   i. Pass

9. Discussion & Vote: (7:58PM: Tiffani)

Resolution for Technology Policy
   a. Include technology in bylaws for e-voting, etc.
   b. Discuss as a topic at the 2021 Ivy+ Summit
      i. Importance of all 8 members of Ivy League to discuss technology in student government bylaws
      ii. Recommended to amend to 10 schools as a whole
      iii. Recommended to state section of Ivy+ Summit where the resolution will be discussed
   c. Intended to discuss important topics to include in future amendment
      i. Recommended to change language of “include” in GAPSA’s constitution
   d. Motion passes contingent on recommendations being adjusted to language of resolution

10. Open Floor/New Business/Q&A (8:05PM)
   a. Complicated process on how to address tabled discretionary funding applications
   b. Options
      i. When2Meet for special meeting
      ii. E-Board executive function
   c. Professional Council resolution not presented
      i. tinyurl.com/septasemester
   d. SEPTA strike concerns with e-mail not addressing student population

11. Adjournment (8:11PM)