AGENDA
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY
44th GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION
September 28th, 2022; 6:30PM
Gittis 214, Penn Carey Law School
Zoom Link (In-Person attendance required for GA Reps unless otherwise excused):
https://upenn.zoom.us/j/94733373681

I. Welcome to GAPSA (5)  Watson
II. Robert’s Rules of Order Introduction (5)  Edwards

III. Overview of GAPSA Structure (5)  Watson
IV. GAPSA General Assembly Member Expectations (5)  Jin
V. GAPSA Committee Assignments (5)  Jin
IX. University Council and Committee (3)  Phan
X. Budget and Carry-Over Update (60)  Thakkar
XI. Open Floor (5)  Watson
XII. Adjournment

6:30 PM

Hoang Anh
- UC committee approval by GA next meeting, some open seats available. Plz fill it!

Budget

Emily Hu
Budget origins (sources)
Utilization – G12 – formula
Budget timeline: Provisional (May 22), September 22 – new budgets
New Provisional –
- Typo in formula, revenue correction, G12 allocation (SASgov formula change)
- Encumbrances – GAPSA AA and PGLA
- POI (Paul) – The changes mentioned are only the 5 points? Yes
- POI (Hoang) - Old/New budget Logistics change in value? Aalok: check website
POI – Brief summary of changes in 2021-22 and now? (Change in the exec structure, exec comp, Communications unused)

Questions:

Helen: Explain the individual aspects

Maya: Which to vote? Now we are voting on the provisional one (mil dollars untouched), then discuss on the proposed one

Why we allocate money to university centers? Historically sent to others, been a debate among members. These are experts/professionals, help benefit the students.

Follow up: how do they use the funds? Are these enough?

Anita – GSC and /fRC give report to GAPSA about utilization. Used to give money for Academic Prog (GSAC). Never changed since 2007 (GSAC)

Ludwig – Almost the same number.

Jay – Is it constitutionally mentioned? No (Email commitment)

POI – SASgov line item: change in rule/formula. Is this the changed one or not?

Reply: SASgov counts number of students differently (PhD), changed the formula and informed us. Hence we changed the formula accordingly.

Motion: Reduce exec comp in Provisional budget and allocate to the Reserves

RW: can’t do, because that’s approved by previous GA. Unused funds will go to the reserves.

Hence motion withdrawn

Motion to end debate: Approved

Provisional Budget is approved in the eyes of the chair

Proposed Budget (mention the slides)

Exec comp changed to 117000

Revenue double counted

Consultations

G12 – Proportionality is fixed, increased by 15% overall

Indi grants: Increased 70% for PSC and RSC

Advocacy: Increased by 100% 33k to 61k

Programming 25% increase

Pilot programs for financial insecurity

Group funding: SGEF 37%

University Partnerships (sheets provided?) – Grad Emergency Fund

QnA
Where did 1mil come from?

Reserves and bonuses carried over, 100k for comms, small items in committees and councils are used. Covid restrictions etc.

There’s an entity for G12 schools

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No entity, General fees paid by students, online/offline, school, which year in PhD etc. Ratios per school. Rough ratio, 70$ per student per school. ASC has least number of students, hence lower the amount. There are data from uni, rough formula from GAPSA and admin.

Anita: 1 per student, 0.5 for online/5th year phd.

For sas, PhD gets a new cohort of students.

VPF – The amount is based on numbers. These numbers are proportional to the number of students present.

What is IPF?

GAPSA incentivises collaboration between schools. One to one match.

Who can initiate? Students can

Chat:

Formula provided by Anita and admin

What are the logistics money is spent on? Keeping the GA here, food, HH, swag, GA dinner etc.

Extend QnA by 5 min

Who checks the impact of the money spent? What the utilization of the money is checked?

Finance – FLASH report, presents it in website

Nandan - Exec comp reduced. Last GA gave 292,500. But no amendment . Why?

We had to negotiate with the university. Powers that be.


Nandan - Are these Caps? Are these legislated? Being negotiated.

What type of projects do Pres and EVP use?

Pres - Crises – Initiatives, ad-hoc committees like Amy Wax, meeting with Prez and constituents, councils,

EVP – Similar, support for different initiatives, going on with Exec, special projects etc. EVP leadership dev: Exec LEadship retreat, Work weekends, etc.

Jay – Where the priorities of admins with centers based on the humongous endowments? Why ask from gapsa for money?
Anita — Endowment is complicated, most earmarked for undergrad scholarships., very little is earmarked for grad students.

Arianna — What’s in the eyes of the chair mean? 50%.

Paul — the previous value is given by GA resolution. Can be done separately through a resolution. Agreed to by the admin.

POI — Council development where does it go to? Food, retreat, swag, other logistics related to councils, buy toickets to events

Ludwig — G12 surplus? There are pools of money in schools. Some schools have it some don’t (sas). Have numbers back in may

Contingency - diff etween

Emergency is 40k constitutionally mandated

Bonus – 10% wiggle room for internal committees

Reserve – unspent money.

Ludwig: May numbers? Don’t have it with us

IPF – based on 10% of the schools. Do you match with each schools/ yes

Poi – we can’t change g12 distribution. But SAS is reduced. How to support them? 50% of research grants go to sas, highest utilization. Hence increased grants by 70%. Also reach out to school deans for increasing allocation.

Hoang anh – pres special projects – based on restructuring. Why the increase in budget?

PRez- ad hoc ommittees, expenses for ops

Motion extended by 2 mins

Sense of how reserves kept? Sas is limited.

In the past 5 years, utilization is great, very low reserves. Requests for 200k, couldn’t used.

Budget extended by 20 mins

Recommended by simple majority to propose this budget.

Debate:

- Gsc frc, they do programming? Do they increase?
  - Frc and gsc – money is used for backup child care
  - Earmarked for acad programming.
  - CRC – GSC free printing
  - Find need from CRC is utilizing,
  - PAACH – Chinatown bus charter
  - GIC – Alumni Platform, focus on
  - Open Houses
  - Career services – professional wardrobe program for interviews
- Ludwig –
  - Copy from last year
- Sas
  - Not exactly rule. One time gift only.
  - How can you accommodate sas due to them not getting the funds. How do you accommodate?
  - Dso, wdc
  - School is much bigger than sasgov. Dean has more funds.

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**Quorum:**

6 schools are represented. Constitutionally 7 required. Article 2 d 4

Point of order was raised as to no quorum, that less than 7 schools have a research council representative present. The chair informally consulted with members; the relevant section (II.D.4) of the constitution was read. The chair ruled that point of order is not well taken, that the clause in the constitution requiring 7 schools to have representation applies to the councils collectively, not separately, and thus a quorum is present.

The ruling was not appealed.

RSC – why aren’t schools nominated their reps? GASPA has no role in elections in schools

Joe – no nomination for these? Yes

We have numbers, but not the school requirement. Moving on

Proposed amendments –

1. Move to a vote

Vote:

1. So moved, 3/4th Passed!!!!!!!!!!!!

    Motion to end the meeting 8:40

    Meeting adjourned 8:41 PM