ABSTRACT:
Pursuant to Article VIII.A.3 of the GAPSA Constitution, GAPSA hereby releases $19,500 from the FY’2022/2023 Budget reserve to GAPSA Alumni Relations for: GAPSA alumni mentor & meetings ($9,000), alumni regional mixers ($3,000), GAPSA4lyf awards ($1,500), and global alumni mixers ($6,000). GAPSA authorizes the alumni ticketing and contribution program in perpetuity. The GAPSA Director of Alumni Relations is directed to coordinate alumni programming with the related councils and (sub)committees of GAPSA, accordingly.

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WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) is charged with representing all graduate and professional students enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, GAPSA sponsors academic, cultural, and social events of interest to the graduate and professional student community;

WHEREAS, GAPSA established an alumni tickets and contributions program in FY’2021/2022, including (1) alumni tickets to GAPSA events and (2) contributions from tickets for alumni development and programs;

WHEREAS, GAPSA collected $11,563.57 in contributions from ticket revenue for alumni development and programs in FY’2021/2022;

WHEREAS, the GAPSA General Assembly amended the GAPSA Constitution on March 30, 2022, institutionalizing alumni relations as a core function of GAPSA;

WHEREAS, the Director of Alumni Relations and Subcommittee on Alumni Relations are charged with alumni outreach, communications, updates across GAPSA and the G12 schools, seeking alumni engagement at events sponsored by GAPSA or the University, and maintaining a close relationship with the Alumni Relations office of the University;
WHEREAS, the GAPSA General Assembly approved the GAPSA Alumni Development Contribution Resolution on May 11, 2022, to direct the release of the ticket revenue earmarked for alumni development toward establishing the GAPSA Alumni Association;

WHEREAS, the GAPSA Executive Board approved on October 5, 2022, the renewal of the GAPSA alumni tickets and contributions program;

WHEREAS, GAPSA allocated $5,000 for alumni relations and $20,000 for professional development programming in the FY’2022/2023 Budget;

WHEREAS, GAPSA allocated $11,563.57 earmarked for the GAPSA Alumni Association in the FY’2022/2023 Budget pursuant to the GAPSA Alumni Development Contribution Resolution of May 11, 2022;

WHEREAS, international students and alumni comprise ~36% of Penn’s global graduate and professional community;

WHEREAS, the GAPSA Alumni Relations 2022/2023 engagement plan includes alumni programming, networking, communication, mentoring, leadership development, and association, totaling $44,500 as indicated below:

Alumni Programming: GAPSA alumni mentor and meetings ($9,000), regional mixers ($3,000), BeyondPenn programming ($15,000), BeyondPenn speaker series ($5,000), alumni networking ($5,000); GAPSA4lyf awards ($1,500), global alumni mixers ($6,000);

GAPSA Alumni Network: GAPSA alumni database, GAPSA alumni website (gapsa.upenn.edu/alumni), GAPSA alumni newsletter, GAPSA alumni-student mentoring, and GAPSA alumni student leadership development;

WHEREAS, GAPSA Operations incorporated advice from the General Assembly, Divisions, and Councils of GAPSA, in drafting this proposal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the GAPSA General Assembly amends the FY’2022/2023 budget by reallocating $19,500 from Reserve to Alumni Relations for: GAPSA Alumni Mentor & Meetings ($9,000), Alumni Regional Mixers ($3,000), GAPSA4lyf Awards ($1,500), and Global Alumni Mixers ($6,000); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the GAPSA General Assembly authorizes the GAPSA alumni tickets and contributions program (ATCP), including (1) alumni tickets to GAPSA events, (2) contributions from ticket revenue for alumni development and programs at the option of the ticket purchaser, and (3) release of the contributions to the GAPSA Alumni Association, indefinitely, the detailed terms of which are delegated to the joint
determination of the Alumni Relations subcommittee and the Finance committee (or jointly by all subcommittees thereof), to take effect upon the report of said joint determinations to the General Assembly, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the GAPSA General Assembly directs the GAPSA Director of Alumni Relations to coordinate alumni programming with the related (sub)committees and councils of GAPSA pursuant to the alumni engagement plan and budget contained herein to the benefit of the entire GAPSA global community, accordingly.

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