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MINUTES  

7:09 PM  

Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Agenda (2)  

Passes.  

Correction minutes do not pass  

Motion that the minutes of meetings 3, 5, and 6 be referred to the logistics committee:  

Passes  

7:15 PM  

Iris Photo Booth Resolution/Budget Amendment (GA/44/BILL/8) (15)  

Initial Cost $20,000  

Ongoing $6000 annual service fee split between GAPSA and UA at $3000  

Q&A  

Q: Do we have data on how much the school pays for headshot sessions / events throughout the year?  

A: Per about 60 headshots can go up to $2000. It also costs time and labor.
Q: When is the earliest possible time for implementation? A: Ready to ship right now, 4 – 8 week window tentatively but no real answer to this.

Q: Do they have options for different color backgrounds? A: Pretty much white background which would allow you to edit it. There is also editing and filter.

Q: What is the $3000 maintenance? A: The camera, the software and sharing platform
  ▪ Does maintenance rely on service? This question will be raised to the manufacturers. This has been implemented across other universities.

Q: Does career services have anything to regulate its uses? A: Met with the ED of Career Services, they will be willing to help reserve times for graduate students. Logistics can be managed. It is not expected too much with the hogging of time.
  ▪ Can leverage using HandShake as a platform to schedule.

Q: Do we get a guarantee that we will not be charged? A: It is free.

Q: What are we going to do if we come to a point where future GAPSA or UAs will not contribute to the $3000?

Deliberation:
  • Great idea, GSEG and SP2 cost about 6.6K, remarkably a feasible way
  • Q: Will this be a much better option for those that already exist in some of the schools? A: There are certainly different types of photos to choose from, which makes them accessible to every student.
  • Collaborating with UA, what is the benefit to fund only half and not the full amount? With the UA, it seems like this might be more beneficial for graduate students. We should consider how it would look like in the future in the case we want more.
  • The graduate population is larger so will benefit for

Resolution for Iris PhotoBooth. Passes. (See [GA/44/RES/7/R.1])

Technical error in the 7th clause that was not intended to amend the finance bylaws
Motion to strike the 7th Clause, instead to allocate $3000 to career services as a standing rule. Passes.

7:34 PM
Graduate Student Trustees Seat Resolution (GA/44/BILL/9) (15)
  • Establish student seats on the Board of Trustees
    o To include a new class of trustees called the Student Trustees
  • Two students one undergraduate and one graduate serving for one year on the board of trustees
  • Justification: Trustees work on certain initiatives that only the BOT can vote on - signing on new leases, authorization of construction. This isn’t groundbreaking, there are student trustees in other universities
  • Q&A
    o Q: How many trustees are on the board? A: Approximately 30, will follow up.
Q: Why aren’t alumni trustees a good representation? A: Alumni are good representation in terms of careers and demographics but it complements when we get input from current students.

Q: If they are elected, could you share how trustees will be elected? A: The mechanism for trustees, this provision is based on Penn Alumni elections. Election procedures are to be made by GAPSA/UA, and for BOT to have the final decision.

Q: How are student trustees different that student liaisons? A: The final decision-making is still made.

Q: Have there been any discussions about combined efforts as opposed to done separately? A: Undergraduate and graduate alternates, or one graduate. Ultimately, there is provision for the BOT to decide.

Q: Is the number of graduate students, and undergraduate students – why is it not a ratio? A: BOT is essentially made up of alumni.

- Deliberations:
  - The active trustees, Penn has a weird system you can serve as a trustee for 10 years – after which it becomes emeritus. UPenn has 53 active trustees and 16 emeritus trustees. Have you thought about adding more seats? Given how large it is.
    - The thought of having two is just a start and amending it over the years. Again, for the BOT to amend as they go.
  - University Council, recently added the post-doc seat, it’s still a huge step.
  - It is incredibly feasible, the trustees actually amended the classes – it is definitely doable.
  - The immense amount of influence – despite the concerns for not having enough this is a great first step.
  - This is an extremely powerful position, because of the influence of the BOT. Along with this being passed, we should further deliberate on the roles and responsibilities, and who is going to represent.
  - Do we have a system right now, where we can raise issues? There is merit in establishing a system or structure to ensure sustainability.
  - Depending on what we expect the trustees to do and say, it might benefit to use firm language: especially with roles and responsibility.
    - It is firm language throughout, however, it is right at the end where they provide provisions for BOT to deliberate. This is an initial ask and we can think about how it.
  - Concerns around UA or GA to elect the trustee, or they should run a campaign should be elected by student population. Once we get a response from BOT we will know how the representation looks like.

- Move to vote to send the resolution to the Board of Trustees. Passes. (See [GA/44/RES/8])
7:59 PM
GAPSA Service Awards Resolution (GA/44/BILL/4) (10)
- The discussion last semester, how these awards will be given, the way the negotiation will happen and accountability measures
- Most of these concerns were resolved and there is accountability
- Deliberations:
  - Motion to lay the question on the table. Not Passed.
  - If this does not pass, and there is no committee, are there any checks and balances from the administrative side? We were asked to provide roles and responsibilities and that will be the basis of the evaluation.
  - In trying to create internal accountability, every exec member should create some sort of report, so a committee to ensure who we
  - We are interested to see if people are willing to be engaged with it and see it, however, this has not been seen by the GA
  - Parliamentary Inquiry: to strike the oversight through the committee the 3, 4, 5, resolved paragraphs but maintain
  - Motion to strike out the clauses to amend the resolution. Passes.
- Motion to approve the resolution (without the committee). Passes.
- Move to vote on the amended resolution. Passes. (See [GA/44/Bill/4/R.2])

8:14 PM
GAPSA General Assembly Recordings Standing Rule (10)
- Requests to record the GA meetings
  - Emails about the transparency of these meetings
  - Minutes do not encapsulate the comments and tones of these meetings
- To upload it to a platform
- We must be mindful of the privacy of our students, can create closed sessions
- Q&A:
  - Q: Maximum retention period, would we be open? A: It must be deleted after.
  - Q: The current standing practice, is it in the constitution? Are the GA aware of the recording? A: In the past, there has not been anything in the constitution to record
  - Q: Is there a video platform where the only people who can access uses their Penn email? A:
  - Motion to amend “[...] after the end of the period.
  - Deferring the wordsmithing to another committee
  - Penn Policy: Using anybody’s likeness, would need to sign a release, or pass it through the privacy office. Student’s names are attached – should limit it to the Penn community. Ask GA to sign the release to make it available.
    - If it’s just audio? Cannot imagine it to be uncomfortable. It is still worth considering
Would it be possible to have a video and transcript? It is worth noting that there are some things that get lost in the transcription process – but something we can amend.

We need to think about how there are a lot of international students who might be concerned about transcription

External party to help transcribe

- We need to think about alternative ways to help facilitate those who take minutes, especially as it concerns the privacy of students
- While we like to think of these as public meetings, they are not and we must provide deep consideration about this.
- Motion to refer this to council for deliberation. Did not pass.
- Motion to vote on the standing rule. Does not pass.

8:39 PM

Finance Sunshine Reports (5)
- Updates on the utilization, overall 25% (21% in November) - a lot of grants and programming since November
- Moving forward there will be utilization for all the subcommittees
- Programming is 47%, Advocacy 34% , IDEAL 87%
- GAPSA Revenue, around $142k mainly from Programming
- Reserve 42%
- Q&A:
  - A lot of G12 is saving a part of their IPF for the Spring Gala
  - Research Grants opening up on the 20th

8:45 PM

Red & Blue Strategic Committee Updates (1)
- Secured four meetings for GAPSA between: GAPSA, G12+, Research Council, Prof. Council and Ideal Council
- Designed to represent as much as the constituencies as possible
- Great participation between R&B and Research Council

8:47 PM

GAPSA Executive Board Special Election (30)
- VP of Advocacy
  - Newly elected: Joelle Lingat

9:49 PM

Open Floor (5)

Adjournment