AGENDA
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY
44th GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION
February 1st, 2023; 6:45PM - 8:30PM
Meyerson Hall B1; (In-Person attendance required for GA Reps unless otherwise excused):

- Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Agenda (2) Watson
- Lightning Update (10) Executive Board
- Graduate Student Trustees Seat Resolution Update/Strategy (15) GA Rep Delegation
- GAPSA Leadership Summit (5) Phan
- Red & Blue Strategic Committee Updates (5) Watson
- Director Appointment (5) Phan
- Meal Swipe Program - Introduction (10) Authors
- Beyond Penn Inquiry (5) Senanayake
- Interim Report of the ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Revisions (30) Ristic
  - Constitutional Fixes (GA/44/BILL/11)
  - Standing Rules (GA/44/BILL/12)
  - Procedures (GA/44/BILL/13)
- Open Floor (5) Watson
- Adjournment Watson

6:58 PM
Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Agenda (2)
- Motion to refer 1/18 minutes. Passes.
- CORRECTION, minutes were passed
- Motion to approve agenda. Passes.

7:01 PM
Lightning Update (10)
- A reminder to update attend councils and committees
- A reminder that virtual attendance does not count as attendance, rather to accommodate people who cannot make it in person
- Interpretation of the Logistic Budget Amendment (See GA/44/RES/5): Point of Order – funds will be allocated accordingly

7:04 PM
Graduate Student Trustees Seat Resolution Update/Strategy (15)
(UA: Undergraduate Assembly, BOT: Board of Trustee)
- After GAPSA passed the resolution, UA did not pass the resolution for concerns around wanting more meetings from UA’s side with administration
- Faculty Senate Meeting: the administration was very receptive to it
- Summary of discussion: GA Reps raised questions around the joint effort, increasing engagement between UA and GAPSA, amending the resolution to better suit needs of UA, GAPSA and BOT, introducing and engaging with BOT in Spring, contingencies if UA does not pass the resolution and possibilities of moving forward independently.

7:28 PM

GAPSA Leadership Summit (5)
- The dinner is offered to everyone not just the exec board and G12+ participants (check GAPSA social media)

7:31 PM

Red & Blue Strategic Committee Updates (5)
- IDEAL Council’s meeting will occur on Feb. 15th – open to students not just IDEAL or affinity groups!
- Another open forum for students might happen soon

7:34 PM

Director Appointment (5)
- Formal approvals from the General Assembly for the nominated candidates for Director of International Student Affairs, Director of Wellness, Director of Social Programming
- Result:
  - Director of International Student Affairs: Qiao Xu (SEAS)
  - Director of Wellness: Kerone O Wint (Wharton)
  - Director of Social Programming: Djodi Hardi (GSE)

7:46 PM

Meal Swipe Program - Introduction (10)
- This will be an additional resource for our graduate students to address the food insecurity
- Summary of discussion: GA reps asked questions about interventions for those who require more help, whether it is first-come-first-serve, cost-effective, and distribution.

7:57 PM

Beyond Penn Inquiry (5)
- To ascertain what students would like to see at Beyond Penn, please fill out the survey on kesharasenanayake.com
- If you would like to join the committee, please respond to the email being sent out this evening
8:01 PM
Interim Report of the ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Revisions (30)

- Constitutional Fixes (GA/44/BILL/11)
  - Highlights:
    - The number of pages will be reduced by 1 page for the constitution and 3 pages for the executive bylaws
    - VP “for” instead of VP “of” to refer to the first command of the committee/division
  - Proposed Amendment Bill 11: Any instance where there is a reference to “division” should stay the same, and any instance where there is a reference to “subcommittees” under divisions to “committees”

- Standing Rules (GA/44/BILL/12)

- Procedures (GA/44/BILL/13)
  - Highlights:
    - The default limit on speeches is reduced to 3 minutes
    - Ordering Roll Call Vote

- Summary of discussion: GA requested for clarifications, the timing of the resolution, a need for more engagement with GA and councils, and potential amendments.

- Result:
  - Constitutional Fixes (GA/44/BILL/11). Passes.
  - Standing Rules (GA/44/BILL/12). Passes.
  - Procedures (GA/44/BILL/13). Passes.

8:55 PM
Adjournment