AGENDA

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY

44th GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

March 15, 2023; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Huntsman Hall 370; (In-Person attendance required for GA Reps unless otherwise excused): 
https://upenn.zoom.us/j/91579346701

- Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Agenda (2) Watson
- Open Floor (10) Watson
- Lightning Updates (5) Executive Board
- Constitutional Amendments 16, 17, & 18 (8) Ristic
- Carry Over Release/Budget Survey (2) Miao
- Group Event Funding Appeal (5) Miao
- Penn Fight Night Funding Presentation (7) Miao
- Student Trustees Seat Resolution Update (12) Watson
- University Council Agenda Item Update (6) Watson
- Small Group Dinners Update (3) Chmielinski
- Revamping GAPSA-Provost Award (10) Zhao
- Funding Ideas Brainstorming (10) Senanayake
- Election Announcement (7) Watson
- Adjournment Watson

SPECIAL ORDER: TIMES ARE BINDING AND IN MINUTES SUBJECT TO EXTENSION.
MINUTES

7:17 PM

Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- Agenda approved as amended
- Minutes of the 3/1 meeting pending approval

7:18 PM

Open Floor

- Pc swag working on distributing
- Rangoli PAGSA organization is hosting Holi event – everyone invited!

7:22 PM

Lightning Updates

- Notice of Exec action re: GAPSA candidate eligibility
- Iris Booth ordered
- Still waiting on President Magill’s office meeting time
- April 28th Exec meeting with Provost Winkelstein scheduled
- Proposed topics for upcoming meetings with Admins
  - Subsidized housing for graduate students
  - Family support/partner support; parental leave policy (esp. For professional students)
  - Transportation (PennRides; SEPTA)
  - GAPSA Travel Grants (re: sponsorships, processes) Relocation stipends Application fee waivers Stipend transparency Advisor-advisee relationships; faculty training Internship support Admin-led efforts to increase diversity & empower underrepresented minorities (students, faculty, staff, etc.)
- RC
  - redesigning GAPSA-Provost awards
  - Lunch on us! Initiative
    - Raise your concern, talk to your rep, book a restaurant
  - Grant applications
    - GAPSA-Provost Award (March 31st)
    - Research Travel Grant (Rolling)
- Advocacy
  - Two events coming up:
    - Grad Students Tenants Workshop – Thurs 3/16, 5-6pm
    - Fourth Fridays at Five: World Café – Fri 3/24
  - [https://tinyurl.com/GAPSASuggestions](https://tinyurl.com/GAPSASuggestions)
- Ops updates
  o Tech grants
    ▪ Motion extend 3 mins
    ▪ Soft intro, pilot, yr 3 penn pays
    ▪ Extend 2 mins
- Progs updates
  o 2000+ gala tix sold

7:36 PM

Fin update—see below

7:38 PM

Constitutional Amendments

- Bill 16 – Attendance
  o Motion to amend, passes
  o Bill passes as amended 39-0-2
- Bill 17 - Rules and Accountability
  o Motion to extend by up to 5 mins, passes
  o Bill passes 39-0-3
- Bill 18 – Speaker chair of the GA
  o Motion to amend Section 1, passes
  o Motion to amend Section 2, passes
  o Bill passes 40-0-3

Carry Over Release/Budget Survey

- Presentation of budget & carryover survey
  o Motion to extend 5 mins, passes
  o Motion to extend up to 8 mins, passes
  o Motion to extend up to 5 mins, passes
  o Motion to extend up to 3 mins, fails
  o Motion to release $370,000 from contingency to $150,000 councils, $150,000 discretionary fund, $70,000 to pilots, passes
- Sunshine Report
  o IPF Report utilization 96%
  o Motion to extend up to 5 mins, passes
  o Loophole $1 partnership to access IPF? There is precedent.
  o Motion to extend up to 5 mins, passes
  o Motion to extend up to 5 mins, meeting and item, passes

Group Event Funding Appeal
Motion to modify rules, passes

Wharton Africa Business Forum

Request $25,000

Motion to extend up to 15 mins, passes

Motion to extend up to 5 mins

- 25k cash request
- 20k cash
- 10k cash
- 10k loan
- Up to 20k cash up to deficit
- Move to go to Committee of the Whole, passes
- Non-binding vote, $25k passes,
- Motion to extend up to 2 mins
- Motion to Mix: 10k cash, 15 loan
- 25 cash
- 25 cash up to deficit and remainder loan
- Move to close, passes
- 25k cash passes
- Motion to make whole but no more, rider, passes
  - The discretionary fund passes in the committee of the whole and GA has motioned to postpone consideration to the next GA meeting.

**Penn Fight Night Funding Presentation**

- Motion to modify rules, passed
- $50k cash and tickets request
- $25k
- Motion to extend up to 10 mins, passed
- $50k passes
- Proposal 22 cash, 28 cash in
- 0 cash 50k tickets
- 50k cash, 0 tix
- Propose 50k cash from 10k sgef, 20 discr, 20 synergy/ipf
- Move to committee of the whole, passes
  - Recommend to approve, passes and GA has motion to postpone consideration to the next GA meeting

Move to suspend rules and take up election item, passes

**Exec Elections 3/29 E9. Joe Rummaneethorn Chair of Elections**
BeyondPenn

- Seek $36,000 from BeyondPenn ($20k) and Social Prog ($16k)

Student Trustees Seat Resolution Update

- No update from trustees

University Council Agenda Item Update

- In UC Steering, admins blocked financial insecurity (housing, food) topic on March UC agenda

Small Group Dinners Update

- skipped

Revamping GAPSA-Provost Award

- Solicit ideas for gapsa-provost award redesign
- Interdisciplinary is tough, hackathon

Funding Ideas Brainstorming

Election Announcement

Adjournment

Happy Hour at Landmark

Adjourned 10:06pm