AGENDA
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY
44th GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION - SPECIAL MEETING
April 19th, 2023; 7:00PM - 9:00PM
(In-Person attendance is required for GA Reps unless otherwise excused):
https://upenn.zoom.us/j/91579346701
Meeting will be at DRL-A1 unless otherwise notified

- Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Agenda (2)
- Open Floor (5)
- Resident Assistant Union Motions Vote (Bill 23 - 2nd reading) (10)   GRAs
- Career Services Budget Amendment (Bill 26) (10)   Senanayake
- G12 University Council Amendment (Bill 21) (10)   Srinivas
- GAPSA Budget Carry-Over Concern (10)   Miao
- University Council Agenda Item Update (8)   Getzen/Lingat
- Family Center Budget Amendment (2)   Jones/Senanayake
- Resolution Calling for Response to Trustees Resolution (8)   Senanayake/Watson
- President/Provost Transition Meeting Agenda (5)   Watson/Krone
- Drafting Committee Report (Cleanup, Special Rules, Drafting Bylaws) (Bill 27) (5)
- Lightning Updates (5)   Executive Board
- Adjournment

SPECIAL ORDER: TIMES ARE BINDING AND IN MINUTES SUBJECT TO EXTENSION.
MINUTES
7:20 PM
Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Agenda
- Adjusted the agenda by striking the follows:
  - Resident Assistant Union Motions Vote (Bill 23 - 2nd reading) (STRUCK)
  - Career Services Budget Amendment (Bill 26) (10)
  - G12 University Council Amendment (Bill 21 - First Reading) (10)
  - Resolution Calling for Response to Trustees Resolution (8)
- No previous minutes to be approved

7:21 PM
Open Floor

7:23 PM
GAPSA Budget Carry-Over Concern (10)
- Summary of discussion: an official statement from administration; clarification on budget framework

7:32 PM
University Council Agenda Item Update (8)
- Summary: GAPSA presented all the work we have done to the UC and received

7:39 PM
Lightning Updates
- Separate Executive Board Meeting with President Magill will no happening due to the time conflict
- Executive Board Meeting with Interim Provost Winkelstein & President Magill will be on April 28th
- President Transition Meeting with Provost Jackson on April 26th
- Ideas to emphasize more: the meal swipe program regarding the mechanism to implement it next year
- Provisional budget was sent out on Sunday
  - Reach out to Paul if you have any questions/concerns/suggestions

7:47 PM
Motion to approve the agenda – approved
Motion to pause for 10 minutes and have a food reset – failed

7:48 PM
Career Services Budget Amendment (Bill 26)
Budget Amendment (BILL/26/R.2): Career Services Graduate and Professional Student Unpaid/Underpaid Internship Program

“Career Services Unpaid/Underpaid Internship Program

- Provides $700,000 from the reserve balance of $1.2 million to permanently create an unpaid/underpaid graduate and professional student internship program
- $500,000 to create an endowed funding line - the interest will support these internships in perpetuity — will touch generations of graduate and professional students.
- $200,000 for immediate distribution (FY 2023 summer), with remainder going back to the endowed funding line
- Will create the first University-wide program to fund unpaid/underpaid graduate and professional student internships (the undergraduate version started from an alumni donor, but Career Services has been unable to find a starter one for graduate and professional students)
- Hope: Create a proof-of-concept, and spur more contributions/attract University-alumni support
- Calls on University to better fund these programs themselves - with an understanding that graduate and professional students cannot wait another decade for action. We must create our own momentum, the future is our responsibility”

Q: If the carry-over is terminated, is it possible to decrease the number?
- This number should be a good, strong number to cover everything for the program

Q: What defines/counts the underpay?
- The underpay was obtained from the undergrad program
- The result will give data for more concrete in terms of underpay specifically to grad program

Q: How would this apply to overseas internship programs?
- What is highlighted the most is your financial situation
- The amount should disadvantage the applicants

[8:04 PM] Motion to extend for 5 minutes – passed

Q: Is there ways to adjust the language to cover the different options regarding the carry-over?
- Yes
- Would phrase it more on the leftover from the endowment as some schools do not have any carry overs

[8:10 PM] Motion to extend for a minute – passed

Q: what is the implementation, and allocation?
- Implementation/structure - the Career Service with the Financial team to ensure that it

Summary of the Debate

- Pros
  - Good use of money from the endowments
- Might create the momentum to help support our graduate students more
- Could help open the door for more endowment in the future
- Could support the program that won’t need the travel grant

Cons
- Concerns that it could restrict the GAPSA budget more and might affect other initiatives/programmings
- Not sure about sustainability or how it will be planned in the future
- Could be held up by the admins similarly to the exec compensation

[8:12 PM] Motion to extend for 10 minutes – passed
[8:15 PM] Point of Order for only debate, no questions
- Comments: Could be better to make it a pilot program and leave flexibility to GAPSA to make sure the money will be used towards the students
  - This will belong to GAPSA, not the University

[8:23 PM] Motion to suspend the rule and count this as the second reading (in order to move to vote) - passed
[8:25 PM] Vote on Bill 26 (need ⅜ of the quorum) - Passed
In favor – 37
All against – 1
Abstain - 0

8:27 PM
G12 University Council Bill 21 – First Reading
- To codify representation of the 12 schools on the 15 seats allocated for University Council
- Summary of discussion and debate: interactions between schools with multiple governments; coordinating around allocation and filling appointments; timeline of UC meetings; transition and PAC periods

[8:38 PM] Motion to extend Q&A by 5 minutes
[9:06 PM] Motion to table this to next week to allow for amendments – Passes

9:06 PM
Family Center Budget Amendment (2)
- GAPSA would work with the Office of the Provost to increase access to family grants and resources for professional students and other underserved populations
- Summary of discussion: limited budget and number of students this will help; allocation to students who are/are not on federal grants

9:19 PM
Adjournment