

Graduate & Professional Student Council

General Assembly Agenda

September 5th, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Heep Center, Room 101

I. Call to Order

II. Procedure and Governance

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Speaker's Podium

V. Voice Reports

VI. Pending Business

VII. New Business

- a. Executive Officer Introductions
 - i. President – Matthew Etchells
 - ii. Executive Vice President – Christian Nygren
 - iii. Vice President of Information – Courtney Dickie
 - iv. Vice President of Finance – Ananya Dasgupta
 - v. Vice President of University Affairs – Tyler Raszick
- b. Delegate Orientation Presentation – Tyler Raszick

-Tyler gave an introductory presentation about the GPSC and role of the Delegate

Presentation Summary:

- Goals: Familiarize with the GPSC roles of the delegate
 - Introduction to the GPSC: Community, Advocacy, Research
 - Highlights of what GPSC accomplished over the past year
 - Current initiatives: maternity leave, knowledge sharing, grad student equity
- Roles of Delegate: GA meetings, serve on a GPSC standing committee, effective representation (communication with your GSA, communication with us).
- If interested in the University Disciplinary Appeals Panel contact Tyler Raszick

-Questions:

- clarification between delegate and liaison
- three delegates per department, but only one vote per department

- every delegate needs to serve on an internal committee
- clarification of Delegate in department

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Awards – Pritishma Lahke
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
 - ii. Fall Travel Award
 - Travel Awards were presented to recipients
- b. Legislative Affairs (Internal) – Amit Goshal
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
 - DACA
 - Visa renewal process for international students
- c. Legislative Affairs (External) – Brenna Lin
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
 - SAGE
 - Issues affecting all universities
 - 5 people
- d. Marketing and Communications – Francisco Birk
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
 - Rebranding
 - Social media
 - Consulting projects, analytics
- e. Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Wilmarie Marrero-Ortiz, Jeffrey Opaleye
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
 - Wilmarie presented
 - Mentoring program to improve retention
 - Foster environment for diversity and inclusion at Texas A&M
 - Interdisciplinary dinners: two per semester
 - Meet and greets
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
- f. Recruitment – TBA
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
- g. Programming and Service – Akash Bajaj

- Blood drive: Thursday and Friday this week
- i. Introduction and Committee explanation (presented by Matthew)
- h. Quality of Life – Monica Barbery
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
- i. Research – Sarah Hartman
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
 - Knowledge sharing: search for equipment and technique
 - research spotlight: typically articles. NEW video form!
 - Funding opportunities for research
- j. International Student Affairs – Saloni Bafna
 - i. Introduction and Committee explanation
 - 6-8 people
 - Working with international student board

IX. Special Committee Reports

X. Officer Reports

- a. President – Matthew Etchells
 - Matthew spoke regarding the passing of two members of the graduate student community. Silver Taps next month (October) to honor the two students.
 - i. Brainstorming Activity
- b. VPUA – Tyler Raszick
 - ii. Call to Action for Internal Committees

XI. Advisor Comments

- a. Advisor – Jamie Wangler

XII. Administrative Comments

XIII. Announcements

- Blood Drive this week!
 - Thursday, September 7, 2017: Student Rec Center: 12 pm – 6 pm

-Friday, September 8, 2017: MSC (Donor Coaches): 9 am – 3 pm

XIV. Adjournment

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