

Graduate & Professional Student Council

General Assembly Agenda

November 21st, 2017 5:30pm

Koldus, rm 144

I. Call to Order

Quote of the meeting:

‘Trying to be happy by accumulating possessions is like trying to satisfy hunger by taping sandwiches all over my body’

-Robert J Corless

II. Procedure and Governance

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

IV. Speaker’s Podium

Thank you – Dr. Maggie Gartner, Executive Director of Student Counseling Services

Dr. Maggie Gartner is retiring in January. She thanked the GPSC for all the support over the years.

CareerShift – Paul Pausky, Associate Director of Former Student Career Services

Presented about CareerShift: A platform useful for job searches as well as for networking and finding connections at companies and universities

-How to access HireAggies and Career Shift through the Association of Former Students website (alumni)

-Current students access through Hire Aggies on the Career Center website and log in with NetID and password

-Demonstrated how to find connections through CareerShift searches and how to narrow search options (how to find Aggies!)

-Aggie response rate: 15 % (other universities ~5 %). Networking with Aggies is a good resource.

-The career center has a sample template online for sending networking emails

Aggie Recovery Community – Alec Mohr & Blake Smith

-20% of College Students meet the criteria for Alcohol Use Disorder

-College Recovery Communities: nationally recognized movement supported by the US Department of Education

-students perform better in classes when part of a community

The organization:

- meets once a week for a peer led 12 step meeting
- regular sober social activities
- safe and supportive space for student recovery

To get involved:

AggieRecovery.com

AggieRecoveryCommunity@gmail.com

Email Dean of Student Life: a-reber@tamu.edu

Q: Can you outline the 12 steps?

A: Based on AA program.

Q: What have you disseminated with President Young?

A: Probably nothing. Organization is under student life (health promotion).

Q: Undergraduate data vs. graduate student data?

A:

If not in recovery but want to show support: reach out to Dr. Reber about thoughts

V. Pending Business

VI. New Business

GPSC Logo - Francisco Birk

Francisco presented two logo finalists

Discussion on logos

Q: Why does this logo not show Texas A&M University?

A: Per MarCom rules, cannot have Texas A&M University on logo

Informal Vote:

Left logo was favored by the GA by show of hands.

WISE Representation Resolution and Presentation – Carolina Mantilla Rojas

WISE presented about the organization

Presented the representation in WISE: departments, colleges and countries

Liaison with gradSWE – contact, events together

Annual WISE Conference: work life balance, discrimination, salary concerns, international concerns

Awards: Susan Arseven Award – financial need

Propose: Officer position within organization that will serve as WISE delegate

Carolina presented the resolution to the GA

Amendments and Discussion:

-Friendly Amendment to date of Resolution

-Friendly Amendment: added Bobby Brooks, Jasmine Wang and Joshua McCormick to recipient list

-Friendly Amendment to grammar in last paragraph

Question: How would this be different than delegates from departments

Answer: Would represent interest of women rather than interests of the departments

Tyler: There is not group on the GA that represents women

Matthew: Is in line with diversity goals of the University

Motion to move to previous question

Seconded

Vote to move to previous question: passed (voice vote)

Vote on resolution:

Passed (voice vote)

WISE was welcomed to the GA

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Resolution – Monica Barbery and Brenna Lin

Presented by Brenna Lin

Clarification: This is only for the House Bill

Brenna read the resolution

Friendly amendments

Motion to move to previous question

Seconded

Passed (voice vote)

Vote on resolution
Passed (voice vote)

VII. Voice Reports

- a. University Committees
- b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements

Every College should hand out diversity report by Dec. 1st (\$1 million to be distributed based on department efforts)

City council meeting– building new city hall starting in 2019
-off campus housing: limiting the number of bedrooms, stealth dorms

Student Health Services Advisory Board: they want to attend GA next semester
-need more space, to do that need to increase student health fee (need \$\$)

Texas A&M University postdoctoral association: tamupda.org – pass on to postdocs in your departments

Profit Share at Schlotzky's from 4-9 pm tonight for WISE

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Awards
 - Aggies Commit Scholarship, 13 awards \$1500 each
 - Closes November 30th! Remind your colleagues
 - Details are on website

- b. External Legislative Affairs
- c. Internal Legislative Affairs
- d. Marketing and Communications
- e. Recruitment
- f. Diversity and Inclusion

- Fall 2017 Diversity Meet and Greet: November 30, 1-3 pm: Wright Gallery, Langford Building A

- g. Programming
- h. Quality of Life
- i. Research

Departmental seminar survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/ZwoNc0WLnYYSU6Z2>

Calendar for seminars across campus!
Fill out survey about departmental seminars

- j. International Student Affairs

X. Special Committee Reports

- a. Student Research Week
- b. Grad Camp

XI. Officer Reports

- a. Vice President of University Affairs
- b. Vice President of Information
- c. Vice President of Finance
- d. Executive Vice President
- e. President
 - i. Town Hall Feed back

-Troubles with the live stream audio for first ~30-40 minutes but was clear afterwards once problem was solved. Livestream is still on Facebook

-Explained the method we used to collect and narrow down the questions

-Collecting feedback about Town Hall from Delegates. Thoughts?

-Thought that President Young wasn't fully answering questions

-Felt that Town Hall wasn't very interactive

-Concern with the scheduling

-Advertise refreshments

ii. Connecting with the GPSC

-Trying to find ways to incentivize delegates

-Trying to make this more beneficial working space next semester: writing group from 4-5 pm before the meeting. There will be mentors, accountability partners

5:00-5:30 Committees meet

5:30-7:30 GA Meeting

7:30-8:00 Committees meet that didn't meet before

-GRAD Aggies certificate: for attending throughout the year

-Communicating on Facebook: Trying to get to 5,000 likes by the end of the year

-Get graduates to like and check out FB page

For ideas about incentives: tjraszick@tamu.edu

XII. Advisor Comments

XIII. Administrative Comments

XIV. Announcements

Attend your internal committee meetings

XV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Second

Passed

Meeting Adjourned

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