

## **Graduate & Professional Student Council**

General Assembly Agenda

April 3rd, 2018 5:30

Koldus, Rm 144

### **I. Call to Order**

Quote of the meeting:

‘Leaders who don’t listen will eventually be surrounded by people who have nothing to say’  
-Bill Carney

### **II. Procedure and Governance**

We will be changing between the election and the agenda in order to save time

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from 03/20/2018 were approved

### **IV. Speaker’s Podium**

Meet the Candidates

Election Order: President, then position in the order of number of Candidates

#### **President Election:**

Candidates

Abby Malkey

Purna Chandra Doddapaneni

Introduction: 2-3 minutes for each candidate

Q&A Session

Results of President vote:

Purna – 28

Abby – 11

No confidence- 4

Purna Chandra Doddapaneni was elected President

#### **VPUA Election:**

Candidates: Order of introduction (2-3 minute introduction)

Danielle Bevan

Chandler Wilkins

Diane Friend (presented by Jessica Benson) – Diane absent due to a Stats Exam

C. Zane Sheehan  
Abby Malkey

Allen Keshavarz is ineligible for the election (not present and did not meet with the advisors)

Results of first vote: run-off (no Candidate received simple majority (50 %) of votes)

Run-off vote

Candidates (30 seconds given to each candidate):

Chandler Wilkins

Drake Mellott

Vote

Chandler Wilkins – 35

Drake Mellott – 12

No confidence - 0

Chandler is elected as VPUA

### **VPF Election:**

Candidates (in order of introductory statements):

Mehandra Bhandari

Missy Gandrilla

Q&A

Result of vote:

Mehandra - 11

Missy - 22

No confidence -11

Neither candidate has more than 50 % of the vote

Move to a vote: special election next GA meeting or vote now (special election next meeting wins – placard vote)

Result of Vote: There will be a special VPF election at the next GA meeting (04/17/2018)

### **VPI Election:**

Candidate:

Danielle Bevan

Introduction (2-3 minutes)

5-minute Q&A

Vote:

Danielle – 39

No confidence - 4

Result: Danielle is elected as VPI

### **EVP Election**

Candidate:

C. Zane Sheehan

2-minute introduction

5-minute Q&A

Vote:

Zane – 39

No confidence – 2

Result: Zane is elected as EVP

### **V. Pending Business**

#### **VI. New Business**

Elections

#### **Net Neutrality Resolution – Brenna Lin**

Presented by Brenna Lin and Jessica Benson

Friendly Amendments:

-Grammar edits

-Change language from “laws” to “rules and regulations” to reflect the FCC (Federal Communications Committee)

-Added FCC Chairman Ajit Pai to the list of recipients

Vote: Resolution **Passed** (voice vote)

**Academic Freedom Presentation** – presented by Emily Bartz (English Delegate)

#### **Transportation Thank You Resolution – Amit Ghoshal**

Presented to the GA by Amit Ghoshal

Friendly Amendments:

-Grammar edits

Vote: Resolution **Passed** (voice vote)

## VII. Voice Reports

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

ECE-GSA Social/Fundraiser at Blaze Pizza, April 11 5-8pm

Physics and Engineering Festival, Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell buildings

To volunteer, find more info at <http://physicsfestival.tamu.edu/>

Public lecture Friday 7pm – Physics of Cooking (there might be chocolate)

GSO Research Symposium April 20<sup>th</sup>, Health Professions Education Building

Register at [https://tamuhsc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1LCgjOufuYNf7CZ](https://tamuhsc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1LCgjOufuYNf7CZ) by March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, direct questions to [COM-GSO@tamuhsc.edu](mailto:COM-GSO@tamuhsc.edu)

Nutritional Research Symposium, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Cash prizes up to \$500

Oral: 8-11am Cater-Mattil Rm 124, Posters: 1-5pm KLCT Auditorium

This week in virology podcast will record a live show in the ILSB – June 26<sup>th</sup>

Awards Committee – Aggies Commit Award is up online (up to \$1500)

WISE Officer election April 23, Informational this Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>

## VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Awards
- b. External Legislative Affairs
- c. Internal Legislative Affairs
- d. Marketing and Communications
  - i. GPSC LinkedIn
    - Join as Delegate
    - Can add GPSC as “employer” and have it linked to the page
  - ii. Popup Banner presentation
    - Pop-up banner will be ordered, should have it by April 17, GA
- e. Recruitment
- f. Diversity and Inclusion
  - Diversity dinner: Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 pm
- g. Programming
  - i. Community of Scholars April 10-12 (dinner on 10<sup>th</sup>), RSVP at [tx.ag/COS2018](http://tx.ag/COS2018)
  - ii. GPSC Banquet: Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- h. Quality of Life
- i. Research
  - Seminar Calendar Update - <http://gpsc.tamu.edu/seminar-calendar/>
  - Sarah presented Seminar Calendar (now on website!)
  - Research Video Competition - <http://gpsc.tamu.edu/research-video-spotlight/>
  - (3 minute video competition: win travel award money!)
  - Submit to [research@gpsc.tamu.edu](mailto:research@gpsc.tamu.edu)
  - Can record them at the start of the next GA meeting

j. International Student Affairs

## **X. Special Committee Reports**

- a. Student Research Week
- b. Grad Camp

## **XI. Officer Reports**

- a. Vice President of University Affairs  
First Football Game Plan

Thursday Football Taskforce – Tyler has been sitting on the task force

-First football game in the fall is on a Thursday

-University implementing a no tow policy for that Thursday

-Wednesday night: no parking restrictions

-Hotel will open for the first time on the Wednesday

-Midnight Yell will be at 10 pm (instead of midnight)

-There will be no land rush for Football Tailgating, they will have first come first serve tailgate spots starting the night before

-tailgating will not start until 4:30 pm on gameday (Thursday)

-Encouraging getting out of lots by 4:30 pm (but if you have valid placard, there will be no issues)

-RV lots will still be RV lots – more to come on alternatives for those that park there

-Bus schedule will run as usual (and there will be the football game buses on top of that)

-Park and ride locations

-Encouraging parking off campus and utilizing alternative transportation options to get to campus

-Working on promo code for Uber and Lyft that day

-Tyler is working on a round table for College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

b. Vice President of Information

c. Vice President of Finance

d. Executive Vice President

e. President

Growth Report – moved to next GA meeting (April 17, 2018)

## **XII. Advisor Comments**

## **XIII. Administrative Comments**

## **XIV. Announcements**

Meet with your Internal Committees

Meeting adjourned

## **XV. Adjournment**

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