

Graduate & Professional Student Council

General Assembly Agenda

April 17th, 2018 5:30

Koldus, Rm 144

I. Call to Order

Quote of the meeting:

‘If you aren’t at the table, you’re on the menu’

-Michael Enzi, US Senator

II. Procedure and Governance

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Speaker’s Podium

Dr. Bruce Herbert – Oak Fund

Publishing in Open Access Journals

-Larger impact: everyone has access (even small institutions and small companies): wider reach

Open access has a different business model

-Charge the authors instead of charging libraries

-Funded 99 articles this year (60 have graduate student authors)

-Easy to apply

-Don’t approve hybrid open access journals (still charge library, but for added fee make article open access: charging the library and authors both)

Q&A

Q: What happens if the publication is accepted but denied for for OAKFund money?

Q: Is there a list of hybrid journals?

A: No list, it changes fluidly. Library will suggest journals in the field. Can ask the library to double check the journal – they will see if it is approved.

Q: Top of page

A: Ran out of money for this year. Have \$100,000 for September (goes until the money runs out). Application opens up September 1, 2018

Q: Benefits of open access?

A:

1) Making research available to the entire world (not just rich institutions in rich countries)

(All theses and dissertations are available online, open access – about 41,000)

How many times have dissertations been downloaded: 39 million times

V. Pending Business

Special Election, Vice President of Finance

Daniel Monarres – VPF Candidate

Q&A

Vote:

Daniel: 36

No confidence: 4

Daniel Monarres elected as VPF

VI. New Business

Open Committee Chair Applications

Application <http://gpsc.tamu.edu/2018-2019-committee-chair-application/>

Descriptions <http://gpsc.tamu.edu/governance-and-membership/internal-committees/>

Becky Gates Funding Resolution

-Presented by Keya Mukherjee and Matthew Etchells

Resolution passed

VII. Voice Reports

a. Committees

b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements

GSO Research Symposium April 20th, Health Professions Education Building

Register at https://tamuhsc.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1LCgjOufuYNf7CZ by March 30th at 5pm, direct questions to COM-GSO@tamuhsc.edu

Plant Pathology GSA Profit Share @ Urban Bricks: 5th May 5-9 PM

Bryan City Council Meeting: Building a park where there was a golf course

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

a. Awards

b. External Legislative Affairs

Calling Representatives Presentation

“Talk to your legislator” – presentation

Texas Senators: Cornyn, Cruz
Texas Representatives:

How to communicate:

- email
- most effective is through phone call (staffer will most likely answer call)
- postal letter
- Town Hall meetings

- social media (least effective)

Phone > postal letter > email > social media

What to talk about:

- specific issues: include statistics
- tell a story (preferred)

Can track upcoming legislation/bills (track.us): stay informed

Related to grad students: research funding, immigration, campus wellness

Can track members: (govtrac.us): can track missed votes, can track which side of the issues they are voting

Countable: can follow issues/bills that you are interested in.

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

Diversity dinner April 21st

Next Saturday: Interdisciplinary dinner (almost full) – Wilmarie will contact everyone who signed up

Aggie Allies Vice President nominations, email allisonrivera@tamu.edu (vice president will be president next year)

Next two years: A&M will be Hispanic serving institution

- g. Programming
- GPSC Banquet

April 30th: annual GPSC Banquet: 6-8 pm in Bethancourt Ballroom at the MSC (there will be an RSVP: please indicate any dietary restrictions). Business formal. Food from Café Eccel. Awards will be given out.

- h. Quality of Life
- i. Research
- 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
 - VPI End of the Year Report
- c. Vice President of Finance
- d. Executive Vice President
- e. President
 - i. Growth Report

-Matthew presented growth report

-2.5 % increase for graduate students

-locked in tuition – increasing fees

-Food: tends to cater to undergraduate students (cater to the masses): tend to be American food (can't get food after midnight)

-transportation services: UAF (transportation no longer funded on a per student basis)

-can't use the most current data for requests

-33% increase in ridership from FY 2013 – FY 2017

-Permits issue: 43,066 to 48,465

-ridership per bus is up (moving buses away from lower density housing to high density, undergraduate serving, complexes) – moving away from prime grad student housing (grad students less likely to have a car)

Lack of transportation options for new international student groups when they arrive

Talk to Chris about issues with transportation

Disability services: a lot of growth (61 % increase in students registered), registered for exams (47 %). (no decrease since moving out to White Creek)

Multicultural services: student organizations supported by the university (increased by 550%)

Increases in sexual assault on campus

Vote: two new rec centers on campus (golf course and lot 50)

Strength and conditioning visitors: increase in 44 % from 2013

Student counseling: 2 % increase in unique visits, 13 % increase in scheduled appointments

Student health: 17 % increase in clinic visits. 15 % increase visit.

ii. Black Excellence Awards 29th, 7-9pm Archery Room –Rec 2229

Working with NAACP and BGSA for the Black Excellence Awards

-Matthew Gaines and statue (website went live today for donations, need \$300,000)

-Tables for the GPSC

XII. Advisor Comments

XIII. Administrative Comments

XIV. Announcements

Meet with your Internal Committees

XV. Adjournment

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