I. Call to Order
Quote of the meeting: ‘Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm’
-Winston Churchill

II. Procedure and Governance

III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes were approved by voice vote

IV. Speaker’s Podium
Changes to Dissertation and Thesis – Rachel Krolczyk

- Thesis and dissertation services
- Changes to formatting requirements for a thesis, dissertation
- New requirements (effective spring 2018):

Margins:
Margins must be a minimum of 1” on all sides
If binding, a margin of 1.4” is recommended

References:
References may occur in one of two locations: end of each chapter or back of document

Font and spacing:
12 pt font
Double spacing throughout
11 pt type or space and a half will be allowed with OGAPS approval (if very long document)

thesis@tamu.edu Thesis
ogaps-latex@tamu.edu Thesis and Dissertation Template Service (if having technical issues with LateX)
rkrolczyk@tamu.edu

- Also promoted the 3MT Preliminary Competition

Q: Where can one find the old requirements and the new requirements online?
A: On the OGAPS website, thesis and dissertation manual

Resources -> Thesis and Dissertation Services -> Prepare your document

Q: How were peer-institutions chosen?
A: Vision 2020 peers. Many different pieces as to why the universities were chosen

V. Pending Business
   Daca Resolution – Brenna Lin and Monica Barbery

Presented by Brenna Lin

Motion for 5-minute discussion
Second

Discussion:

Brenna:
It has been almost 3 months
Bipartisan support
Legal way to citizenship

Matthew:
Student senate is working on similar document, they will present this tomorrow night at their meeting.
Looking to work with us on this piece

Amit:
Faculty senate is working on it

Move to a vote
Second

Resolution passed unanimously on voice vote

VI. New Business

No new business – return to later in the meeting

VII. Voice Reports
   a. University Committees
      Aggie Green Fund Microgrant application is open, more information at greenfund.tamu.edu/Apply.aspx

      Up to $1500 microgrants
      Other grants up to $100,000 (deadline?)

   b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements
Coming out week

Courtney: Chemistry open house, Saturday Oct. 21st

Brenna: There is a form exempting from fees you may not use (but then you don’t get access)

Biochemistry is looking to open chapter for biophysical society chapter on campus. If interested email adrianacarolina@tamu.edu

Animal science is hosting an event at Rudder. October 23rd.

Water network meeting in O&M 103 October 18th. All welcome! Creating sustainable water future

GRAB hosting a EAHR and GRAB connect program on Thursday Oct 26th at Koldus 110. Learn about resources. Contact Jesse Lewis if interested.

Wilmarie: email today about Puerto Rico student association. There will be a donation drive, raising money for Hurricane Marie relief. Looking to get extended application period for graduate applications.
Donations: water, formula, batteries, etc.
October 24th (Tuesday)

QoL chair is putting together a survey for after this meeting

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

a. Awards

b. External Legislative Affairs
   i. Student Right to Know Before You Go Act- H.R.5274 (2015-2016)

   Transparency in colleges


SAGE is likely to endorse this
Capping federal load for graduate students at 3%
This is the only
Endorsed by American Med Association and Dental Association
Bipartisan piece of legislation

c. Internal Legislative Affairs

d. Marketing and Communications
i. Logo design application period extended until Oct. 31st
ii. Join our Facebook

Recruitment

f. Diversity and Inclusion
g. Programming

Presidential Town Hall November 14th, Special Meeting, ILSB
Brainstorm questions with your department
RSVP on the website
Usually we fill the room

Provost has agreed to do a Town Hall in the Spring

Soliciting applications for a chair position – send your CV to Matthew

Q: Define roles between president and provost

Provost: Deals with academics

President: Deals with everything else
Ie. where is the university going?

Dr. Jerry Strawser: Deals with money questions

Any questions about Presidential Town Hall – email Chris

Attendance is required for eligibility

h. Quality of Life
i. Research
j. International Student Affairs

IX. Special Committee Reports
a. Student Research Week
b. Grad Camp

X. Officer Reports
a. Vice President of University Affairs
b. Vice President of Information
c. Vice President of Finance
d. Executive Vice President
Presidential Town Hall, Special Meeting and question gathering

Attendance required
Amit: Motion to introduce 4 new agenda items (resolutions regarding SAFAB) at once
Seconded

Discussion about the introduction of items to the agenda

Matthew: explained more about what SAFAB is, where does the money come from, where does funding go to

Vote to add new business to the agenda: passed
Items were added to the agenda under new business

Resolutions to support SAFAB funding for:

1) SCS – Presented by Amit
   Resolution: GPSC.R.#.2017-2018

Resolution in support of Student Counselling Service hiring request for a Professional Counselor 1-Distance

Jamie: Explanation on how SAFAB works

Motion to update resolution with correct board members if resolutions are passed
Seconded
Motion passed (any approved resolution will have to be updated with correct board members and recipients)

Q: Why do you need extra staff for servicing distance students?
A: Other counselors already have a full workload

Q: Any numbers for how many distance counselors requested?
A: Counseling services requested for one staff member
A: TAMU has a very high student: counselor workload related to other peer institutions

Q: Why might university lose accreditation?
A: Services need to be provided to the distance services

Q: Are other universities implementing distance counselors?
A: We have less counselors per students than other universities.

Q: Where is funding coming from?
A: SAFAB (student activity fees)
Q: Is this only for professional students?
A: No. The counselor will serve all academic units

Q: Would counselor also work with local students if time?
A: Yes.

Matthew: Can read all the SAFAB proposals online

Add link to the minutes for SAFAB website: safab.tamu.edu

Motion to move to previous question
Seconded
Vote to close discussion: passed (voice vote)

Voting on resolution (pending on cleaning up recipient list):
Resolution passed (voice vote)

2) Student Research Week Graduate Assistantship

Presented by Amit

Resolution: GPSC.R.#.2017-2018

Chris made friendly amendment

Comment: Can’t see resolution on the screen
Resolutions will be posted on the website immediately after the meeting and will be sent out to the delegates by email

Question regarding funding for SRW Director previous years

Motion to move to previous questions

Vote on resolution as it stands (the recipient list will be updated)
Resolution passed (voice vote)

3) IT project manager resolution

Resolution GSPC.R.#.2017-2018

Presented by Amit Ghoshal

Friendly amendment to change the word slack to burden has been rejected by author

Vote went to the body (voting cards)
Votes:
For 19
Opposed: 7
Abstain: 8
Motion passed to change the word slack to burden

Motion to return to previous question
Seconded

Vote on resolution (with clause that the recipients will be changed)
Passed (voice vote)

4) Disability services hiring request for GA through SAFAB funding
Presented by Amit Ghoshal

Friendly amendment: Add who
Accepted by author

Friendly amendment: Change main to maintain
Accepted by author

Motion to return to previous question
Second
Passed (voice vote)

Voting on resolution (recipients will be updated if resolution is passed):
Resolution passed (voice vote)

Matthew: Motion to add item to the agenda
Seconded
Passed (voice vote)

Matthew: VP Diversity Hiring Process Updates
All student groups at Texas A&M were invited to meet with the VP Diversity (interview process)
Chris and Matthew were the only student representatives that showed up!
4 candidates were interviewed for position

Talking to Dr. Zoran (OGAPS) about where GPSC sits with search committees
When candidates are narrowed from long list to short visits, hope graduate students would be included
GPSC not included in search for VPR (does not report with students) – but there will be a town hall/open forum

Met with Provost:
-Development officer
-Town Hall in spring with the provost
-talked about SRW – moving to a full-fledged conference
-Talked with CPI about underpaid grads: $4000 underpaid compared to our peers

XI. Advisor Comments

Handouts with changes to thesis/dissertation requirements
Rachel’s business cards

XII. Administrative Comments

None

XIII. Announcements

Reminder: SAFAB looking for feedback.
All proposals are online: safab.tamu.edu

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn
Second
Adjourned