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