**Graduate & Professional Student Council**

General Assembly Agenda

November 7th, 2017 5:30pm

Koldus, Room 144

**I. Call to Order**

Quote of the meeting: ‘You should never view your challenge as a disadvantage. Instead, it’s important for you to understand that your experience facing and overcoming adversity is actually one of your biggest advantages’ -Michelle Obama

**II. Procedure and Governance**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Speaker’s Podium**

Ombuds services - Dr. Teresa Wilcox

SAFAB update - Grey Bonin & Tom Reber

**V. Pending Business**

**VI. New Business**

Matthew Gaines Resolution – Matthew Etchels, Wilmarie Marrero-Ortiz, Jeffrey Opaleye

Bus App Resolution – Chris Nygren

Attendance Presentation – Courtney Dickie

**VII. Voice Reports**

a. University Committees

Rules and Regs, Rule 7 – Tyler Amit

b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements

i. OAK Fund – Brenna Lin

ii. AAU Sexual Assault Presentation – Brenna Lin

**VIII. Standing Committee Reports**

a. Awards

Aggies Commit Application

<http://gpsc.tamu.edu/accessibility/awards-scholarships/aggies-commit-fellowship/>

b. External Legislative Affairs

i. SGA Municipal Affairs Poll - [goo.gl/forms/4qjb89qpAqUseIdn2](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__goo.gl_forms_4qjb89qpAqUseIdn2&d=DwMFaQ&c=ODFT-G5SujMiGrKuoJJjVg&r=w4YQh8BQxfApEoCcPzuu85RxIoWqvpjCGQe47ijg8aM&m=UxPlDaOv7cZbWsZeDEPmWYZIPeo9nJSI1UyrCj6ps3g&s=wnJbpQz6gaauNcrXM8AE-d-lAZHl37oyBAXoiQ-zQKs&e=)

ii. Bryan/College Station City Council Elections 11/7

iii. Graduate Accomidation Leave Update

iv. SAGE Update

v. Tax Cut and Jobs Act

$2k estimated tax increase for students

Student Loan interest deduction is repealed

Section 117(d) waiver of qualified scholarships and tuition is repealed

Section 127 exclusion of employee provided tuition assistance repealed

c. Internal Legislative Affairs

d. Marketing and Communications

Logo submissions and updates

e. Recruitment

f. Diversity and Inclusion

Meet and Greet Nov 30th, 1-3pm Gallery in Architecture

g. Programming

Town Hall, Nov 14th ILSB Auditorium

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

c. Vice President of Finance

d. Executive Vice President

e. President

Question gathering exercise

**XII. Advisor Comments**

Grad Camp Director Application Open

<http://gradcamp.tamu.edu/apply-to-be-the-director/>

**XIII. Administrative Comments**

**XIV. Announcements**

**XV. Adjournment**

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