Graduate & Professional Student Council
General Assembly Agenda
February 20th, 2018 5:30
Koldus, Rm 144

I. Call to Order
Quote of the meeting: “Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.” -Winston Churchill

GPSC History: In 1972, after 4 years of lobbying by the GPSC (then GSC), the Academic Council changed the foreign language requirement for PhDs from a university requirement to a departmental option.

II. Procedure and Governance

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Speaker’s Podium
TAMU Bike Share - Ron Steedly

Bike Share program presentation

New bike share program:
-Starting with 500 bikes now
-Up to 4000 new bikes by next fall

Presented pros and cons of bikeshare

Need to displace old bikes to make room for new bikes in the racks
- Hope is that new students living on campus won’t need to buy a bike (more room in the racks)

Free-flow bikeshare bikes do not lock to racks
- Can we keep them orderly and nice by keeping them in bike parking? (honour the system)

Prices
@tamu.edu members rate (use tamu email address when signing up to get member rates)
OFO website/app
$0.50/ride/hour
$9.95/month (up to one-hour rides included)
$34.95/semester (up to one-hour rides included, hourly rate after first hour)

First two weeks free!

979-847-BIKE (2453)
rsteedly@tamu.edu

Vendor will be here this week, Rudder Plaza.
Launch: Tuesday Feb. 27th from 10-2 Rudder Plaza

Spread the news about the bike share to your departments!

-Only return 8% of impounded bikes to owners ($350,00 in retail)
-Bike condition is most likely what led to abandonment (bike was not designed to be outside, no proper maintenance)

V. Pending Business

VI. New Business

Spring Travel Award Winners

Pritishma presented the Spring 2017 Travel Award winners
-5 winners, over 150 applicants for the award.

SBP Intro and Q&A

Student Body President Candidates were introduced:
(A candidate packet was sent out to all Delegates by Courtney)

There are 8 Candidates running for Student Body President

Each candidate has a 2-minute pitch. Focus on graduate student issues.
3 min Q & A afterwards

1) Amy Sharp
2) John Feierabend
3) Harrison Hancock
4) Michael Zimmerman
5) Andrew Barocco

VII. Voice Reports

a. Committees

IT Discussion

Strategic Information Technology Committee
-Identifying IT problems around campus

What are the IT issues on campus
- WiFi problems on West Campus (all campus too)
  - Let Chris or Tyler know Wifi problems, WiFi deadzones (we have form to expand WiFi networks)
- Access to software on virtual open access labs (VOAL)
- VPN service fails (Cisco anyconnect)
- Ecampus crashing (especially at midnight)
- High-performance computing

b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements

Physics and Engineering Festival, Saturday April 7th, Mitchell buildings
Info (including at http://physicsfestival.tamu.edu/)

Texas A&M Water Network
AGLS, Room 116
5:30 pm

International Women’s Day Conference
Wednesday March 7, 2018
5:00 pm, MSC
(Need at least 20 volunteers for facilitators – don’t need to register if volunteer)

April 20, 21
Health and Kinesiology
Climate and Diversity Conference
Theme: Able, Active and Adaptive
(will be sending out call for posters to all graduate students)
Ableactiveadaptive.com

IGSA: Colour Party, Holi 2018
March 3, 10:30-3 pm, Simpson Drill Field

Nutrition and Food Science Symposium
Research Symposium – April 16th
Kleburg, First Floor
Open Call for Abstracts soon

Plant Breeding Symposium this Thursday – All day MSC
Bethancourt Ballroom

Next WISE Meeting
March 2nd
Branding and Networking Career Development Talk
Noon, Blocker 503

Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Career and Internship Fair
Wednesday Feb. 22, 10am – 3 pm (MSC – Bethancourt Ballroom)

College of Medicine Symposium
April 20th
Registration Opens Today (open until March 30th)
Mixer with AGPCC tonight – at 7:30 pm
Science in the Current Political Spectrum – This Thursday
Feb. 22, 8:30-12:00

Ecological Integration Symposium – April 5-6 at Rudder Tower and Theater
Plenary Speakers
Accepting Registration for student poster and oral presentations (deadline March 1)
(register by April for volunteer or judge)

VIII. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Awards
   b. External Legislative Affairs
   c. Internal Legislative Affairs
   d. Marketing and Communications
      i. GPSC LinkedIn Page (https://www.linkedin.com/company/tamugpsc)
         -Delegates: Find us on LinkedIn and request an endorsement, we will write an
         endorsement based on your service and involvement
      ii. Popup banner photo solicitation
         -Need photos for the banner (either research, advocacy, service, daily life)
         -Send photos to Francisco
      iii. GPSC Facebook page
   e. Recruitment
   f. Diversity and Inclusion
   g. Programming
      Feb 22nd, Jorge Cham (creator of PhD Comics) Lecture and Workshop
      Go online for tickets
      Deadline extended for Big Event Signup until this Friday!
   h. Quality of Life
   i. Research
      i. IRB update
      -Creating a user manual for Grad Students – walk through steps for IRB
      -If interested in helping, talk to Sarah
      -Seminar Calendar: will be on website by the end of the week
   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

   **GPSC Officer Applications – OPEN NOW!**
   [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5WOKHIyRmNvdjk1TE56cnV5Y3c/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5WOKHIyRmNvdjk1TE56cnV5Y3c/view)
   Apply on the GPSC Website, Governance and Membership > Election Information > Officer Application

   - Application closes the first week of March (as per our bylaws) – Short introduction at the next meeting

   e. President

   Updates

   - Update on DACA

XII. Advisor Comments

XIII. Administrative Comments

XIV. Announcements
   Meet with your Internal Committees

XV. Adjournment

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