Graduate & Professional Student Council
General Assembly Agenda
March 6th, 2018 5:30
Koldus, Rm 144

I. Call to Order
Quote of the meeting: ‘This quote was taken out of context’
- Randall Munroe

GPSC History: In 1971, the GPSC began investigating the possibility of having graduate students serve on university committees to increase graduate student voice.

II. Procedure and Governance

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Speaker’s Podium
GPSC Officer Candidate Introductions

V. Pending Business

VI. New Business
Immigration Presentation – Brenna Lin

Presented by Brenna Lin and Fernando Lavalle
-H1B Visa – employer sponsored
-Currently there is a cap of 65,000 + 20,000 for advanced USA degree holders from the (85,000 total)
-Currently it is a lottery system (not merit based)

-Recommendations:
-Exemption from the cap for USA advanced degree holders
-Merit based H1B visas

Long discussion followed

Motion to move to the next item on the agenda

i. Increasing H1B Visas Resolution

Resolution was read out loud by Fernando
Discussion period followed
Friendly amendment: Dr. Carol Fierke added to the delivery list
Friendly amendment: change title to “temporary”
Motion to end discussion
Resolution was tabled (voice vote)
ii. Reforming H1B Visas Resolution

Read by Fernando
Discussion
Motion to table
Discussion
Resolution was tabled (voice vote)

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iii. Increasing EB Visas Resolution

Resolution was read by Fernando Lavalle
Motion to table
Resolution was tabled: standing vote of 35-5-1 Motion was tabled

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Motion to hold special meeting

Discussion
-Not during spring break

Motion was not passed (vote vote, unanimous)

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Student Org Travel Award Resolution – Matthew Etchells

Read out loud by Matthew

Discussion

-Friendly amendment: typo fixed

-Friendly amendment (from Chris): changing the Whereas to Let it be Resolved

Motion to move to previous question

Vote: 32-9 (standing vote)

Resolution was passed

VII. Voice Reports
   a. Committees
   b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements
Physics and Engineering Festival, Saturday April 7th, Mitchell buildings
To volunteer, find more info at http://physicsfestival.tamu.edu/

GSO Research Symposium April 20th, Health Professions Education Building
Register at https://tamuhsc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1LCqiOufuYNf7CZ by March 30th at 5pm, direct questions to COM-GSO@tamuhsc.edu

Fernando: College Station City Council Meeting update: bicycle parking ordinance (modifying bicycle parking in commercial areas)

Angelique: HLGSA profit share at Hopdoddy: same day as this social, 7 pm.

Student Affairs Fee Advisory Board Meetings and Interviews: 2 grad students on the SAFAB board (soon to be 3)

International Women’s Day conference – tomorrow (Wednesday March 7, 2018). Wilmarie is still looking for

Vet School Open House: March 24, 9-4 pm

End of the year awards time

Ecological Integration Symposium – April 5+6

VIII. Standing Committee Reports
a. Awards
   Summer Travel Awards
   -Deadline to apply is April 6th

b. External Legislative Affairs
   Prosper Act
   -See Prosper Act document
   -Senator Patty Murray is taking stories (contact info is in the document)

c. Internal Legislative Affairs
   Cost of Living Project
   -How much is cost of living changing, going up over the past few years
   -Is the salary adequate for cost of living
   -Comparing cost of living to other Universities in Texas

d. Marketing and Communications
   i. Pop-up Banner: Call for images (send to marketing@gpsc.tamu.edu by 3/16)
   -Preliminary draft of the pop up banner
   -send images to include on that

   ii. GPSC Facebook
   -Send to Francisco if you want your flyer put on the Facebook page
e. Recruitment
f. Diversity and Inclusion
g. Programming

Community of Scholars April 10-12 (dinner on 10th), RSVP at tx.ag/COS2018

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

X. Special Committee Reports
a. Student Research Week
   - Coming up in 2 weeks!!
   - Every single college has committed funding
   - Competitors from every single college (except nursing)
   - 850 presenters
   - Largest SRW ever!

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
   i. GPSC Officer Applications
      https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5WOKHIyRmNvdjk1TE56cnV5Y3c/view
      Apply on the GPSC Website, Governance and Membership > Election Information > Officer Application

-Q&A on March 20th
-Election on April 3rd

Motion to extend application deadline to March 13th

Passed (voice vote)

ii. Elections
e. President
   i. IRB

Sarah and Matthew had meeting with IRB last week
- They would like a flowchart made to help clarify the IRB process
- Sometimes the IRB process prevents students from graduating

- Forming a special committee to just make the IRB process flowchart
ii. GPSLCG

-Graduate and Professional Student Leaders Communication Group: in collaboration with Dr. Pugh
-Round table discussion group

AGPCC
ASTEP
The Battalion
BGSA
GPSC
HLGSA
IGSA
ISA
LGBT A TAMU
SGA – SBP
Student Veteran’s Association
WISE
CSSA

Reaching out to:
Pakistani Student Association
Korean Graduate Student Association
Persian Student Association

Any other groups?? If you feel any groups are missing – let Matthew know

XII. Advisor Comments

-Community of Scholars:
-April 10: Dinner
-April 11: networking social
-April 12: Aggie graduate community family fun night

XIII. Administrative Comments

XIV. Announcements

Meet with your Internal Committees

XV. Adjournment

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