Graduate & Professional Student Council
General Assembly Agenda
April 3rd, 2018 5:30
Koldus, Rm 144

I. Call to Order

Quote of the meeting: ‘Leaders who don’t listen will eventually be surrounded by people who have nothing to say’ -Bill Carney

II. Procedure and Governance

We will be changing between the election and the agenda in order to save time

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 03/20/2018 were approved

IV. Speaker’s Podium

Meet the Candidates

Election Order: President, then position in the order of number of Candidates

President Election:

Candidates
Abby Malkey
Purna Chandra Doddapaneni

Introduction: 2-3 minutes for each candidate

Q&A Session

Results of President vote:
Purna – 28
Abby – 11
No confidence- 4

Purna Chandra Doddapaneni was elected President

VPUA Election:

Candidates: Order of introduction (2-3 minute introduction)
Danielle Bevan
Chandler Wilkins
Diane Friend (presented by Jessica Benson) – Diane absent due to a Stats Exam
Allen Keshavarz is ineligible for the election (not present and did not meet with the advisors)

Results of first vote: run-off (no Candidate received simple majority (50 %) of votes)

Run-off vote
Candidates (30 seconds given to each candidate):
Chandler Wilkins
Drake Mellott

Vote
Chandler Wilkins – 35
Drake Mellott – 12
No confidence - 0

Chandler is elected as VPUA

VPF Election:

Candidates (in order of introductory statements):
Mehandra Bhandari
Missy Gandrilla

Q&A

Result of vote:
Mehandra - 11
Missy - 22
No confidence -11
Neither candidate has more than 50 % of the vote

Move to a vote: special election next GA meeting or vote now (special election next meeting wins – placard vote)

Result of Vote: There will be a special VPF election at the next GA meeting (04/17/2018)

VPI Election:

Candidate:
Danielle Bevan

Introduction (2-3 minutes)
5-minute Q&A
Vote:
Danielle – 39
No confidence - 4

Result: Danielle is elected as VPI

**EVP Election**

Candidate:
C. Zane Sheehan

2-minute introduction
5-minute Q&A

Vote:
Zane – 39
No confidence – 2

Result: Zane is elected as EVP

**V. Pending Business**

**VI. New Business**

- **Elections**

  **Net Neutrality Resolution – Brenna Lin**

  Presented by Brenna Lin and Jessica Benson

  Friendly Amendments:
  - Grammar edits
  - Change language from “laws” to “rules and regulations” to reflect the FCC (Federal Communications Committee)
  - Added FCC Chairman Ajit Pai to the list of recipients

  Vote: Resolution **Passed** (voice vote)

  **Academic Freedom Presentation** – presented by Emily Bartz (English Delegate)

  **Transportation Thank You Resolution – Amit Ghoshal**

  Presented to the GA by Amit Ghoshal

  Friendly Amendments:
  - Grammar edits

  Vote: Resolution **Passed** (voice vote)
VII. Voice Reports
   a. Committees
   b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements

   ECE-GSA Social/Fundraiser at Blaze Pizza, April 11 5-8pm

   Physics and Engineering Festival, Saturday April 7th, Mitchell buildings
   To volunteer, find more info at http://physicsfestival.tamu.edu/
   Public lecture Friday 7pm – Physics of Cooking (there might be chocolate)

   GSO Research Symposium April 20th, Health Professions Education Building
   Register at https://tamuhsc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1LCgiOufuYNf7CZ by March 30th at 5pm, direct questions to COM-GSO@tamuhsc.edu

   Nutritional Research Symposium, April 16th, Cash prizes up to $500
   Oral: 8-11am Cater-Mattil Rm 124, Posters: 1-5pm KLCT Auditorium

   This week in virology podcast will record a live show in the ILSB – June 26th

   Awards Committee – Aggies Commit Award is up online (up to $1500)

   WISE Officer election April 23, Informational this Friday April 5th

VIII. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Awards
   b. External Legislative Affairs
   c. Internal Legislative Affairs
   d. Marketing and Communications
      i. GPSC LinkedIn
         - Join as Delegate
         - Can add GPSC as “employer” and have it linked to the page
      ii. Popup Banner presentation
         - Pop-up banner will be ordered, should have it by April 17, GA
   e. Recruitment
   f. Diversity and Inclusion
      Diversity dinner: Saturday April 21st, 4 pm
   g. Programming
      i. Community of Scholars April 10-12 (dinner on 10th), RSVP at tx.ag/COS2018
      ii. GPSC Banquet: Monday April 30th, 2018
   h. Quality of Life
   i. Research
      Seminar Calendar Update - http://gpsc.tamu.edu/seminar-calendar/
      Sarah presented Seminar Calendar (now on website!)
      Research Video Competition - http://gpsc.tamu.edu/research-video-spotlight/
      (3 minute video competition: win travel award money!)
      Submit to research@gpsc.tamu.edu
      Can record them at the start of the next GA meeting
j. International Student Affairs

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

XI. Officer Reports
   a. Vice President of University Affairs
      First Football Game Plan

   Thursday Football Taskforce – Tyler has been sitting on the task force
   - First football game in the fall is on a Thursday
   - University implementing a no tow policy for that Thursday
   - Wednesday night: no parking restrictions
   - Hotel will open for the first time on the Wednesday
   - Midnight Yell will be at 10 pm (instead of midnight)
   - There will be no land rush for Football Tailgating, they will have first come first serve tailgate
     spots starting the night before
   - Tailgating will not start until 4:30 pm on gameday (Thursday)
   - Encouraging getting out of lots by 4:30 pm (but if you have valid placard, there will be no
     issues)
   - RV lots will still be RV lots – more to come on alternatives for those that park there

   - Bus schedule will run as usual (and there will be the football game buses on top of that)
   - Park and ride locations
   - Encouraging parking off campus and utilizing alternative transportation options to get to campus

   - Working on promo code for Uber and Lyft that day

   - Tyler is working on a round table for College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

b. Vice President of Information
c. Vice President of Finance
d. Executive Vice President
e. President
   Growth Report – moved to next GA meeting (April 17, 2018)

XII. Advisor Comments

XIII. Administrative Comments

XIV. Announcements
   Meet with your Internal Committees
Meeting adjourned

XV. Adjournment

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