

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Zoom
April 21, 2020, 6:00pm

1. Call to Order: **6:06 PM**
2. Roll Call
 - a. *Note: Quorum is 14 (28 voting members)*

Office/Division	Member	Present	Proxy
President	Arianne Sacramento	x	
Executive VP	Jordan Fontheim	x	
Finance VP	Harrison Fox	x	
Communications VP	Angel Rael	x	
Uptown VP	Sarah Mellman	x	
Downtown VP	Tomi Akingbola	x	
Advisor	Kourtney Gray	x	
Biomedical (2)	Amanda Harriet	x	
Biomedical	Antoinette Bell	x	
Biomedical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Angelle Bradford		
Business (4)	Vacant		
Business	Coby Neenan	x	
Business	Karina Mederos	x	
Business	Javier Hernandez	x	
Business <i>Non-Voting</i>	Vacant		
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux	x	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness	x	
GSSA	Amanda Reusch	x	
GSSA	Harold (Lee) Hedgepeth		
GSSA	Caitlin Ducat	x	

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Medical School (5)	Carrie Crook		
Medical School	Bailey Grimsley	x	
Medical School	Daniel Ho	x	
Medical School	Brad Johnson	x	
Medical School	Jeremy Fagan	x	
Medical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Michelle McCarthy		
Medical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jennifer Hong	x	
Public Health (3)	Gabriella St. Angelo	x	
Public Health	Tommie Walker	x	
Public Health	Richard Li	x	
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Kyle Muchez	x	
Architecture (1)	Ellen Feringa	x	
Law (5)	Sergio Ingato		
Law	Anooshay Asim		
Law	Thomas Barnett	x	
Law	Jessie Shifalo	x	
Law	Sarah McLoughlin	x	
Social Work (2)	Melis Hornston		
Social Work	Monique Zellars		
Prof. Advancement (1)	Lisa Meador	x	

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Prof. Advancement <i>Non-Voting</i>	Emma R		
ISAB Liaison <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jian (Jay) Hu		

Others in attendance:

Alyssa Fears
 Benjamin de Seingalt
 Daniel Triggs
 Kelly Ward
 Joanna Pangburn
 Dustin Robertson

Order of the meeting:

Introduction to 2020-2021 Executive Council
 New Business - Budget Proposals (voting)
 Kourtney Gray
 Executive/Standing Committees Reports (quick updates*)
 Division Reports (check-in)
 Open Forum

*Most updates will be included in follow-up email

3. ~~Request for approval of the February meeting minutes~~ Will request during Fall
4. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council - **Quick introduction to the 2020-2021 Board**

- a. President - Arianne Sacramento
- b. Executive Vice President - Jordan Fontheim
- c. Vice President, Finance - Harry Fox
- d. Vice President, Communications - Angel Rael
- e. Vice President, Uptown - Sarah Mellman
 - i. *[Sarah] Responses from Dr. Scott Tims re: healthcare access for all Tulane graduate and professional students through June 30th:*
 1. *Q) Can all Tulane graduate and professional students in New Orleans access the Uptown Health Center for health services at this time?*

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- a. *Yes. Both locations are always available to students. Downtown is closed currently due to staffing levels, so everyone has to come uptown. However, any student can either location when both are open.*
2. *Q) Would Tulane consider waiving the student health fee prerequisite for graduate and professional students who cannot afford it but need access?*
 - a. *Yes. We stopped requiring the fee at the beginning of this situation and will continue till June 30. However, for the Health Center, students still need health insurance and we are unable to accept Medicaid. CAPS is also not taking new patients at this time, we are working to set up telehealth for both services. The Health Center began providing telehealth visits today, and CAPS will in the coming weeks.*
3. **Sarah updates:**
 - a. **All tulane graduate and professional students can access uptown health center**
 - b. **Student health is not requiring any fees from now until June 30th. Must be enrolled in T-Ship/have insurance.**
 - i. **CAPS is not taking new patients**
- f. Vice President, Downtown - Tomi Akingbola

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. **No real updates, expect a workshop in the Fall for Treasurers and Finance VP**
 - b. Graduate Diversity Committee
5. Division Reports
- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
 - i. **Moving to remote went well (mostly remote to begin with)**
 - b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School)
 - i. **Everything is quiet, waiting to take finals**
 - c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA)
 - i. **Delayed elections; will likely be online like GAPSA's elections**
 - d. Medical Student Government (MSG)
 - i. **Clinical duties are anticipated to be back by June-July**
 - e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM)
 - i. **No new business. Exec board has just been shadowing and will be ready to take over in May.**

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- f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School)
 - i. Perfect time to get water fountains replaced by Fall!
 - 1. Unclear what plan is now during COVID, but need people to come in now and tear off walls
 - 2. Ben says that expectation was for the Summer but may have been delayed.
 - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
 - i. Not present
 - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA)
 - i. Currently holding elections--so next meeting should have new reps
 - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG)
 - i. Summer school for some masters was canceled because some courses must be in person.
6. Old Business
- a. Will continue to review equity resolution
7. New Business
- a. Consolidated Budget proposals

Finance Committee must approve budgets

- FC had a question about professional & consulting (wanted clarification); Lisa was unsure how to answer but will hopefully be able to clarify at a later time.
 - Made sure that everyone's budget is within allocation given
 - Motion approved- 17 votes approval for consolidated budget proposals (via zoom chat)
8. Open forum
- a. Dustin Robertson - CCC, Grad/Prof Survey
 - i. Senators received an email and survey
 - 1. April 4 email; Re: Tulane Graduate Workers Covid-19 Impact Survey
 - b. Dustin Email:
 - i. Organizing around issues common to all of us across the schools
 - ii. In the past organized around health care, but now trying to understand how everyone is doing and adjusting to the changes
 - 1. Distributed survey and encourages everyone to take it to see how people are dealing with COVID- plans to voice concerns to administration
 - iii. NEEDS HELP DISTRIBUTING SURVEY
 - iv. Urging us to take the survey--forwarded on april 4th or 5th? (sarah said 5th)
 - v. Plan of execution:

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1. Survey is short--only 5 questions
 2. consolidate answers→ analyze common trends and concerns→ propose suggestions to administration
 3. Distributing survey: on FB page and send out within divisions
- vi. Issues with survey: sophie has issues with contact information
1. She doesn't want to be contacted by tulane all the time
 2. Contact info is required but can omit identity
 3. All personal info given will be kept confidential--will be shared anonymously

9. Announcements

- Question: what happened with the new student insurance plan for next year? did they ever make a decision on what it would be?
 - Dr. Tims said they are in bid for new health insurance --will happen in fall of 2020, unclear if still will happen in fall of 2020

10. Adjournment: 6:43