

**GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**LBC 202**  
*April 23, 2019, 6:30 pm*

1. Call to Order **6:31pm**
2. Roll Call

| <b>Office</b>     | <b>Member</b>                | <b>Present</b> | <b>Proxy</b>  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| President         | Arianne Sacramento           | x              |               |
| Executive VP      | Benjamin de Seingalt         | x              |               |
| Finance VP        | Peter Haskins                | x              |               |
| Communications VP | Jennifer Siew                | x              |               |
| Uptown VP         | Noah Beltrami                | x              |               |
| Downtown VP       | Alyssa Fears                 |                | N/A           |
| Advisor           | John Nonnamaker              | x              |               |
| GSSA              | Edward Sawyer                | x              |               |
|                   | Sophie Delsaux               | x              | Amanda Reusch |
|                   | Hannah Aziz                  | x              |               |
|                   | Sabrina Kragness             | x              |               |
| Business          | Liuning Yan                  | x              |               |
|                   | Caitlyn Mayhorn              | x              |               |
|                   | Aakash Amin                  |                | None Present  |
|                   | Adam Skolnick                |                | None Present  |
| PNBA non-voting   | Maria Dietrich               |                |               |
| Law               | Benjamin Russell             |                | None Present  |
|                   | Andrew Thrasher              |                | None Present  |
|                   | Christopher Williams - Lopez |                | None Present  |
| Medical           | Carrie Crook                 | x              |               |

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|                            | Bailey Grimsley        | x |              |
| Public Health              | Gabriella St Angelo    | x |              |
|                            | Tommie Walker          | x |              |
|                            | Richard Li             | x |              |
|                            | Kyle Muchez            | x |              |
| Social Work                | Monte Teaberry         |   | None Present |
|                            | Nina Roma Agvanian     | x |              |
|                            | Brianne Fruge          | x |              |
| Biomedical                 | Joseph Hoffmann        | x |              |
|                            | Antoinette (Toni) Bell | x |              |
| Architecture               | Michelle Barrett       |   | None Present |
| Prof. Advancement          | Lisa Meador            |   | None Present |
| ISAB Liaison<br>Non voting | Xinyue Gu              |   |              |

### 3. Guest Speaker

IT Update - Mike Griffith provided a brief presentation with IT updates

- a. IT has an innovation council (IC) which is meeting with students to gauge understanding on IT initiatives and to crowdsource suggestions
  - i. Next session: May 1, 2019; email Mike Griffith with interest to attend
  - ii. Students can participate in any of the IC tracks available: Student Experience, Role of the Educator, Analytics, Active Learning
- b. IT will be rolling out a Tulane self-service private cloud
  - i. Will provide a way to let students run analytics/give students capacity to perform related functions
  - ii. Tulane has already purchased the software, but it will take a few months to set up
- c. IT will also roll out a mobile app and the registrar will be setting up work streams to get student opinions on what they want from the app and how it should work; app specifics:
  - i. Will be run on Exlibris Campus mobile platform, which integrates with existing systems
  - ii. Includes “live tiles” that will react to “triggers”, such as schedule changes, etc.
  - iii. Includes directory info, maps, alerts, messaging, email, location (beacon), social networking

- 1. Can pinpoint which buildings you want to get to and will link to google maps for walking directions
- iv. Connection to library software to include books check out, outstanding fees, etc.
- v. Scheduling function - class schedule, reminders, etc.
- vi. RSS feeds, news feeds, general Tulane news
- vii. Alerts function
  - 1. Started conversations to have all emergency contact information/departments linked, while keeping number of alerts minimal and useful at the same time
- viii. IT has a continuing list with suggested functions that will possibly be added:
  - 1. SPLASH funds - balance info, adding funds, etc.
  - 2. Parking tickets - make payments, correspondence, etc.
- d. As of now, basic functionality is set up but IT is hoping to further develop, with student input; they want this to be something that students *actually* use

#### 4. Executive and Standing Committee Reports

##### Executive Council

##### a. President - Arianne Sacramento

- i. Introductions - introduced all new E-Board members
- ii. Transition meeting(s)
  - 1. Establishing roles
  - 2. Constitution and Bylaws updates - clarifying language
  - 3. What we like to see next year
  - 4. All still new - only been a month
- iii. Plans for next year
  - 1. New Advisor
  - 2. Committee sign-ups in Fall!
- iv. Senate student affairs committee
  - 1. Alcohol policy is being edited.
- v. JEC meeting
  - 1. Possible resolution - see old business
- vi. Downtown Sexual Assault Panel update
  - 1. Small showing but hoping to find ways to improve (all) events for downtown campus
- vii. RSO Renewal - due April 30 - applies to all organizations and divisions
  - 1. RSO - recognized student organizations
  - 2. Wavesync - July (OrgSync down for a week) - if you want information to be transferred with change, do it before July
    - a. Replacing Orgsync
    - b. GAPSA will be better about approving membership
    - c. Wavesync allows for co-hosting events
      - i. Label "free food" - will allow students to search events by availability of free food
      - ii. Location available - maps

- b. Executive Vice President - Benjamin de Seingalt
  - Pres/VP have seats on Univ Senate
    - Looking at tech upgrades that will help grad students
    - Cost has not yet been discussed
    - Faculty is considering proposal to remove tenure protection in the event that a committee has found that one faculty has sexually harassed another faculty member (as there is no current protection for sexual harassment of faculty members)
  
- c. Vice President, Finance - Peter Haskins
  - i. Breakdown 81% to divisions, 11.5% to GAPSA, 7.5% to USG
    - 1. Note: USG wants more than this 7.5%
  - ii. Budget to date for 2018-2019
    - 1. Nearly entire entertainment budget (tailgate, mixers) used ~63000
  - iii. VP Finance is the finance committee chair; committee reviews funding requests. Particularly Collaborative Event Fund (CEF)
  - iv. Finance committee met to discuss budgets - see New Business
  - v. JEC - USG allocation from GAPSA - Old Business
  - vi. Treasurer workshop will be held first meeting of Fall 2019
    - 1. This is a requirement for all treasurers; there will be communication
  
- d. Vice President, Communications - Jennifer Siew
  - i. Updating listserv - will be adding new members, please send contact info
  - ii. Senators list update
  - iii. Website updates - would like to make this more informative for student body, send any suggestions on what you would like to see
  - iv. Minutes published after approval - minutes will be approved at each subsequent assembly meeting, not over email
  - v. VP Comm (and other exec as needed) will update assembly. Assembly members duty to disseminate information
    - 1. Gradprof listserv used sparingly
    - 2. Should not be the sole source of information/first time hearing about GAPSA events etc
      - a. Work with various school reps to make sure they communicate with students of their schools so that GAPSA emails are not the only sources of info
  
- e. Vice President, Uptown - Noah Beltrami
- f. Vice President, Downtown - Alyssa Fears

#### Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee (see Finance VP executive reports)

- b. Interdivisional Graduate Diversity Organizations (IGDO) Committee
  - i. See new business

## 5. Old Business

- a. Joint Executive Cabinet (JEC) - USG and GAPSA fund (re)allocation
  - i. Resolution includes that GAPSA and USG will discuss the allocation from GAPSA during the next coming years with a goal of coming to an agreement 2021.
  - ii. GAPSA requested for more information (data includes number of graduate students attending events) before making a decision
  - iii. Motion in committee to keep USG money at 7.5% of budget; will not allocate any additional funds until USG can provide data/breakdown on how many grad/prof students attend events and then Finance committee will reevaluate percent of budget to be given
  - iv. Estimating that it will stay at 7.5% or possibly lower

## 6. New Business

- a. GAPSA and Divisions' Budgets Proposal - request for approval
  - i. Proposed budget:
    - 1. More money to tailgate (because food usually runs out within the first hour)
    - 2. Biggest change will come from collaborative event fund - was halved due to short funding (this fund is for events hosted in collaboration by two or more divisions)
    - 3. IGDO/Affinity Fund - got less than last year
    - 4. CEF/IGDO - example, if CEF is more active, can request from this fund, and both IGDO and CEF have to agree on use of funds
    - 5. SoPA requested more money - finance committee lumped two of largest expenditures into one category
      - a. SoPA will need to send a proposal for reallocation if wanted
  - v. Motion made to approve budget, seconded; approved unanimously

## b. Executive Council Election Appeal

- vi. Andrea Ewafelo - to appeal election for VP of Uptown position
  - 1. In communications prior to Elections meeting, was told that she was running unopposed and that elections would begin at 6:30pm
  - 2. Nominations were raised on floor and elections did not begin until 7:30pm, at which time she could have attended
  - 3. Met with GAPSA advisor at end of March, two weeks after elections to discuss different options to appeal → was told to file an appeal with current executive board

4. Felt that requests on floor were not in line with Constitution, due to March 14, midnight deadline for
- vii. Ben de Seingalt spoke on procedural issues
  1. The vote will be to remove an active member
  2. Denied Andrea's request
  3. EVP's recommendation stands,  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required to overrule recommendation, if not overruled
  4. EVP denied appeal for following reasons:
    - a. Felt that communications regarding elections were improper; GAPSA Const. is brief/ambiguous on elections, thus there are not many rules that CAN be violated
    - b. Recommends follow Robert's rule of order: nominations from floor are valid
    - c. Public communication of a deadline for electronic nominations did not necessarily indicate that other types of nominations (such as that on the floor) would *not* be allowed
    - d. Did not feel that Andrea's personal communications were such that they invalidated the election that occurred
    - e. Basis of appeal is that had she known the nomination was NOT unopposed, she would have attended the meeting
    - f. There is no precedent in GAPSA for having co-VP positions, or splitting this position between two individuals, but if such decision is made today - GAPSA will need to discuss what this would look like and it will be approved in the Fall
    - g. Clear that bylaws/Const. Need to be revisited in the Fall, regarding Elections, but decision needs to be made today on re-election/appeal
    - h. Work needs to be conducted between now and fall, vote cannot be pushed back until then
    - i. Assembly asked for clarifications of Andrea and EVP
- viii. Motion to limit debate to five minutes at 7:27PM, seconded; Approved unanimously
- ix. Motion to close debate at 7:32PM, seconded; approved unanimously
- x. Motion to vote to approve the appeal, seconded; approved
  1. Confusion in regards to voting members/and majority
  2. Motion to vote by roll call, seconded; approved
- xi. Appeal approved - 11 to 5
- g. Election:
  - i. Andrea Ewafelo, given three minutes to speak
  - ii. Ben de Seingalt nominated Noah Beltrami from the floor, accepted; given three minutes to speak
  - iii. Ballot vote:
    1. 16 ballots casted: 6 for Andrea, 10 for Noah
- h. Additional VP position:

- i. Motion to table discussion to later date to create new VP position, seconded; approved unanimously

[Note: the following occurred while information in constitution/bylaws were being reviewed during election appeal]

- i. IGDO request for approval

- i. Bylaws are in the final drafting stages: will be sent out; the hope is that assembly members will read it and assembly members should be ready to approve in Fall so IGDO can operate smoothly throughout the year
  - ii. Would like to change the Committee name to the Graduate Diversity Committee in order to not only oversee IGDOs but also address diversity issues as a whole
  - iii. WiSE will not present until 4.25 due to meeting change (LBC closure 4.18), asking for a move to allow the Graduate Diversity Committee to approve funding for this event if it deems all policies and procedures are met

| IGDO | Event Title | Event Date   | Requested | Recommended    | Expenses       | Attendance | Per Person | Reasoning      |
|------|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| WiSE | Happy Hour  | May 15, 2019 | \$100.00  | Presented 4.25 | Utensils, Food | 30         | \$3.33     | Presented 4.25 |
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- 1. Motion made to approve name change of the committee and the WiSE funding, seconded; Approved unanimously

- 4. Adjournment - Motion for adjournment, seconded, approved unanimously  
8:08pm