

**GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**LBC 202**  
*December 3, 2019, 6:30 pm*

1. Call to Order **6:32pm**
2. Roll Call
  - a. *Note: Quorum is 14 (28 voting members)*

<b>Office/Division</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
President	Arianne Sacramento	x	
Executive VP	Benjamin de Seingalt		Absent
Finance VP	Peter Haskins		Absent
Communications VP	Jennifer Siew	x	
Uptown VP	Noah Beltrami	x	
Downtown VP	Alyssa Fears	x	
Advisor	Laura Osteen		Absent
Advisor	Kourtney Gray	x	
Biomedical (2)	Amanda Harriet	x	
Biomedical	Antoinette Bell	x	
Biomedical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Angelle Bradford		No Proxy
Business (4)	Qi (Vickie) Wang		No proxy
Business	Cedric Cangah		No Proxy
Business	Karina Mederos	x	
Business	Javier Hernandez	x	
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux	x	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness	x	
GSSA	Amanda Reusch	x	
GSSA	Harold (Lee) Hedgepeth	x	
GSSA	Caitlin Ducat	x	

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Medical School (5)	Carrie Crook	x	
Medical School	Bailey Grimsley	x	
Medical School	Daniel Ho	x	
Medical School	Brad Johnson		No proxy (sent email)
Medical School	Jeremy Fagan	x	
Medical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Michelle McCarthy		Absent
Medical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jennifer Hong		Absent
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	
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Keyur Kulkarni		Absent
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Neha Upadhyay		Absent
<i>Architecture (1)</i>	<i>Seneca Gray</i>		No Proxy
Law (5)	Vacant		Still Vacant
Law	Andrew Albritton	x	
Law	Thomas Barnett	x	
Law	Jessie Shifalo	x	
Law	Dominique Williams	x	
Social Work (2)	Brianne Fruge	x	
Social Work	Layne Poplin		Monique Zellars
	Melis Hornston	x	

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Prof. Advancement (1)	Lisa Meador		No Proxy
Prof. Advancement <i>Non-Voting</i>	Michael Toche		Absent
ISAB Liaison <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jian (Jay) Hu		Absent

3. Guests

a. K-STEM - Nicole Moody

- i. Housed in the school of engineering science's dean's office
- ii. Work with 5-7th grade students
  1. Just completed program with 210 girls, in 20+ workshops
- iii. You can volunteer to help with the workshops, running one that is STEM related, running it three different times in one day, seeing 15 students at a time
  1. There is a budget for supplies, etc
  2. This is two Saturdays per semester
- iv. Greater New Orleans ENGINEERING Fair
  1. Feb 11 & 12 in the LBC, you can volunteer to judge
  2. If you have an advanced degree, you can volunteer at either level (hs or middle school)
  3. This call for volunteers will come out soon
  4. Point is for the students to interact with professionals in the field
- v. STEM Enrichment Program
  1. Bring hands on STEM experiences to local classrooms
  2. Work with grades 4-7 at several schools in underserved neighborhoods in NO and classrooms will have 30+ students
  3. Develop curricula/content around your interests and share STEM interests with the students
  4. You will work with staff/faculty at the schools and undergrad service-learning students to help you with activities
  5. There is a stipend associated with this
  6. You will be asked to go to the schools 5-7 times per semester, stipend varies with how often you go
  7. You can always attend just to assist to get a feel for the program
  - 8. Antoinette Bell** currently participates!
  - 9. Looking for 1-2 students for this spring**
    - a. Will want to meet with students interested in participating **before** winter break

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- vi. If you are interested in getting involved or being put on the mailing list:
  - 1. Email Asha Buehler ([abuehler\(at\)tulane.edu](mailto:abuehler@tulane.edu))
  - 2. Go to [k12stem.tulane.edu](http://k12stem.tulane.edu)
- b. Director of Transportation & Parking - Brian Lowe
  - i. An outside company has been hired to look at all transportation-related matters at Tulane
  - ii. Arianne met with Transportation group on behalf of GAPSA
  - iii. Looking at routes/shuttles/buses
    - 1. Providing feedback
  - iv. If you would like Brian to come in and speak to a specific org/group, please email Brian
    - 1. [blowe1\(at\)tulane.edu](mailto:blowe1@tulane.edu)
  - v. Hoping to wrap up meetings/feedback by April
  - vi. Univ is currently developing a bike share program
    - 1. Contact Brian if you would like to represent Grad divisions in this matter
  - vii. Also working with Zipcar
    - 1. Tulane used to have a relationship with ENterprise but it was no longer profitable for them with Uber/Lyft
  - viii. Also looking to remove all third party involvement with parking garages and to allow for free access to the garages for students on weekends and for Uptown/Downtown students to park between garages/campuses
  - ix. Tulane may partner with Lyft on Tapride to make service more efficient
    - 1. Different options being explored:
      - a. Every ride requested between midnight to 2:30AM will be funneled to Lyft
      - b. Once 15 min threshold is hit, rides go to Lyft
  - x. Ridership currently plummets after midnight; zones may be shrunk
  - xi. Sometimes receive up to 70 requests in just one hour, which the Univ will not be able to service, completely, at any point
    - 1. This is why Univ wants to partner with Lyft
    - 2. Transportation is exploring if students would have issues getting into a Lyft
    - 3. Outside of certain zones, the Lyft rides will begin to charge subsidized fees - \$1, 2, 3, etc.
  - xii. Downtown Tapride: M-F 5AM-6PM
    - 1. Operates from Loyola ave/elks place →broad → poydras/canal
    - 2. This service runs in a much smaller zone and is still relatively unknown
  - xiii. Free Airport Shuttles during Thanksgiving
    - 1. Please email Transportation/Brian if these shuttles are not conducive to your division's finals schedule

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2. Can also open up this service to downtown
3. Will have these shuttles for Christmas/Winter Break, Spring Break, Mardi Gras, Summer Break
- xiv. Worked out a deal with Law School to get students to 500-600 camp using the Orange Line
- xv. Issues raised by GAPSA Assembly
  1. Shuttle between Uptown/Downtown campuses always seems to be running late around time of GAPSA meetings
    - a. Transport is looking into making an express shuttle line between the two campuses, that will not have a set schedule but will just run continuously
    - b. Also looking into having vans instead of buses/shuttles
  2. Students have requested Downtown Tap Ride during inclement weather, and have been told the service would not run due to weather
    - a. Brian will take this back to the Transportation meetings
  3. Students aren't generally aware of all of the different options that are in place for Transportation, unless by word of mouth
    - a. Please let Brian know if you'd like for him to come and speak to smaller groups with more detail
  4. Home games tend to conflict directly with Grad/Prof Divisions' classes which creates issues with parking (students who are parked in the garages who must leave class early in order to avoid getting ticketed on game days)
    - a. Transportation is aware of this but not sure what will be done to change it
  5. Shuttles for internships/practicums should be provided
    - a. Divisions should meet with Brian to discuss this more privately and in depth
    - b. Currently, the Center for Public Service provides funding for these types of services for undergrad students completing internships
4. Guests Requested by Assembly for future meetings:
  - a. Belinda from OISS
  - b. Someone from IT (Noel Wong)
5. Request for approval of the November meeting minutes
  - a. Motion made; Seconded; Approved unanimously
6. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council

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- a. President - Arianne Sacramento
  - i. See **Executive Report of November Meetings**
    - 1. Chief Diversity Officer Candidates
      - a. Tulane will be hiring one, some of E Board went to interviews/meetings with candidates
      - b. Someone should be assuming role by the Spring
    - 2. Social Issues Committee
      - a. GAPSA looking into giving money for building renovations
    - 3. Solstice Transportation
      - a. Guest Brian Lowe
    - 4. Course Evaluation Taskforce
      - a. **GAPSA would like for Evals to be provided for Grad student TAs and faculty running labs**
      - b. The taskforce mostly just explores how to get students to respond to the evals
        - i. Someone in the taskforce does not want to open possibility for extra credit/etc.
    - 5. GAPSA Exec - Equity Resolution Authors
      - a. Further discuss in Old Business
    - 6. Joint Executive Council (JEC)
      - a. Capital improvements
        - i. Water bottle filling stations
          - 1. If campus services is unable to do so, we will try to
- b. Executive Vice President - Benjamin de Seingalt
- c. Vice President, Finance - Peter Haskins
- d. Vice President, Communications - Jennifer Siew
- e. Vice President, Uptown - Noah Beltrami
- f. Vice President, Downtown - Alyssa Fears

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee

7. Division Reports

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School)
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA)
- d. Medical Student Government (MSG)
  - i. **Upcoming Cultural Talent Show on Dec 13th**

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1. Any divisions can join/participate
  2. Everyone can bring a dish
  3. Public is generally welcome
  - e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM)
    - i. Thought symposium is coming up and would like to expand to all grad schools
    - ii. The theme is the Arts of Public Health
    - iii. There will be a speaker for the NO Musician's clinic
    - iv. There will be a schoolwide art showcase
    - v. There will be an evening program with a local LGBTQ artist, illustrating the effect of art on mental health and wellbeing
      1. Mar 9-13, 2020
  - f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School)
    - i. Law School is still using Kentwood coolers, and water filling stations is a big concern
      1. **Would like to know how much stations might cost, how much will campus services provide?**
      2. **Can GAPSA Reserve help cover it?**
        - a. **Stations might be around \$10k per station**
        - b. **Arianne will contact Darrah again**
        - c. **Law school needs someone who understands the piping system to help figure out installation**
        - d. **This is definitely on the GAPSA to do list**
      3. Can possibly explore cheaper options (ie: Amazon)
      4. **Tommy Barnett will get contact information for Law School building manager for GAPSA**
  - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
    - i. Current rep is graduating, replacement has already been found
  - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA)
    - i. Mini workshop series being developed targeted to STEM PhDs, but anyone is welcome
    - ii. Once per month in Spring; centered around mental health and stress
    - iii. There is a "new" department - Aging
      1. **BMSSA will follow up to get them on appropriate Listservs**
    - iv. Third year orientation development
    - v. Looking into doing surveys within division on equity resolution
  - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG)
8. Old Business
- a. Equity Resolution proposal
    - i. Please read the annotations made in the pdf that was sent out

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- ii. GAPSA E Board met with authors
  - 1. Gave them a breakdown of GAPSA process for approval/amendment before the Assembly
  - 2. Let them know what things they may need to do to get resolution approved by this assembly, and then by the Univ Senate and their respective committees (Budget & Equal Opp & Student Affairs)
    - a. It is unclear if the authors would get a chance to speak before those committees, but they will come to speak before this Assembly next semester
  - 3. Would then go to Board of Trustees, on which Arianne serves as Grad/Prof point person
- iii. Some Senators sent in questions and concerns which we condensed to five major bullet points, given to the authors ahead of our meeting with them
  - 1. \$240 amount/percentages breakdown
    - a. Asked them to put this directly in the bill
  - 2. Elaboration of what the designated offices do, what the money would then provide
    - a. Asked authors to provide relevant appendices
  - 3. Better explanation of the surveys/research done
    - a. Another survey will be difficult to complete, as it will not longer be unbiased
    - b. There are offices at Tulane that have this data from which they can analyse the numbers on a larger scale
    - c. Equity vs. equality, and clarifying how many/which students you plan to assist with the money (add key terms, etc.)
  - 4. Addition of OISS (and other relevant offices)
  - 5. Restructuring of the proposal
    - a. Should also explain in the bill previous/failed efforts that explain why this bill has come to the point it is at
- iv. Our suggestions/advisement are provided in the pdf that will be circulated to the Assembly
- v. They are currently reworking the bill; once we receive that draft we will send it to the Assembly
  - 1. If we receive a new version of bill in Jan, we'd like for GAPSA voting to occur in Feb or March for latest
    - a. **We will send out the draft as soon as we get it**
    - b. Senators are also welcome to send out GAPSA E Board notes from meeting with authors to constituents
    - c. **We will send out a boiler plate survey that can be forwarded to constituents, along with the new draft, to gauge constituent support; if your division prefers to get**



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**that information in an alternative method, you can do so**

- b. For the Assembly: we hope that each division can get a representative referendum showing student support/concern/lack of support, in order to support the GAPSA Senator/Assembly votes on the bill when it is brought before the Assembly**
  - c. The authors are not part of USG; at recent JEC meeting, USG reps said that since they have already passed a version, if we are to pass a different version, it does not need to go back to USG BUT whatever version is sent to senate needs to have USG and GAPSA endorsement, alike
9. New Business
- a. Finance Committee/CEF funding proposal
    - i. Finance Committee unanimously approved a \$3000 CEF request for the Business School and the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine to host a welcome back mixer following the winter break.
      - 1. \$3,000 request
      - 2. 300+ people will be at event at Shamrock; total event cost is close to \$7,000
        - a. Event is January 24, 2020
        - b. Each school is paying around \$2k
        - c. Any divisions that want to join will be responsible for own packaging
        - d. CEF funding will be distributed among any divisions participating, evenly
        - e. Awaiting event approval
        - f. Deadline to let them know if your division would like to join is today**
    - ii. Motion made to approve; seconded; passed unanimously
10. Open forum
11. Announcements
- a. Look out for announcements regarding the next mixer to be at the end of Feb/beginning of Mar.
    - i. We want it around the time of Mardi Gras, but this is pending price/venue
  - b. Looking into hosting a Senators' Banquet
  - c. Also exploring providing non alcoholic events
12. Adjournment at 7:37pm
- a. Motion made to adjourn; seconded; passed unanimously