

**GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**Tidewater 1708.**

*December 6th, 2016, 6:30 pm*

1. Call to Order **6:38 pm**
2. Roll Call

<b>Office</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
President	Nick Fears	X	
Exec VP	Molly Payne	N	
Admin VP	David Gibbons	X	
Downtown VP	David Silver	X	
Treasurer	Nathan Gu	N	
Secretary	Jordan Adams	X	
Advisor	Smita Ruzicka	N	
GSSA	Kate Elfer	X	
	Samantha Lantz	X	
	Leila Pashazanusi	X	
	Devon Bowser	proxy	X, Chastain Anderson
	Robyn Brooks	x	
Business	John Broussard	N	
	Ikenna (Ike) Onyenekwu	N	
	JP Navarro	N	
	Jon Suquet	N	
PNBA non-voting	Isabella Finnell	N	
Law	Kent Ferriss	N	
	Dave Shiwdin	N	
	Garrison Boyd	N	
	Zeke Maggard	N	
	Andy Waters	N	
Medical	Erin Kobashigawa	proxy	X, Zachary Koretz
	(Francis) Jeff Oser	X	
	Janice Oh	X	
	Julia Accetta	proxy	X, Rachel Spann
	Dane Weinert	X	
Public Health	Mahir Kahn	N	
	Nandish Sheth	N	
	Grace Gartel	N	
	Diana Singh	X	
Social Work	Jessica Bagneris	N	
	Rachel Brown	N	
	Tami Benchoam Rogers	N	
	Ryan Durand	N	
Biomedical	Allison Buscan	N	
	Shantanu (Shan) Guha	X	
Architecture	Regina Davis	X	
Cont. Studies	Melissa Sjahbana- Geiss	N	

### 3. Guest Speaker

#### a. Tom Gerace - AVP of Enterprise Services

i. Graduate/Professional Student internet use on campus and Deming/Papillon cable TV use. **Asking for feedback regarding campus internet and cable television usage.**

**Tom Gerace:** Thank you for the invitation. Enterprise Services is investigating how current students actually utilize our internet and television services.. In early fall, a survey went out to people residing in on-campus housing. The survey was followed up with focus groups. After that, there were discussions with Enterprise Services and the housing residence association (HRA) and USG. The survey was sent out about cable TV is because Enterprise Services often doesn't get feedback. Tulane pays Cox a good deal of money to put cable in dorms and common spaces. Is the lack of feedback because there are no problems or is it because no one is using cable television services? The goals of the surveys, focus groups and meeting with student government associations to get feedback from graduate and professional students.

**Analysis of cable television survey showed that 70% of on-campus residents watch less than 5 hours of cable television or do not watch at all. Yet 70% of on-campus residents said they watch 5 hours or more of internet programming. The goal is to understand in what direction student needs are moving.**

**GSSA:** Netflix is very popular!

**Tom Gerace:** Exactly. Does this mean no one is using cable television service? Is cable television not as good as internet services?

**GSSA:** It could be that students also do not want to buy a television, when they have all own laptop computers.

**Tom Gerace:** We have gotten feedback that "dorms are small". And so many say they use laptops. When it comes to mobile devices, only 38% say they use mobile devices. Why is that number so low?

**GSSA:** Perhaps they don't use iPhones so they can text or use the phone while watching on other device?

**Tom Gerace:** Other feedback includes that the laptops have more convenient or larger screens.

**Tom Gerace:** Simple question about consumption preference: 75% prefer internet programming. 16% prefer cable. Why do you think that is?

**Jordan Adams (Secretary):** With internet programming, you can watch what you want, whenever you want. Not tied to a schedule.

**Tom Gerace:** Because it is on demand.

**Medical School:** I don't have to wait until a particular time to watch programs.

**Tom Gerace:** The convenience of anytime/anywhere is what we're hearing. Not just about the content, but also the way it is accessed. This has some implications about the future of pay-tv services. There was a Wall Street Journal article about billion dollar losses in the cable television industry, and companies like Disney are worried about cable (ESPN) losses. It sounds like the industry will have to adapt.

**Tom Gerace:** In order to stream video, what Tulane needs is a robust network. We have one, sometimes it doesn't feel like it, but largely there is good wireless on campus. Survey question regarding this: When the university is faced with funding decisions about more bandwidth for internet instead of funding campus television. Which would you choose to keep - assuming costs stay the same?

**Several people in unison:** Internet.

**Tom Gerace:** Our survey indicated that 82.8% preferred internet. Only 17.2% preferred cable.

**Tom Gerace:** Last question: How many people take advantage of family cable service? (A few hands go up). In some focus groups everyone's hand went up. Any final questions or feedback for tech services?

**GSSA:** Has it come up about online gaming / people who use internet for gaming during their leisure time instead of for television?

**Tom Gerace:** No, but that's interesting. We didn't ask about it, probably because we were directly comparing to cable usage.

**Nick Fears (President):** Online gaming is similar to television transfer - it could put even larger strain on network than television.

**GSSA:** A lot of complaints about network speeds impact gaming even more than streaming. Just letting you know that people on campus are interested in this, and this question could have impacted your results.

**David Silver (Downtown VP):** Was there any discussion of expanding support, particularly in downtown, where we are short on tech support. Is there any talk of hiring or redistributing funds to help campuses that are in place already?

**Tom Gerace:** No discussion about this. This survey was focused only on moving money between internet and cable. Tulane pays nearly \$30,000 a month, but this is only operation money, not a salary line. This is still a good point, and we need to bolster support at medical school.

**David Gibbons (Admin. VP):** At the law school, there is cable in nearly all classrooms and lounges. These only get used for football and basketball in background - in all rooms not just common spaces such as lounges.

**Tom Gerace:** If we restructured cable arrangement, we would likely still keep it in public spaces, and classrooms, but possibly remove from dorm rooms. This could still cut our budget significantly that could be redistributed for better internet services.

**Medical School: We use streaming a lot for lectures and study aids, and if we are studying together it can slow things down.**

**Tom Gerace: Are these live?**

**Medical School: No.**

**Business School: We do live streaming and it can slow down things.**

**Tom Gerace: Thank you for your attention and feedback.**

4. GAPSA Division Reports

- a. School of Continuing Studies - **no report**
- b. Graduate Business Council - **no report**
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association - **no report**
- d. Medical School Student Association - **no report**
- e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government - **no report**
- f. Student Bar Association (Law School) - **no report**
- g. School of Social Work Student Government Association - **no report**
- h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association - **no report**
- i. School of Architecture - **no report**

5. Executive Council Reports

- a. President – Nick Fears
  - 1. ASB Restructured Constitution Progress - **This was passed by the University Senate. An OrgSync email about voting on the referendum should have gone out. Please consider voting “Yes”. If this passes, then it will go to Executive Council to Board of Administrators and it should pass.**
    - a. **GSSA: Is there a minimum number of student votes needed?**
    - b. **Nick Fears (President): No!**
  - 2. Sexual Assault Climate Survey and Committee Members
    - a. **This was brought up by our Title IX Coordinator, Meredith Smith. Previous research showed that graduate students are more likely to be victimized, and so this survey will go out to graduate and professional students. Please consider responding as they’re very interested in graduate student responses. Also interested in getting a downtown representative to encourage downtown campus students to reply. (David Silver will do this).**
    - b. **GSSA: We desperately need all students to respond, and we’ve incentivized it by offering prizes, including gift cards and iPads, and uptown campus parking spots! Incentivizing schools by encouraging responses as a school vs. school competition. Also need to specifically target men, as they’re less likely to fill it out.**
    - c. Meeting during week of December 12th or 19th
    - d. Meeting in January week of 9th or 16th
- b. Executive Vice President – Molly Payne **not present**
- c. Downtown Vice President – David Silver **no reports**
- d. Administrative Vice President – David Gibbons **no reports**
- e. Treasurer – Nathan Gu **not present**

- f. Secretary – Jordan Adams **no reports**
  - g. Advisor Report: Smita Ruzicka **not present**
  - h. Associated Student Body President – Paige Wulff **not present**
6. Old Business
7. New Business
- a. Resolution in Support of Tulane as a Sanctuary Campus
    - i. Author: Sanctuary Campus Committee - **Comprised of a group of faculty, staff and students** Sponsors: GSSA's Kate Elfer and Sam Lantz
      - 1. **Sarah Fouts and Linett Luna Tovar -**

**For background: DACA is Deferred Action for Child Arrivals. It was put in place in 2012 by President Obama. It offers protection from deportation and work visas for individuals who fit certain requirements, such as: having arrived before age 16, under age 31, enrolled in school or have completed high school, and no convictions of felonies or significant misdemeanors.**

**The current president-elect has threatened to remove DACA. In response, we are asking Tulane to enact Sanctuary Campus status, to protect current and future DACA students. President Fitts is already listed as one of 450 college presidents who are pushing for the extension of DACA. Many schools (20+) have already enacted Sanctuary Campus protections. There are still conversations going on at other schools, too.**

**Medical School: What does it mean to be a sanctuary campus?**

**Nick Fears (President): I have had some conversations about this already. Sanctuary campuses are not universally defined, but what this would mean on Tulane's campus: Tulane would not work with immigration officers unless there was some legal obligation to do so. This would create a process that if ICE wanted to come to campus, they would have to go through General Counsel first. New Orleans is already a sanctuary city, and plans to be for the foreseeable future, will not actively cooperate with ICE and will not ask for a person's immigration status. This is in compliance with federal law. There have been threats that sanctuary cities will lose federal funding, but this has no legal standing as sanctuary cities comply with federal law.**

**Sarah Fouts / Linett Luna Tovar: Regarding cooperation between ICE and local authorities: that has resulted in is an atmosphere of distrust. Example: if an undocumented citizen is sexually assaulted or has information about crime, they may be hesitant to report these things because of their immigration status. Sanctuary campus and cities are designed to promote trust between undocumented citizens and their law enforcement / campus administrators. We stress that this is a highly symbolic gesture, and having this designation will**

**emphasize that Tulane is safe and welcoming in this current climate of fear.**

**Nick Fears (President) - What Tulane is doing and already done: This letter has gone to USG / GAPSA and President's commission on race. Anyone can attend the latter meeting held next week. This will discuss the legal ramification of Tulane's status. Today we would vote on this to say that GAPSA supports it moving forward.**

**GSSA: Has there been chatter about similar movements at Xavier / UNO / Loyola?**

**Sarah Fouts: We haven't heard anything.**

**Nick Fears (President): The University hasn't either. Regarding city-wide efforts, the mayor should be releasing statement sometime soon. We know that Tulane has 10+ undergraduate DACA students, we don't know the number of graduate students.**

**GSSA: President's Office, General Counsel and the race commission are in communication about this. Would another step would be to submit this to University Senate?**

**Nick Fears: Yes, but we want to move on this before inauguration.**

**The next University Senate meeting isn't until February.**

**Motion to approve. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

**8. Adjournment - 7:33 pm**