

**GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**Room Stibbs. LBC.**  
*2/21/17, 7:00 PM*

1. Call to Order - **7:09 PM**
2. Roll Call

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

### 3. GAPSA Division Reports

- a. School of Continuing Studies
- b. Graduate Business Council
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association
  - 1. Student Travel Awards - **For all schools that have travel funding in their budget, GSSA would like to know how you allocate said funding.**
    - a. **Medical school: The funding info is on our websites.**
    - b. **GSSA: Do you prohibit PhD students?**
    - c. **Medical school: That has never come up before.**
    - d. **GSSA: We would like to know how much schools allocate per student. Please send an email.**
    - e. **SPHTM: We do allow PhD students to apply.**
- d. Medical School Student Association
- e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government
- f. Student Bar Association (Law School)
- g. School of Social Work Student Government Association
- h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association
- i. School of Architecture

### 4. Executive Council Reports

- a. President – Nick Fears
  - 1. Transportation: Gold Zone and Bike Program
    - a. **We have met with Transportation. They wanted to tell Uptown Campus students about Gold Zone service - they will take you to your car or home, anywhere within ~1 mile radius.**
    - b. **There is the possibility of a bike rental program funded through city of NOLA. You would get bikes near or on campus? By August 2017, there will be 700 bikes at 70 stations between the Marigny and Louisiana Avenue. There is a fee to participate: \$15 a month. Tulane negotiating to save money for students. After 1 hr/day use, there will be an additional fee per hour. Hopefully adding several thousand bikes around the city by 2021. Tulane may advocate to bump that to be sooner for the student body.**
  - 2. Student Protests and Rallies on campus - **There are new protocols. There are a series of locations on Uptown Campus to have a protest or rally. Student Affairs needs 48 hours notice and they handle everything. They aren't trying to shut down any protest or rally, they are interested in protecting students from violent counter protest. Student Affairs is interested in learning where on Downtown campus is a good spot to protest.**
    - a. **Medical School: Is this Student Affairs or TUPD? The problem for Downtown Campus is we never communicate with Student Affairs (they're Uptown).**

- b. **Nick Fears: If you contact someone from Downtown Campus, for example, a Dean, they could help you move through protocol.**
    - c. **GSSA: Is a specific form that needs to be filled out?**
    - d. **Nick Fears: There is, you need to know the number of attendants, time and date.**
    - e. **GSSA: Is this form accessible to students?**
    - f. **Nick Fears: Not sure.**
    - g. **David Gibbons: Isn't it through OrgSync?**
    - h. **GSSA: Checking OrgSync. (No answer provided).**
  - 3. **Short-term Summer Housing Pilot Program - Housing is looking at creating a program in last week of July or first week of August that allows graduate or professional students to live in dorms for about a week to find a place to live or store stuff before moving in. No cost determined yet. Initial thought is that this would be free.**
  - 4. **REMINDER: Announcement seeking GAPSA Executive Board Nominations - If you or someone is interested, we are electing new executive board March 21. Some would like to stay on. If you are interested, please contact Nick Fears or Molly Payne. Nick Fears will send reminder email after Mardi Gras.**
    - a. **GSSA: Is the Uptown VP a thing?**
    - b. **Nick Fears: I'll discuss this under new business...**
  - b. **Executive Vice President – Molly Payne**
    - 1. **The Spring Mixer will be Saturday April 15th from 7-11pm at Eiffel Society. Will be similar to last year, except we have doubled food. \$750. Saved \$5000 on Fall GAPSA mixer.**
    - 2. **Medical School: Can we add more bartenders?**
    - 3. **Molly Payne: The contract has been written up but I will definitely revisit.**
  - c. **Downtown Vice President – David Silver - no report**
  - d. **Administrative Vice President – David Gibbons - no report**
  - e. **Treasurer – Nathan Gu - Report under new business**
  - f. **Secretary – Jordan Adams**
    - 1. **We have a new website! [gapsa.tulane.edu](http://gapsa.tulane.edu)**
  - g. **Advisor Report: Smita Ruzicka - not present**
  - h. **Associated Student Body President – Paige Wulff - not present**
5. **Old Business**
- 1. **Graduate Council - Student Representation**
    - a. **Meets once a month on Wednesday from 8:30-10am - As we discussed last time, we still haven't found anyone... We still need any student who is not from SLA/SSE to sit on this. Can be anyone from Uptown or Downtown campuses. This representative works with all directors of graduate programs. Dane Weinert volunteers.**
6. **New Business**

1. **GAPSA Constitution and Bylaws Amendments - This hasn't been sent out yet, because our previous constitution is in a bad format. Nick Fears is working it out. It will hopefully be sent out soon. General gist: in line with new ASB constitution. Change Administrative VP to Uptown VP. Change Treasurer to VP of Finance. Change Secretary to VP of Communications.**
2. **City, Culture, and Community Symposium + Reception CEF Fund Request (TSSW, GSSA)- proposed funding: \$600 (symposium), \$250 (reception) 6-0-0 - CEF request for annual symposium. Organized under Social Work and GSSA. \$600 for symposium funds, \$250 for food at reception. Finance Committee voted to fund entire \$850.**
  - a. **CCC Representative: Covers sites of resistance. Some funds go to Keynote Speaker. We have students from around country come and present research on resistance, which is very relevant right now. Open to everyone. March 9th - 10th.**
  - b. **GSSA: School of Architecture (not the student government) is helping out.**
  - c. **Motion to approve. 1 abstention (CCC Representative). Motion passes unanimously.**
7. **Adjournment - 7:48 pm**