

**GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**Murphy 203B**  
*January 21, 2020, 6:00pm*

1. Call to Order - 6:17pm
2. Roll Call
  - a. *Note: Quorum is 14 (28 voting members)*

Office/Division	Member	Present	Proxy
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	x	
Advisor	Laura Osteen		
Advisor	Kourtney Gray	x	
Biomedical (2)	Amanda Harriet	x	
Biomedical	Antoinette Bell	x	
Biomedical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Angelle Bradford		
Business (4)	Qi (Vickie) Wang*		Will be replaced
Business	Cedric Cangah*		Will be replaced
Business	Karina Mederos	x	
Business	Javier Hernandez	x	
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux	x	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness		Hannah
GSSA	Amanda Reusch	x	
GSSA	Harold (Lee) Hedgepeth		Bethany
GSSA	Caitlin Ducat		Elsa

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Medical School (5)	Carrie Crook		Running Late
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		
Public Health (3)	Gabriella St. Angelo	x	
Public Health	Tommie Walker		Megan Claire
Public Health	Richard Li	x	
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Kyle Muchez		
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Keyur Kulkarni		
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Neha Upadhyay		
<i>Architecture (1)</i>	<i>Seneca Gray*</i>		
Law (5)	Vacant		
Law	Andrew Albritton	x	
Law	Thomas Barnett	x	
Law	Jessie Shifalo	x	
Law	Dominique Williams		Family emergency
Social Work (2)	Brianne Fruge		Graduated Wohoo!
Social Work	Layne Poplin*		Graduate Wohoo! Monique
	Melis Hornston		

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Prof. Advancement (1)	Lisa Meador		
Prof. Advancement <i>Non-Voting</i>	Michael Toche		
ISAB Liaison <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jian (Jay) Hu		

3. Request for approval of the December meeting minutes  
Motion made; seconded; Approved unanimously
4. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council

a. President - Arianne Sacramento

- i. Demolishing and redoing Phillips and Bruff buildings uptown
  1. Student housing
  2. Will include a large common area open to all
  3. One location will be named “The Garage” - will be a large space for student org meetings and other events
  4. Phase 1 will be done next year
  5. Phase 2 - faculty housing, etc. (2022-2023)
- ii. Brian Johnson will come to our Feb meeting to speak more on this
  1. Demolition of downtown gym should be underway, and there may be a walkthrough
- iii. Music Studio - GAPSA put in money for this a couple years ago
  1. Money is there, just needs to be built
  2. Conversations are being had on this
- iv. Zipcar will be implemented
  1. Negotiations are ongoing
- v. Arianne will send an email about USG committees that want to partner with Grad students for TownHall meetings
- vi. No updates currently on Blue Bikes
  1. Will reach out, but there is evidence that this will happen this year/at the same time as Zipcar
  2. There is conflicting information on the timeline for this and if it is actually happening
    - a. Rumors that it will be done before Mardi Gras
  3. Tulane may be “partnering” with Blue bikes (cheaper)

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- b. Executive Vice President - Benjamin de Seingalt
  - i. Elections will be in March
    - 1. New board takes over in April
    - 2. More info will be given at Feb meeting
  - ii. Mixer - we can't afford a Mardi Gras Ball
    - 1. So we can do a normal mixer at a normal time as we usually do  
OR we can do a venue close to a Mardi Gras route where a GAPSA student can stop during a parade/Mardi Gras event for refreshments/to use the bathroom
      - a. Possible locations: Eiffel, Pontrain is an option but doesn't seem like a good idea
      - b. **Send us suggestions for venues if you have any!**
    - 2. This would also allow us to save some money for an end of year banquet
      - a. There seems to be a general consensus that this would be preferred
      - b. There are some concerns about handicap access
  - iii. Registrar that runs Education committee has raised some policy concerns:
    - 1. There is no religious accommodation policy ie: for taking exams, etc.
      - a. Attempting to write a flexible but inclusive bill allowing for religious accommodation
    - 2. There is no regulation on additional class fees charged within programs/classes
      - a. If you have courses that are known problems for students send those issues to the Education Committee
  - iv. Non-Alcoholic Events
    - 1. We will send out a SUPER short survey for event recommendations
    - 2. Please have your constituents fill them out, especially if they tend to want these types of events
    - 3. This will probably be sent out next week
  - v. SAGG has been officially removed\* from GAPSA
    - 1. No longer has a voting member for GAPSA, GDC, Finance
    - 2. Any other Senators that incur qualifying attendance and infractions will not be allowed to any subsequent GAPSA events (ie: Mardi Gras event and/or GAPSA banquet)

**\*[Post meeting addendum: "officially removed" was a mistakenly spoken during the meeting. In actuality, TSAGG will be informed of consequences in light of absences and other infractions. Official removal will take time and other procedures as per GAPSA**

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**Constitution/bylaws. The goal is to inform TSAGG and their advisor of concerns and consequences that have been made clear throughout the year.]**

- c. Vice President, Finance - Peter Haskins
  - i. CEF Budget - about \$6,000 left for the year
    - 1. Just received a request for \$3000
  - ii. Finance Committee will meet in a couple weeks and will have more updates in February
- d. Vice President, Communications - Jennifer Siew
  - i. New meeting times
    - 1. Put in new dates**
- e. Vice President, Uptown - Noah Beltrami
  - i. LBC Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow
    - 1. One suggestion - to move fedex and apple office downstairs and SOC upstairs to increase visibility
    - 2. Happy Birthday LBC
- f. Vice President, Downtown - Alyssa Fears
  - i. Graduate Council has a stronger dismissal policy
  - ii. There will be a new handbook - programs can add to it but not take away
    - 1. Programs have to let students know at least *five* days before grades are due if they will be dismissed (this is to protect students with housing, etc.)
    - 2. There is more stringent dismissal for overuse of sick and vacation time
  - iii. Downtown parking update
    - 1. Alyssa is looking for letters of support from all downtown student divisions/student governments with information about how terrible the parking situation is (waiting times, prices, etc.)
      - a. Will send out a general draft of a letter but each division can change as they like
      - b. Then will gather information and lead student lobby effort to Dean to make changes
      - c. Deming parking lot should be added to this effort

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee
  - i. Next meeting is Feb 3, 2020
    - 1. One new organization is expected
    - 2. Each organization is going to get \$2,000

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5. Division Reports

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School)
  - i. Mixer with school of public health is on Friday, Jan 24
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA)
- d. Medical Student Government (MSG)
  - i. Brad is working on a piece of legislation soliciting support regarding the issue of the Medical School cafeteria being shut down → legislation being drafted to prevent this
    - 1. Hoping to have it done and proposed by next GAPSA meeting
    - 2. If you'd like to help, email Brad at [Bjohnso@tulane.edu](mailto:Bjohnso@tulane.edu)
  - ii. Called city council member regarding lack of pedestrian crossing outside of Hutch Building and got an update from when we last discussed this issue last semester.
    - 1. The rough time frame for this crosswalk to be added is within 2020
    - 2. Also, Brad is petition state senators regarding the crosswalk at Canal/Claiborne
  - iii. Brad and Jeremy are on the board of the Med School LGBTQ Alliance
    - 1. Want to have a mixer in the Spring across all divisions
    - 2. Will connect with the IGDO being formed for LGBTQ rights
- e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM)
  - i. Interested in joining the dining services efforts
  - ii. E-board elections will be Feb 19th, but their terms won't start until May
  - iii. IT Committee had its last meeting today
    - 1. You can currently go to TU Sites to create your own website [site]
  - iv. Interested in Investment Council update (Arianne did not have much) but will reach out to get someone from the council to meet with GAPSA Assembly
- f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School)
  - i. Tommy wants water
  - ii. Was told would get estimate/quote on water filling stations at the beginning of this semester but that hasn't happened
  - iii. Arianne and Tommy will email contact about this
- g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
- h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA)
  - i. Some students were not informed that their tuition was being raised but did not find out until they actually received the bills
    - 1. Looking into that
  - ii. Started a workshops series for wellness
    - 1. Will be every third tuesday of the month in the spring semester
    - 2. Everyone is welcome

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- iii. Support groups for downtown PhD students are being reinstated
  - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG)
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Equity Fee
    - i. Authors told Arianne they would keep us updated
    - ii. Arianne suggested February meeting but gave them all of the meeting dates for the Spring
- 7. New Business
- 8. Open forum
- 9. Announcements
  - a. Brian Johnson will be coming to the February meeting
  - b. Possibly someone from IT will be coming in
    - i. Arianne will reach out
- 10. Adjournment - 7:01 PM
  - a. Motion made; seconded, approved unanimously