

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Zoom
January 26, 2021
7:00pm

1. Call to Order **7:02pm**
2. Roll Call
 - a. *Note: Quorum is 12 (24 voting members)*

Office/Division	Member	Present	Proxy
President	Arianne Sacramento	X	
Executive VP	Jordan Fontheim	X	
Finance VP	Harrison Fox	X	
Communications VP	Catherine Grimm	X	
Downtown VP	Tomi Akingbola	X	
Advisor	Kourtney Gray	X	
BMSSA (2)	Angelle Bradford		Scheduling conflict
BMSSA	Tim Prior	X	Toni Bell-Kareem
BMSSA <i>Non-Voting</i>	Arissa Mercer		
GBC (4)	Max Esperance	X	
GBC	Priyal Patel	X	
GBC	Maggie Robert	X	
GBC	Ashley Corcoran	X	
GBC <i>Non-Voting</i>			
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux		
GSSA	Ron Koshita	X	
GSSA	Erfan Hosseini Sereshgi		
GSSA	Kamiya Stewart	X	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness	X	

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MSG (5)	Daniel Ho	X	
MSG	Jeremy Fagan	X	
MSG	Scott Ninokawa		
MSG	Grant Talkington	X	
MSG	Taruni Kumar		Messaged about absence
MSG <i>Non-Voting</i>	Alexis Richards	X	
MSG <i>Non-Voting</i>			
SPHTM SGA (3)	Joanna Pangburn	X	
SPHTM SGA	Daniel Triggs	X	
SPHTM SGA	Kelly Ward	X	
SPHTM SGA <i>Non-voting</i>	Ellie Pectol	X	
SAGG (1)	Ellen Feringa	X	
SBA (5)	Sergio Ingato	X	Declined - Tommy Barnett
SBA	Gabby Ramos	X	
SBA	Sarah McLoughlin	X	
SBA	Anooshay Asim	X	
SBA			
TSSW SGA (2)			
TSSW SGA			
SoPA (1)	Lisa Meador		Messaged about absence

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SoPA Non-Voting			
ISAB-GAPSA Liaison Non-Voting	Maria Pautassi Restrepo	X	

Anna Carey (Law Summit) x

Haley Gentry (Law Summit) x

Issues with getting into Box?

→ many Senators had issues

→ Arianne to ask IT

Zoom now requires sign-in Tulane; authentication

→ Hopefully will allow me to use polls

3. Request for Approval of Minutes - N/A
4. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council

a. President - Arianne Sacramento

- i. Final report Building Naming Review Committee submitted
 1. <https://tulane.edu/racial-equity/plan-for-now>
 2. Email sent by the “Presidential Commission on Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion” on Tuesday, January 19
- ii. Committee to Identify a New Symbol of the Tulane Spirit
 1. First meeting was yesterday, will meet biweekly
 2. Committee formed in light of the history and subsequent removal of the “victory bell”
 3. Goal is self-explanatory by the name of the committee
 - a. Commission artists
 - b. Have ideas
 - c. But still honor history

b. Executive Vice President - Jordan Fontheim

- i. Hopefully meeting next week with social chairs
- ii. Seeing if GAPSA events are still feasible with the new constraints - stay tuned

c. Vice President, Finance - Harry Fox

- i. Law School requested funds for environmental law summit

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- ii. **Treasurers stay tuned**
- d. Vice President, Communications - Catherine Grimm
- e. Vice President, Downtown - Tomi Akingbola
 - i. **Planning Webinars to include GDC**

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee - Harry Fox
 - i.
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee - Toni Bell-Kareem
 - i. **Meeting this upcoming Friday - will talk about the webinar**
 - ii. **Any questions, feel free to email Toni**

International Student Advisory Board (ISAB)

- a. ISAB-GAPSA Liaison - Maria Pautassi Restrepo
 - i. **First meeting is February 1st**
 - ii. **Toni and Tomi - did OISS get in touch regarding the global cafe? - yes**
 - 1. **Will connect later**

5. Division Reports

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
 - i. **Absent**
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School) - **Maggie Robert**
 - i. **Event late may dependent on the Vaccine roll out and TU's approval**
 - ii. **Small Business shout out soon (Will connect with Kourtney)**
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA; School of Liberal Arts & School of Science and Engineering) - **Ron Koshita**
 - i. **Still working on getting events out there**
 - 1. **Difficulty with the new restrictions**
- d. Medical Student Government (MSG) - **Daniel Ho, Jeremy Fagan, Grant Talkington**
 - i. **White Coat Ceremony - overlapped with the transition into Phase 1**
 - 1. **Last minute changes**
 - ii. **Things are stabling out now that first years are getting their first vaccine doses and starting their second**
- e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM) - **Joanna Pangburn**
 - i. **Looking forward to elections**
 - ii. **Events in the works**
 - iii. **Hosting a public health trivia night February 5th via zoom**
- f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School) - **Thomas Barnett**
 - i. **Same issues as far as planning**

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- ii. Environmental Law Summit - see below
 - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
 - i. Absent
 - ii. New leadership. Former leadership may have graduated in December
 - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA) - Toni Bell-Kareem
 - i. Really good BIPOC talk about the COVID vaccine -- community service
 - ii. Virtual retreat in April
 - iii. Lots of trivias
 - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG) - Ellen Feringa
 - i. Having elections at the end of this month
 - 1. Transition period
- 6. Old Business
 - None
- 7. New Business
 - a. Law Summit - Guests Anna Carey and Haley Gentry → **Approved**
 - i. 26th year we have had this at Tulane
 - ii. Largest student run program of its kind
 - iii. Focusing on Environmental Justice
 - 1. Focus on LA law and policy
 - 2. COVID impacts on pollution
 - iv. Has a big draw in the community (last year had around 300 attendees in person - projecting more because its virtual)
 - v. Will be virtual -- all attendees can come for free
 - vi. Harry: Collaborative Events Fund has \$10,000 - we have spent none of it
 - vii. Asking for \$3,500 from the collective events fund**
 - 1. Translation services (ASL interpreters for the keynote speakers)
 - 2. Keynote Speakers
 - 3. Website Design
 - 4. Promotions (including radio ads with WWNO)
 - 5. Also receiving funds from:
 - a. SBA
 - b. Law School
 - c. Private Donors (not able to contribute as much this year because of COVID financial impacts)
 - viii. Approved**
 - 1. Talk to Harry Fox and Jane Rushing to move forward
 - b. “Things to Know” Program - Arianne Sacramento
 - i. Background
 - 1. Stemmed from conversations with a number of students and staff

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2. Pilot program to better understand resources available to graduate and professional students
 - a. Ex: We know about counseling services; CAPS exists but how do you navigate it?
 3. Webinars and Town Halls
 - ii. Webinars
 1. Health, Safety, Wellness -- Arianne
 - a. Hoping to get a group, similar to SHAC (Re: Sabrina was part of the Student health advisory committee)
 2. Student Engagement -- Jordan
 3. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion -- Toni & Tomi
 - iii. Please reach out if would like to be involved
 - c. Resolution: Reily Center Fee Opt-Out Feature - Ron Koshita → **Approved**
 - i. Read through the proposal
 - ii. Thumbs up from a few members
 - iii. Toni Bell - to what membership does the proposal refer?
 1. The reily rec membership fee that is mandatory for students
 - iv. Jeremy Fagan - what was the outcome of the past discussion
 1. For med students they post poned the increase in the fee for downtown students - mentioned that an opt out would be unlikely
 - v. Ashley Corcoran - in favor, but do we know a difference in attendance from “normal” operations versus during COVID (ammo)
 1. It was asked but no response
 2. Kamiya Stewart - Student affairs sub committee will still get that information
 - vi. Arianne walked through steps should this be approved
 1. <https://gapsa.tulane.edu/content/questions-proposals>
 - vii. Jordan Fontheim - brought about concerns regarding Reily needing the money
 1. Kelly Ward countered stating that she did not believe that much of the revenue came from graduate and professional students regardless, and the “opt-out” option has implications regarding volume
 - d. Qualities of Graduate and Professional Students
 - i. Turning into an email request, be on the lookout
 - ii. Request from the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (OGPS)
 - iii. Current goal is to inform Communications/Tulane Administration of qualities to consider when addressing graduate and professional students
 1. Differing issues from undergraduate students
8. Open forum

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- a. Jeremy Fagan
 - i. Langiappe - School Medicine Magazine
 - 1. Sent via gapsa-L listserv
 - 2. Trying to get submissions from all o f Tulane
 - ii. Event - Architect doctor lecture who expressed interest in coming back
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment
8:04pm