

**GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**Room 1708, Tidewater Building Downtown.**  
*January 24th 2017, 6:30 PM*

1. Call to Order **6:35 pm**
2. Roll Call

<b>Office</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
President	Nick Fears	Y	
Exec VP	Molly Payne	N	
Admin VP	David Gibbons	Y	
Downtown VP	David Silver	Y	
Treasurer	Nathan Gu	Y	
Secretary	Jordan Adams	Y	
Advisor	Smita Ruzicka	N	
GSSA	Kate Elfer	Y	
	Samantha Lantz	Y	
	Leila Pashazanusi	Y	
	Devon Bowser	Y	
	Robyn Brooks	Y	
Business	John Broussard	N	
	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	Y	
	Zeke Maggard	Y	
	Andy Waters	Y	
Medical	Erin Kobashigawa	Y	
	(Francis) Jeff Oser	N	
	Janice Oh	N	
	Julia Accetta	N	
	Dane Weinert	Y	
Public Health	Mahir Kahn	Y	
	Nandish Sheth	Y	
	Grace Gartel	Y	
	Diana Singh	Y	
Social Work	Jessica Bagneris	N	
	Rachel Brown	N	
	Tami Benchoam Rogers	N	
	Ryan Durand	N	
Biomedical	Allison Buscan	Y	
	Shantanu (Shan) Guha	Y	
Architecture	Blaise Courtney	Y	
Cont. Studies	Keith James	N	

3. Guest Speaker - Meredith Smith, Title IX Coordinator - **Held before roll call. Climate survey rolling out on Sunday 1/29. 13,000 students will receive an email with the link on Saturday 1/28 or Sunday 1/29. For good data, they need 30% response rate, 54% is their public goal. The highest participation rate nationwide is 53% at Harvard. Let's beat Harvard! The survey is comprehensive, as researchers got together to make an open-source survey and made a survey to best understand how to stop sexual violence on campus. Questions are about sexual harassment (by faculty, staff or student), assault between known partners, common myths... This will help TU determine not only what's going on but also what students know or understand about sexual violence. This will also help administration shape an action plan or programs to help address problems. In particular, graduate students experience harassment at a rate greater than undergraduates. It takes about 25 minutes on average.**

**In doing this survey, you're entered to win prizes. Either a guaranteed small gift card, or entry for a gift card. (Uptown parking spot, \$1,000 gift card to TU bookstore, puppy party, President Fitts for a day, Commander's Palace or Whole Foods gift cards). For graduate and professional schools, there is interschool competition. School with highest response rate gets an ice cream social. If TU gets over 54%, there will be free sno-balls for entire campus.**

**GSSA: Are there individual undergraduate and graduate prizes?**

**Meredith Smith: They are all the same. Trying to understand how to best balance prizes to ensure graduate and professional students have a fair shot.**

#### 4. GAPSA Division Reports

- a. School of Continuing Studies - **no report**
- b. Graduate Business Council- **no report**
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association- **Did any other group get contacted about unified honor code change? General consensus: no.**
- 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 Constitution Update - **As of last Thursday officially passed! As of right now, graduate students receive 100% of student activity fees. Working with USG about Bylaws that will buy us back into undergraduate student services. If we think it is a good use of money, reach out to Executive Board. No more ASB Meetings!**
  2. Announcement seeking GAPSA Executive Board Nominations - **Election in March meeting, 2nd to last meeting of the academic year. New board hosts**

**last meeting of semester. If you're interested (or know someone who may be) send nominations to Jordan or Nick.**

- b. Executive Vice President – Molly Payne
  - 1. Select one representative from your school to email me (mpayne1@tulane.edu) by Friday the 27th to let me know of any dates that would exclude a large portion of your students from attending the Spring Mixer. - **Contact Molly by Friday if there is a day with exams that excludes a lot of people. Hosted in mid-April.**
- c. Downtown Vice President – David Silver - **no report**
- d. Administrative Vice President – David Gibbons- **no report**
- e. Treasurer – Nathan Gu -
  - 1) **Two more finance meetings this year. If you plan to apply for CEF, get that to Nathan Gu as soon as possible.**
  - 2) **More discussion about use of CEF and the purpose of it in the New Business section.**
- f. Secretary – Jordan Adams - **no report**
- g. Advisor Report: Smita Ruzicka - **no report**
- h. Associated Student Body President – Paige Wulff - **no report**
- 6. Old Business - **no report**
- 7. New Business
  - 1. Graduate Council - Student Representation
    - a. Meets once a month on Wednesday from 8:30-10am - **Looking for a Downtown representative to meet on second Wednesday of each month. Can be anyone non-GSSA. The graduate council is somewhat like a “graduate school” at Tulane. This council oversees program reviews. Food and coffee are provided at the meetings. This council is reviewing things like the Unified Graduate Honor Code. Not all schools participate in the Honor Code, Law School is an example. This code states that if you're found guilty of plagiarism you're given an F for a class or possibly expelled from the program. Revisions state that minor acts will not be automatically expelled.**
  - 2. GAPSA Constitution and Bylaws Amendments Committee - **Call for committee to review the GAPSA Constitution and Bylaws. Mostly just word changes (removing ASB references). Other ideas include changing name of Secretary to VP of Communications or Treasurer to VP of Finance, etc. Volunteers: Grace Gartel (SPHTM) and David Gibbons (Law School).**
  - 3. Environmental Law Summit CEF Fund Request - **\$8,500 request from SBA for the Environmental Law Summit, co-sponsored by GSSA. Total budget is approximately \$30,000. \$9,000 from SBA, ~\$2,000 from GSSA. The Finance Committee discussed if this was considered a co-sponsored event or if it was just a law school event with necessary GSSA funding to get CEF. This is 50% of the GAPSA CEF budget. Finance Committee was not sure if this was a truly collaborative event as GSSA does not help organize. It is co-sponsored not co-organized.**

**This year, Finance Committee voted to recommend \$8,500, but we want to discuss the future of fund. Should it be used for events like this, or should Finance Committee push for events that are only truly co-organized?**

**Medical School: Didn't we put something in writing about having a limit on the number of years we will sponsor an event? We go over this often.**

**Nick Fears: That is not in the constitution or bylaws. This discussion may be from a few years ago. But if we're going to make changes to bylaws we can do that now regarding number of consecutive years, or proportional allocations...**

**Medical School: It feels like we've had this conversation before because we want them to find their own funding. It feels contentious.**

**Law School: We should allow it this year, and not allow it next year, unless they're being more collaborative.**

**Nick Fears: Does Law or GSSA have anything to say?**

**Law School: By removing this provision, you are punishing the organizers who are doing most of the legwork. Just because they didn't organize it, GSSA is contributing a substantial sum of money. It feels like you're punishing schools for taking initiative. \$1,700 is a lot of money from GSSA**

**GSSA: Note it is a separate organization from Law School or GSSA. We have departments who COULD help organize from Earth and Env. Sciences or Ecology and Evolutionary Bio.**

**Jordan Adams: My department attends this event, our faculty give talks, etc.**

**Law School: This is run by experienced students who are not affiliated with SBA. It's their interest, it is a worthy cause and they work hard to organize an event that suits their interest. It could be a net loss.**

**GSSA: We move to vote now before we discuss this further.**

**Unanimous, vote yes to fund law school.**

**GSSA: Finance committee discussed about giving schools money directly and removing the application process?**

**Medical School: All schools are contributing through CEF. Maybe we need to agree to give them a set amount each year and just settle it.**

**Nathan Gu: There is no business school representation. (David Gibbons interjects that he can represent Business School interests) The Business School treasurer felt that the other schools were not properly represented in such a large proportioned request (50%!) A limit could be discussed?**

**Public Health: Would it be possible to adjust the bylaws in future, so that the percent of CEF that can be requested is related to number of sponsors?**

**Medical School: They don't keep count of attendees**

**GSSA: Other discussion was about how to cap it at total amount contributed.**

**Environmental Law Summit Reps: It is hard to keep track of people who attend. Of 119 students that registered, 33 were non-law school. Classes are mandated, from business school and GSSA.**

**Nathan Gu: When it is mandated by school, we feel schools should be paying for it. Mandated participation shouldn't be funded by GAPSA.**

**Nick Fears: If a school requires a student to attend, there is supposed to be funding from that school. There is money within different schools.**

**GSSA: Regardless of what we study, there are panels that can appeal to people outside of research. Some examples include Standing Rock, The Impact of Presidential Election on Environmental Economics, etc.**

**Nick Fears: we need to come up with something in bylaws to not handicap programs, but also help define these rules so the conversation doesn't have to happen every year.**

4. School of Continuing studies 2016-17 budget -
  - a. **Nathan Gu: They requested \$62,000, just under their total amount. Runs through line items. Budget is largely for for entertainment and advertising budget. Finance Committee unanimously approved.**
  - b. **Nick Fears: This is late coming, because we didn't know who to contact at SCS.**
  - c. **Motion to approve. Passes unanimously.**
5. **Medical School : Any word about responsible host liability?**
  - a. **Nick Fears: Trying to work on this. As of right now, moving towards not holding students liable and Tulane would have to protect us. General counsel not happy about it.**
6. **GSSA: To Medical School, BMS and SPHTM: OGPS has sponsored a gender inclusive Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) group. A communication workshop on February 7th. Trying to get in contact with those schools or anyone interested. Speak to Kate for contact info.**
7. **SPHTM: Several students say that Downtown lots have been fraudulently charging them. Pass this information onto to your constituents and see if that is happening. Occurred in private lots, particularly over winter break. SPHTM has brought it to the dean who filed police reports. All students keep receipts and check accounts.**
  - a. **Law School: Which companies?**
  - b. **SPHTM: Premium Parking**
  - c. **David Silver: They raised the prices too!**
8. **Nick Fears: has anyone used Green line in last few weeks?**
  - a. **SPHTM: no complaints for first time this whole year!**
9. **Adjournment - 7:22 pm**