

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Zoom
November 17, 2020
6:00pm

1. Call to Order **6:04pm**
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	X	Proxy: Toni Bell
BMSSA	Tim Prior	X	
BMSSA <i>Non-Voting</i>	Arissa Mercer		
GBC (4)	Max Esperance	X	
GBC	Priyal Patel	X	
GBC	Maggie Robert	X	
GBC	Ashley Corcoran		
<i>GBC Non-Voting</i>			
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux	X	
GSSA	Ron Koshita	X	
GSSA	Erfan Hosseini Sereshgi	X	
GSSA	Kamiya Stewart	X	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness	X	

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MSG (5)	Daniel Ho	X	
MSG	Jeremy Fagan		
MSG	Scott Ninokawa		
MSG	Grant Talkington	X	
MSG	Taruni Kumar	X	
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		Declined Calendar Invite
SBA	Gabby Ramos	X	
SBA	Sarah McLoughlin	-	Excused absence
SBA	Anooshay Asim		
SBA			
TSSW SGA (2)			
TSSW SGA			
SoPA (1)			

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SoPA <i>Non-Voting</i>			
ISAB-GAPSA Liaison <i>Non-Voting</i>	Maria Pautassi Restrepo	-	Excused absence

3. Request for Approval of Minutes - **Online Survey**

4. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council

a. President - Arianne Sacramento

i. **Spring 2020 Assembly Schedule**

1. Classes start January 19.
2. Lagniappe Days
3. https://registrar.tulane.edu/Academic_Calendar
4. Email from Fitts, October 23, 2020 - "Looking Forward to Spring Semester"
5. Tentative schedule: **Online Survey**
 - a. Usually start the week after school starts, typically Tuesdays -- email coming over break
 - January 26
 - February 23
 - March 23
 - April 20

ii. **Body Respect Week** - Update November 13, 2020

1. Next steps:
 - a. Looking for other events to be planned
 - b. Reach out to Chelsea Hill or Arianna

Thanks for your interest in Body Respect Week! The BRW Planning Committee has decided on the following topics for each of the days. Below each topic are some preliminary programming ideas.

- **Monday (1/25):** *My body deserves to be fed*
 - *Gentle Nutrition*
 - *Body Respect kick off (goodie bags, hot meal served, zine)*
- **Tuesday (1/26):** *My body deserves to be treated with dignity.*
 - *OMA programming*

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- *Wednesday (1/27): My body deserves to be dressed comfortably and in the manner I am accustomed to.*
 - *LGBTQ+ programming*
 - *Dress into non-western conditions in western places*
- *Thursday (1/28): My body deserves to be touched affectionately and with respect.*
 - *Embodied Sexuality with Dr. Flint from the Counseling Center*
- *Friday (1/29): My body deserves to move comfortably.*
 - *The Reilly Center programming*

Next Steps:

If you would like to plan an event for one of these days (i.e. lecture, yoga class, cooking demo, etc.) please let me know ASAP so we can talk budget and logistics.

If you indicated that you wanted to get involved in other ways (i.e. helping with day-of needs, spreading the word), please let me know if your interests have changed. In the next few weeks, the BRW team will be coming up with a set calendar of events, and, at that point, we can bring you into the fold.

If you are interested in being on the planning committee itself, please email Chelsea Hill (chill17@tulane.edu) directly, and she can invite you to the next meeting.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

iii. **Laptop Loaning Program** - Update November 3, 2020

1. Program has been successful. Please let students know that the form is located on Gibson. (1/3 were graduates and professionals)
2. Loaners are meant for students who do not have a working device (some students requested a loaner as a “second device” in addition to their desktop, for instance).
3. Some divisions have declined to participate because they have their own program
4. Students should expect to wait a few days before receiving a laptop (i.e. no “same day” requests). This delay allows for approval and preparation of the devices.
5. The program is allowing students to keep the loaners over the break; just make sure this is communicated to the program. Students can travel with the laptops. This policy allows for students to use loaners during the post-Thanksgiving/online Final exam period.

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6. Note to administrators: please make sure to set clear computing expectations. Some students are requesting loaners because their current devices do not meet the recommended laptop requirements (i.e. the loaner laptop is more powerful than their personal laptop).
 7. Numbers: $\frac{1}{3}$ of graduate and professional students made up requests and active uses.
 - iv. **Increase Covid Testing and Exit Testing**
 1. Testing email trigger sooner than the 2 weeks based on the COVID trends and to make sure we have QR Code to exit test
 - a. The Dashboard is a great place to get info on trends.
 - b. <https://tulane.edu/covid-19/dashboard>
 2. Email on exit testing was sent November 10th
 - a. Graduate and Professional testing ends Dec. 11th, but downtown center is open throughout the break
 3. If you do not have a QR Code ask for one until told otherwise
 - a. Ask the Campus Health Test Result email
 - b. If students did not receive an (or do not have a recent) email trigger with QR Code, they can email CHTestResults@tulane.edu to receive one.
 - v. **Naming Review Taskforce**
 1. Pushed back its final report -- no update
 - vi. **University Senate Student Affairs Committee**
 1. We may have the Equity Resolution Fee discussion from Le Griot Violet. Continue the conversation from last year.
- b. Executive Vice President - Jordan Fontheim
- i. Follow up joint programming meeting
 1. Seeing how individual divisions are coming along with programming
 2. Preparing for cross-divisional programming for next semester
 - ii. Offerings Email
 1. Covers everything that you can access through the school from counseling to programming
- c. Vice President, Finance - Harry Fox
- i. Finance Committee did not have a single meeting this semester (except for the Workshop)
 1. Nothing relevant brought before us
 2. Does not want someone who wanted to bring something to have missed an opportunity -- reach out!
 - ii. GAPSA is finding creative ways to use the budget

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1. Hurricane Relief Meals
 - a. Commons free meals following Eta
 - i. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the students who used it were graduate and professional students
 - b. The fund has run out of money so GAPSA will contribute around \$8,000
2. TedEx Event
3. Tulane Environmental Law Summit
 - iii. Division is working hard too, doing great, keep it up! :)
- d. Vice President, Communications - Catherine Grimm
 - i. Good luck on exams
- e. Vice President, Downtown - Tomi Akingbola

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee - Harry Fox
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee - Toni Bell
 - i. Meeting with the international student heads of various divisions tomorrow to talk about a possible seminar for first year international students regarding New Orleans history, race, politics, etc.
 1. Help students be more acclimated to Tulane and New Orleans
 - ii. Meeting on Friday to check in with organizations
 - iii. SBA, Social Work, and SoPA still need to reach out with a representative
 - iv. Community Engagement Advocates could possibly facilitate these trainings for first year international students
 1. We have reached out to them

International Student Advisory Board (ISAB)

- a. ISAB-GAPSA Liaison - Maria Pautassi Restrepo - absent

5. Division Reports

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School) - Max Esperance
 - i. Waiting for news from the LBC for changes to the event guidelines
 - ii. Food drive ends on Friday -- Freeman school of business
 - iii. Doodle poll to event chairs to partner for events
 1. Reach out to gbc@wave.tulane.edu
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA; School of Liberal Arts & School of Science and Engineering) -- Ron Koshita
 - i. Last assembly meeting last week
 - ii. Trying to get a discussion based international student support group
 1. Keeping it casual

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- d. Medical Student Government (MSG) -- Daniel Ho
 - i. First and second years are leaving before thanksgiving break (virtual)
 - ii. Exit testing follow up (see above)
 - e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM) -- Joanna Pangburn
 - i. Last general body meeting tomorrow
 - ii. Focused on plans for next semester
 - iii. Revamping spring curriculum to be different from the Fall
 - 1. Hi-flex??
 - f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School) -- Gabby Ramos
 - i. Nothing to report -- exam period
 - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
 - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA) -- John (Tim) Prior
 - i. Wrapping up the semester
 - ii. Appreciated the connection with Dr. Osteen
 - 1. Working on creative uses for program
 - 2. Arianne: GAPSA is here to help you make those connections
 - iii. Arianne: Dr. Blake/SOM was working on exit testing and onboarding testing for your division specifically
 - 1. In general there are concerns specifically with international students in terms of onboarding
 - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG) -- Ellen Feringa
 - i. Wellness week last week and it went well but none of the professors respected the non-studio week, so students were swamped
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Open forum
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment - 6:35pm