

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda

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November 5, 2019, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order - **6:36pm**
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		Not Present
Business (4)	Qi Wang	x	Proxy: Jordan Fontheim
Business	Cedric Cangah	x	
Business	Karina Mederos	x	
Business	Javier Hernandez	x	
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux	x	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness	x	
GSSA	Amanda Reusch	x	
GSSA	Harold (Lee) Hedgepeth	x	
GSSA	Caitlin Ducat	x	
Medical School (5)	Carrie Crook	x	

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Medical School	Bailey Grimsley		Proxy: Gina DeFelice
Medical School	Daniel Ho	x	
Medical School	Brad Johnson	x	
Medical School	Jeremy Fagan	x	
Medical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Michelle McCarthy		Not Present
Medical <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jennifer Hong		Not Present
Public Health (3)	Gabriella St. Angelo	x	
Public Health	Tommie Walker	x	
Public Health	Richard Li	x	
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Kyle Muechez	x	
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Keyur Kulkarni		Not Present
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Neha Upadhyay		Not Present
<i>Architecture (1)</i>	<i>Seneca Gray</i>		Not Present
Law (5)	Eliza Kaye		Stepped Down; Replacement pending
Law	Andrew Albritton	x	
Law	Thomas Barnett	x	
Law	Jessie Shifalo	x	
Law	Dominique Williams	x	
Social Work (2)	Brianne Fruge	x	
Social Work	Layne Poplin	x	
<i>Social Work Non-Voting</i>	<i>Melis Hornston</i>	x	Currently non-voting, will be a replacement voting member next mtg
Prof. Advancement (1)	Lisa Meador	x	Present via Zoom
Prof. Advancement <i>Non-Voting</i>	Michael Toche	x	Proxy Present via Zoom: Maria Dietrich

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ISAB Liaison <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jian (Jay) Hu		Not Present

3. Guests

a. Captain A.R. Alonso, CLET

Master Firearms Instructor/TUPD

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- i. Originally hired as a downtown officer and has spent most time at that campus
- ii. Roll is to make sure that the operations downtown are shared/comprehensive
- iii. Not very familiar with uptown needs but would like to get feedback
 1. **Please email/contact him with any feedback**
- iv. Downtown Security meeting on the third Thursday of every month
 1. Open to everyone
 2. Working towards building an intelligence committee
 3. The upcoming meeting for this month was cancelled, but Cpt Alonso will be reaching out for more information on this
- v. Community Outreach - Upcoming/Existing Programs
 1. **Blue Santa**: dress up in blue santa outfits and go to lakeside/lakeview hospitals to give gifts
 2. **Cops for Coats**: put up bins at entrances of buildings downtown to donate coats/sweaters/jackets (lightly used)
 - a. Will be donated to homeless shelters
 3. **Bike Giveaway** - through School of Pub Health
 - a. This year participating with HIV program, giving bikes to children; goal for this year is to give away 63 bicycles
 4. **Stop the Bleed Courses**: taught intermittently
 - a. 45-60 minutes, like a first aid course, on how to identify/stop arterial bleeds massive bleeding)
 - b. You can email Cpt Alonso to set this up with your org/program
- vi. Contact: Program the emergency number in, will go Uptown and Downtown
 1. There are non-emergency numbers for each campus
 2. Escorts are provided 24/7
 - a. Call the non-emergency number for this
- vii. Downtown: Migrating towards 100% IDs and Lockdowns for buildings (to get in and out)
 1. Most likely will be fully implemented next year
- viii. Publicity/Information: Social Media, Downtown Center Watch (monthly publication/flyer with event info)
 1. Looking to do "Opt-In" with Emergency Management, for students to receive text messages with updates, through Ever Bridge
 2. Email Cpt Alonso to be added to Center Watch mailing list
- ix. Willing to come back, with Uptown Counterpart, Cpt. Martin

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4. Request for approval of the October meeting minutes
 - a. **Motion made; seconded; approved unanimously**

5. Executive and standing committee reports
Executive Council
 - a. President - Arianne Sacramento
Meeting Updates
 - i. **Dr. Tims - Arianne did meet with him, but he sent an update out to all students before then**
 1. **Medicaid Concern - resolved, Louisiana medicaid will not be disallowed without options**
 2. **Bid for Insurance**
 - a. **Will be bidding for new insurance**
 - b. **Dr. Tims wants to form a student committee for feedback**
 - i. **We should try to get a mix of students from diff backgrounds/with diff insurances**
 - ii. **Ie: insurance for families; extended insurance (dental/eye); how to pay for TSHIP**
 - ii. **Dr. Brian Johnson**
 1. **Deming Recreation Center**
 - a. **Plans look good - utilized the small space (11k sqft) as much as they could; unfortunately does not include a studio but looking for options for students**
 - i. **11,000 sq ft, couldn't fit in a studio, but they are looking for options for students who wanted this**
 - ii. **A lot of weights/cardio**
 2. **Demolition/Renovation to happen this fall**
 3. **Dr. Brian to be invited to Spring meeting (January/February)**
 4. **Possible walk through late spring (if construction allows it)**
 5. **Scheduled to be finished next fall (Fall 2020)**
 - iii. **IT Investment Council**
 1. **New council**
 2. **Determining IT needs**
 - a. **Biggest investment is Gibson Banner**
 - b. **Will bring suggestions up for GAPSA Assembly to vote**
 - c. **Kick off meeting just happened, so next meeting will bring forth suggestions**
 - iv. **Margaret Reynolds - Needs assessment; will be working with departments/schools**
 1. **Still in the beginning stages**
 2. **Arianne will bring questions back to Assembly to be reviewed/voted upon**
 - v. **Budget Review**
 1. **New disclosures added**

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- a. Go to finance page to see changes
 - vi. Senate Meeting —> Ben
 - vii. Grad/Prof Liaison meeting —> Noah
 - viii. Upcoming: Transportation (Consulting - Solstice; Focus Group)
 - 1. Going through ideas to improve transportation services (TAP/Shuttle)
 - a. One idea: combine the services
 - b. Please send GAPSA any issues/concerns you have with transportation to raise to the transportation group**
- b. Executive Vice President - Benjamin de Seingalt
- i. GAPSA Mixer details
 - 1. Senators **need to** give this information out to their respective divisions
 - 2. All division gov't presidents have been informed for the SEM rules for the GAPSA Mixer
 - 3. To reiterate, if a division does not recruit their required no. of SEMs before the mixer, the students of that division **will not be allowed into the venue**
 - 4. For grad/undergrad combined students: either need to bring a Grad-specific Splash Card OR go as a plus-one
 - 5. Plus Ones: Can be anyone, as long as they are 21 or over
 - 6. The Public Health splash Cards do not have a school designated on them
 - a. This should be fine, as long as the card does not have a designation that is not explicitly banned
 - 7. Flyers/etc: Need to change flyers/promo materials to fit screens/etc better so it is more visible
 - a. Will add contact information for individuals with food allergies/other questions and resend flyers
 - ii. Other GAPSA events
 - 1. Non-alcohol events - survey will be sent out
 - a. This will go out after the mixer
 - b. Senators must send this out to their divisions (or gather information in another way) and bring to the next assembly meeting**
 - 2. Spring Mixer
 - a. Less money and low attendance, historically
 - b. Move up to Mardi Gras Ball (Feb vs April)
 - i. Mardi Gras is at the end of Feb this year - we will try to plan events as close to the actual date as possible, hopefully within two weeks
 - c. Will need to see if costs allow the change
 - iii. University Senate Meeting
 - 1. Senate sits above USG/GAPSA
 - 2. Past meeting was about educational policy
 - a. 10 new policies were passed, most of which only affected undergrads

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- b. Also codified/wrote down policies that have been in effect for a long time but were never written
 - i. Ie: if you die in your last semester, can get your degree posthumously
- c. Vice President, Finance - Peter Haskins
 - i. CEF Requests - see new business
 - ii. Tabled CEF Request
 - 1. Pub Health and Bus Schools wanted to hold a Welcome Back Mixer at Shamrock, sometime after winter break
 - a. Other divisions expressed interest
 - b. Working out details right now, will return next month with specifics
 - c. Proposal was sent out to division treasurers, not to all council/gov't members
 - d. Every school will handle own drink package for their own students
 - e. Concern from SBA is that money may not be available for this intra school - is money going to be required from divisions participating (alcohol notwithstanding)
 - i. Will need to look into food options, there may be a buffet that is \$6/person
 - f. Divisions should get back **by Nov 22nd**
- d. Vice President, Communications - Jennifer Siew
 - i. **Please pass on information to constituents (including event updates) and advertise your contact info as GAPSA reps to students in your division**
- e. Vice President, Uptown - Noah Beltrami
 - i. Grad/Prof Liaison meeting
 - 1. Needs assessment survey in the works
 - 2. 25 street lights on Broadway replaced
 - ii. Physical Facilities meeting
 - 1. School is currently working to minimize construction on parking
 - 2. Parking passes should be given when you are teaching a class or attending a football game - more info coming
 - 3. New housing construction to begin on Bruff Commons
 - a. Construction starting March 2020
 - 4. Will soon be required for juniors to live on campus (maybe)
 - a. This will HOPEFULLY drive down housing costs
 - 5. LBC is going to be redesigned inside/outside
 - a. Noah is on this committee, **please let him know if you have any suggestions**
- f. Vice President, Downtown - Alyssa Fears
 - i. Closing downtown bookstore
 - 1. Closing at the end of the Fall semester
 - 2. Free shipping to home address, all "swag" is online and there is more there than there ever was at the bookstore
 - a. Look online to see what is available

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3. Looking into doing a “check yourself out” concept like in Murphy (same thing is going into Tidewater)
4. Looking to converting area into a “snack bar” of sorts
5. Randy Philipson promised that the SOM cafeteria **WOULD NOT CLOSE** until there is another option for us
6. there are food trucks in front of Tidewater now that are Tulane-sponsored
 - a. Slightly cheaper than options outside of Med School
 - b. Will put in suggestion that these alternate between Hutchinson and Tidewater buildings
7. There is a “micro market” opening in tidewater building
 - a. Currently under construction but should be done by next semester
 - b. This is potentially what will be built/put in where the bookstore is/was
- ii. Pedestrian crossing LaSalle/Tulane update
 1. They will be adding a crosswalk light around the SOM maybe in 2020 (it’s in the queue for 2020 projects and may be fast-tracked with enough 311 requests for increased priority)
 2. They’re adding more lighting in the LaSalle Garage staircase and increasing patrols between 6pm and 2am
- iii. Downtown space survey
 1. Interactive survey was only open for 2 weeks and will not be re-opened
 2. Sent out to several thousand students with at least 400 responses
 - a. But it seems that many students did not get the survey
 3. Will be used to determine how space is utilized in the future plans for downtown as Charity is renovated
 4. **Alyssa is trying to get this reopened and will let the Assembly know if it is**
- iv. Graduate Council
 1. Third Year PhD Re-Orientation, such as:
 - a. Mental health re-orientation
 - b. Health Center fees etc
 - c. Library resources
 - d. Career Counseling available from Tulane
 - e. Send more ideas to Jennifer O’Brien and/or Alyssa (email)
- v. World AIDS Day (December 1-6)
 1. Margaret Reynolds/Jourdan Barnes would like to know if there are any downtown events that week they can table
 2. Let Alyssa know if you have an event between Dec 1-6 at which they can table
- vi. Physical Facilities Meeting
 1. Potential 154 apartments downtown for temporary housing within Charity or nearby
 - a. Students are still lobbying for this, there may be positive response/change
 - b. A need of many international students/visiting faculty/post-docs

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2. Downtown Parking
 - a. Moving away from guest parking in any Tulane-owned garages and opening them up to students, faculty, staff only
 - b. Plan to expand garage parking in the future
 - c. Charity developer will be adding parking under the building— which is a major flooding potential
 - d. HEAL Garage: locked into a 30-year contract but they are revisiting parking prices for students vs faculty/staff (they thought they resolved this issue last year)
 - i. Students are currently paying more than faculty/staff
 3. Transportation Study

Trying to move away from the larger busses and have more frequent, smaller busses

 - a. Outside consultant has been contracted to conduct a study on Tulane transportation— they refused student involvement outside the Transportation Committee
 4. Downtown Gym is still expected to be completed by Fall 2020
- g. (Question from Assembly) Clean Water Survey:
- i. BMSSA Senator states that the survey did not include any specific downtown facilities
 - ii. Had “other” options but there was no functionality to add in other facilities
 - iii. **GAPSA will get in contact with the entity that created this survey and let the Assembly know**
 - iv. What is the timeline to get the results back?
 1. None known thus far, but **GAPSA will reach out and try to find out**

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. No report outside of what is in New Business
 - b. Graduate Diversity Committee
 - i. No report outside of what is in New Business
6. Division Reports
- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
 - b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School)
 - c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA)
 - i. With re-orientation efforts —> there will be a mini “climate survey”
 - ii. **Please contact Sabrina if you are interested in hosting this at your division**
 - d. Medical Student Government (MSG)
 - e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM)
 - f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School)
 - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
 - i. Covenant House is a nonprofit downtown
 1. Putting on a “Sleep Out” on Nov 21st

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- a. Participants volunteer to sleep outside for one night, and engage with homeless in area
- b. Focus groups will be hosted
- c. Must be at least 23 to participate
- d. Contact Melis Hornston if you are interested, she will invite you to the team page**
 - i. We will send out a link to sign up/register
 - ii. There is a fundraiser aspect
 - iii. Bring a sleeping bag and toiletries
- h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA)
 - i. Post Doc panel coming up
 - 1. Wed Nov 13th, 9AM
 - 2. Flyer will be sent out with minutes
- i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG)

[New Business was discussed prior to Old Business - Senators were aware of the change in order for this meeting]

7. Old Business

- a. Campus Health - T-SHIP Insurance Concerns
 - i. Update from Senators on SHAC
 - ii. Asked about the most appropriate way to reach Grad/Prof students with regard to CAPS
 - 1. If you have any suggestions/questions, reach out to SHAC Reps**
 - iii. Student insurance bid/change will occur in October
 - iv. There is talk about revisiting Gallagher/waiver process - Up for bid as well as health insurance
 - v. Student health center website is most generalized location for insurance/healthcare info
 - vi. Uptown campus also has insurance specialists
- b. USG/Equity fund proposal
 - i. USG Senate meeting - passed legislation
 - ii. The draft sent to the Assembly is the one to be amended based on requests at this USG meeting
 - iii. If GAPSA passes this, goes to Office of Inclusion/Equity (division of Senate committee)
 - 1. Then to full Senate Committee
 - 2. Then would go to Admin for transformation into policy
 - iv. Senators' concerns
 - 1. want to connect with one of authors to understand how they have/are connected/ing with admin
 - 2. More involvement/representation of Grad students both in councils and in receiving benefits

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3. That this goes to respective divisions and be voted upon first, then brought back to GAPSA Assembly for vote - to have an accurate understanding of how Grad/Prof students feel about it
4. Budget/itemized list of where the money will go
5. Where did the \$240 number come from
 - a. The authors did explain this number/the math in their meetings with Univ Admin, but needs to be added to proposal doc
 - b. This amount was in fact cosigned by offices involved on bill
6. Can this come from univ tuition instead of making it an additional student fee to put the onus on the university
- v. GAPSA Exec is currently proposing changes, will send to authors, then will bring back to assembly
- vi. If GAPSA approves this, Arianne and Ben will be defending it before the Senate
 1. Please submit any changes you may have to both content and language/grammar/overall drafting
- vii. Please consider what other organizations/offices you would like to see on the bill
 1. Ie: OISS is not on the bill proposal at all
- viii. We are hoping to have a new version before the Assembly at the next meeting, but we are aware that this process seems rushed, this is a concern we are trying to address with the authors and USG
- ix. Dr Gray: last week this resolution was presented to USG, and it was approved
 1. The USG process was to meet with Univ admin and make edits, that were then to be incorporated
 - a. Already in contact with Provost and President, and other high ranking offices at Tulane
 2. USG/GAPSA processes are separate
 - a. GAPSA will need to proceed in its own way, and decide on its own if it will give support or not
 - b. GAPSA Exec will be taking all concerns/edits/comments/questions to JEC
- x. This bill will only affect grad students so long as GAPSA approves and recommends
 1. This is a recommendation that only pushes admin in a certain way, it does not automatically become policy
- xi. Ultimately, it is the Univ Senate Committee that will decide what will become policy and what will not
- xii. There could potentially be a referendum, through email, sent to ALL Grad/Prof students on which they can vote yay or nay
 1. This should be done individually, in each division
 2. Similar referendum was done through USG a few years ago and there was about a 50% return rate on responses
- xiii. All comments and questions should be emailed to gapsa@tulane.edu.**
- xiv. Motion made to bring this draft and subsequent revisions back to respective divisions for feedback and approval; seconded; approved unanimously

8. New Business

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- a. Finance Committee/CEF funding proposal
 - i. CEF Request
 1. Diversity & Innovation: The Power of Network, Access & Leadership
 2. From request form:
 - a. “The purpose of the panel discussion is to connect POC that are leaders and influential changemakers in New Orleans with Tulane grad students that are also POC.”
 - b. “6-9PM, November 14, 2019, Law School Room 110 and Multipurpose Room”
 - c. “We intend to use \$600 that is contributed from the three organizations (\$200 per org) to fund the food for the event. We expect about 100 people to attend, accounting for the panelists.”
 - d. Amount being requested: \$600
 3. Vote approved unanimously by finance committee
 4. Motion made to approve; seconded; approved unanimously
 - b. GDC/IGDO recognition and/or funding proposals
 - i. Recognition approved for Black Excellence
 - ii. Approved the detailed event budgets for WiSE Uptown and Downtown Coffee and Conversations, a Surviving Grad School Symposium, and Bring Your Own Writing Night
 - iii. Motion to approve Black Excellence semester budget made; seconded; approved unanimously.
9. Open forum
 - a. None
 10. Announcements
 - a. Mixer info will go up here
 11. Adjournment
 - a. Motion made to adjourn at 8:02 pm; seconded; approved unanimously