

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda

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October 1, 2019, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order: 6:40pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Note: Quorum is 14 (28 voting members)

Office/Division	Member	Present	Proxy
President	Ariane 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 Wang	x	
Business	Cedric Cangah	--	Proxy Jordan Fontheim
Business	Karina Mederos	x	
Business	Javier Hernandez	x	
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux	x	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness	x	
GSSA	Hannah Aziz	--	Proxy: Amanda Reuseh
GSSA	Harold (Lee) Hedgepeth	x	
GSSA	Caitlin Ducat	x	
Medical School (5)	Carrie Crook	x	

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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	--	
Public Health	Richard Li	x	
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Kyle Muechez	--	
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Keyur Kulkarni	x	Here as proxy for Tommie Walker
Public Health <i>Non-voting</i>	Neha Upadhyay	x	Here as proxy for Kyle Muechez
<i>Architecture (1)</i>	<i>Michael Brady</i>	x	
Law (5)	Eliza Kaye	x	
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	
Prof. Advancement (1)	Lisa Meador		
Prof. Advancement <i>Non-Voting</i>	Michael Toche		
ISAB Liaison <i>Non-Voting</i>	Jian (Jay) Hu	x	

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3. Guests

- a. Tulane K-12 Stem
 - i. Guest canceled. Will attend the December meeting.
- b. Coalition Against Sexual Violence
 - i. Guest Speaker: Margaret Reynolds (Senior Health Promotion Specialist, The Well)
 1. Conducting outreach, for the first time with Grad students, in particular with downtown students
 2. Started facilitating a coalition to prevent sexual violence, mostly with the Public Health school; now reaching out to other divisions to brainstorm ideas for events/initiatives
 - a. ie: Art installations from survivors of sexual violence/"sculptures" out of condoms to start dialogues
 - b. Needs assessment surveys and focus groups (using gift cards as compensation for time)
 - c. Create a moving to NOLA guide, in particular a guide to navigating life downtown, which can be a big culture shock for many moving here for the first time or migrating from uptown to downtown campus
 - ii. GSSA is going to reach out, specifically, to bring in guest speaker to division-specific meetings
- c. Office of Gender and Sexual Diversity
 - i. Guest Speaker: Petey Peterson (Director of Gender & Sexual Diversity)
 1. The O - is newly named as Carolyn Barber Pierre Center for Cultural Life
 - a. There are more officers - directors and senior program coordinators for both offices, encompassed in the Center
 - b. Housed in LBC, Garden Level
 - c. Participates in the Weds with The O (free food!)
 - d. Senior Program Coordinators are advising the LGBTQA+ undergrad student groups
 - i. Allows for directors to focus on institutional changes/concerns (ie: all-gender bathrooms)
 - ii. Curriculum, content, best practice development
 1. This is the place to go to have this better integrated into your own curricula/programs
 2. October is LGBT History Month - lots of events from now until November - flyers passed out during meeting and disseminated by email
 - a. Tue Oct 22 - Queerness is Latino Dancing (food will be served!)
 - b. Thurs Nov 14 - \$3 queer night with women's Basketball team
 - c. Faculty/staff social mixer will be hosted, at which Grad/Prof students will be welcome, but the Center is fielding interest by GAPSA divisions, in particular, and ideas for potential dates/times
 - d. Gamma Rho Lambda has pride prom this weekend

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- e. Can help with navigating offices on campus to make sure that your email, IDs, etc better reflect your name/gender/identity and access to all-gender bathrooms on campus
 3. The Center uses Wavesync to post events, as well as Facebook and IG; now working on having the Tulane student life website updated with all this information
 4. Sends a weekly newsletter through Wavesync emails
 - a. Would like to work on creating a grad student listserv
 5. Willing to partner with student orgs to bring events to downtown campus
 6. Revamping training suite, to conduct humility trainings which can also be brought downtown; panels/speaker events are also possible
4. Request for approval of the September meeting minutes
 - a. Motion made to approve the minutes, seconded; passed unanimously
5. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council

- a. President - Arianne Sacramento
 - i. Kourtney Gray - brand (first week with Tulane) new, permanent GAPSA advisor
 - ii. Meeting updates
 1. University Senate and Tulane Board (Student Affairs Committee and General Session)
 - a. Increase Undergrad Tuition
 - b. Initiatives to building better campus - Bruff Commons for example
 - i. Downtown changes
 1. Charity (Tulane set to be the largest tenant of Charity) - how to best utilize this space
 - a. Taking student input
 2. As part of efforts to make it a more cohesive campus
 - ii. University will be meeting consultants and are working on getting state/city support.
 - iii. Told the board that a plan should be presented at the next meeting in January 2020
 2. Joint Executive Council (JEC)
 - a. Sustainability - efforts to make carbon neutral
 - i. Reach out to GAPSA if this is something your division is interested in supporting
 - b. Diversity/Inclusion/Equity
 - c. Where can we put our money?
 - i. How can we present this question to the general grad student body
 - ii. Want to put it towards capital improvements on campus
 3. Conversations with Fitts

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- a. Revolved around capital improvements
 - b. Always asking for student input - Downtown Lunch will be happening soon - if you have any concerns make sure to attend and give your input
 - i. This meeting is on the uptown campus
 - c. Let us know if you are interested in meetings like this and we will forward your email
 - iii. Thank you for dealing with the many emails.
 - 1. If you send me an email and the concern/question is under another exec member's purview, I will be looping that person in. If the email is addressed to me and another exec member who has purview over that concern/question, I will be letting them handle the question. Reach out if for some reason you don't get an answer after a few days.
- b. Executive Vice President - Benjamin de Seingalt
- i. Fall Mixer updates
 - 1. Received some dates that are bad - first week of November for instance
 - 2. Have until this Thursday to send bad dates
 - 3. Keep in mind that venues have the final say (based on availability)
 - 4. We gave notice of SEMs and numbers required from each division via email (3x number of voting members)
 - ii. We have less money this year for the Homecoming event
 - 1. We don't want to do the traditional homecoming/tailgate event, for this reason
 - a. About \$5k → want to re-allocate to Fall Mixer budget
 - 2. Motion made to move funds, seconded; passed unanimously
 - iii. Spring Mixer - never as successful as Fall Mixer, less attendance
 - 1. This year, we'd like to do a Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball (mid to late Feb)
- c. Vice President, Finance - Peter Haskins
- i. First training happened last week - treasurers all attended
 - 1. Ask division treasurers and/or Peter if you have questions, especially as you are submitting funding requests
 - ii. Student Affairs concerns with inappropriate use of student activity fees
 - 1. In general, student activity fees are for "student activities" not for academic purposes, or "friends and family"
 - iii. Finance Committee
 - 1. Meets once per month
 - 2. Requests have to go through the finance committee BEFORE they come to the general assembly
 - iv. CEF form has yet to be uploaded
- d. Vice President, Communications - Jennifer Siew
- i. Announcements/Calendar GAPSA page
 - 1. GDC meetings are also posted

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- ii. Please pass on information to constituents!
- iii. “Gradprof listserv” is not GAPSA’s
 - 1. OGPS owns this listserv and would like us to rely on GAPSA Senators to pass on information to their divisions
- iv. Senator duties and responsibilities
 - 1. We will be changing the language of the bylaws regarding the censure/removal process for Senators who are infrequently attending required meetings and/or not fulfilling responsibilities
 - a. Standing Committee attendance is required
 - b. Those who did not sign up for Standing Committee assignments have incurred an infraction
 - c. Three infractions per year before removal begins
 - 2. Senators should become familiar with the Bylaws, in particular the parts regarding attendance and removal
- e. Vice President, Uptown - Noah Beltrami
 - i. Campus recognition committee
 - 1. Nov 16 - Willow residences are going to be named after the first two African American Grad students from Tulane; there will be a dedication, second line, dedication; speeches given by the honorees
 - a. Anyone can attend
 - ii. LBC Advisory Board
 - 1. Still in early stages; figuring out how to optimize the LBC
 - a. ie: making the first floor less “transaction-based” and more inclusive of students on campus
 - iii. OGPS - will have a career fair in LBC 212 tomorrow and next week for STEM-focused careers
 - 1. Wed Oct 16 12-1pm, in School of Med
- f. Vice President, Downtown - Alyssa Fears
 - i. Closing of Downtown cafeteria/bookstore rumors
 - 1. President Fitts is unaware of cafeteria rumors, but is looking to expand dining downtown in the coming years. Doesn’t help us immediately.
 - 2. Amanda from BSSA confirmed from Dean of Med that it IS closing
 - 3. Carrie from MSG asked if they were going to have to come Uptown for their supplies that they traditionally get from the Downtown bookstore
 - 4. Daniel from MSG mentioned that a book drop will be put in place in place of the bookstore
 - ii. Complain for a Cookie event
 - 1. Where/when would reach the most students? Should we do this for each individual school?
 - a. Public Health: lunchtime, inside of Tidewater (not on Mondays and Fridays)
 - b. Med School - it should be at the time of mandatory events
 - c. Social Work - Tuesdays at lunch time

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Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. First meeting/workshop update (see above)
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee
 - i. No old business; see new business

6. Division Reports

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
 - i. We will try to Skype in/Conference call Lisa in (using Zoom)
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School)
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA)
- d. Medical Student Government (MSG)
- e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM)
 - i. Homecoming and Halloween parties/events are coming up
 - ii. Looking to do a joint social mixer with Business School
- f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School)
- g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
 - i. Had a well-attended mixer
 - ii. In the process of electing new division executives
- h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA)
 - i. Hosted a laser tag event
- i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG)

***Visiting - Undergraduate Student Government (USG)

- i. Running legislation to call upon students to pay an equity fee of \$240 per year (both undergrad and grad students) - will come out to approximately \$3.12 mill.
 - 1. This is about the same amount charged for student fees and other similar fees for undergrads
- ii. Will be presenting this idea to administration on Oct 29
- iii. Grad students will be able to apply for a GAP fund - for books, emergency housing, food, etc.
 - 1. Funds would be disbursed through an elected committee (elected by students through the O, Goldman Center, and CAE)
 - a. Two staff, two students, and admin already in race inclusion committees
 - 2. Some of this money already trickles down into student orgs in undergrad and they are willing to explore this possibility with Grad schools too
- iv. This money is supplemental, not meant to be students' full budgets
- v. GAPSA Exec asked for USG rep to email the information to GAPSA to send out to divisions
 - 1. Since money will be equally paid by Grad and Undergrad students, would like to explore having equal representation on committees from Undergrad and Grad students
- vi. Anecdotal evidence was foundation for this idea/effort

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- vii. Also, there is no line item in the Budget for the Office of Equity - it is largely based on fundraising efforts by the university
 - 1. No steady funding, year-to-year
 - 2. (from GAPSA E Board) - this is an issue that HAS been brought before the Pres before, admin has been made aware
 - viii. **Action Item:** Senators, please discuss this issue with constituents to field interest
7. Old Business
- a. Campus Health - T-SHIP Insurance Concerns
 - i. SHAC to meet soon (October 14)
 - 1. The campus health insurance issue is on the agenda for this meeting
 - 2. We will want to decide if we want a document showing a united front, etc.
 - 3. If anyone is interested, you can forward their info to Peter and Carrie
 - ii. Arianne meeting Dr. Tims in the next week or so
 - 1. Will ask Dr. Tims if the meeting is open to other students and let interested Senators know if they can attend
 - b. International Students (OISS; ISAB)
 - i. Arianne met with ISAB Advisor, Kristy Magner, and ISAB GAPSA liaison, Jay, to discuss how to include international students more - there's a breakdown in communication and a lack of understanding of how student government works. Jay will be around as a liaison to ISAB and will keep students informed and vice versa.
 - ii. Amanda from BMSSA: follow-up to last meeting - there is going to be a training for OISS on how to deal with PIs
8. New Business
- a. Appointments of Standing Committees (University Senate, Non-Senate, GAPSA/ASB)
 - i. Use this sheet to get in contact with Senators on committees whose topics at issue are of interest to you
 - 1. Each Senator is required to attend all meetings for their assigned Standing Committee, even if they attend other meetings, out of personal interest
 - ii. Motion made to approve, seconded; passed unanimously
 - b. GDC/IGDO recognition and/or funding proposals:
 - i. IGDO Name Change: ISGSATU to South Asian Association of Tulane
 - 1. Affirmed at last GDC meeting
 - 2. Changed budget (decreased; from \$1300 to \$800) for their big holiday event
 - ii. Semester Budget Requests - IGDOs were told to stay around \$600 for the semester.
 - 1. WISE - \$650 total budget
 - 2. TU Alianza - \$600 total budget
 - 3. SAA TU (see above) - \$800 total budget
 - a. Motion made to approve all budgets, seconded; passed unanimously
 - iii. Recognition requests: delayed

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~~e. TSAGG Budget Reallocation~~

d. Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response - Student Emergency Preparedness Survey

i. From School of Public Health

ii. Short survey - will be sent to Senators - must be disseminated to constituents

1. ~22 questions

9. Open forum

a. Is there any impending effort to build/open Grad housing on the Uptown campus?

i. Physical Facilities Senate Committee has not met yet this semester

1. There doesn't seem to be any progress, currently, but Committee attendees are pushing it

2. Please reach out to Noah and Alyssa if you'd like to be involved with this

ii. Originally, this effort was pushed as a temporary housing situation (3-6 months)

b. When will the Downtown fitness Center be open?

i. Arianne has a contact regarding this

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

a. Next meeting is Nov 5th Downtown; location TBD

b. Motion to adjourn, seconded; passed unanimously at 8:04 PM