

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Zoom
October 20, 2020
General Session 5:45pm

1. Call to Order **5:40pm**
2. Roll Call
 - a. *Note: Quorum is **11 (21 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	
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	x	
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MSG <i>Non-Voting</i>	Alexis Richards		
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		Excused absence
SAGG (1)	Ellen Feringa	x	
SBA (5)	Sergio Ingato		Declined invite
SBA	Gabby Ramos	x	
SBA	Sarah McLoughlin		
SBA	Anooshay Asim		
SBA			
TSSW SGA (2)			
TSSW SGA			
SoPA (1)			

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

3. Guest - Dr. Tims

- a. Assistant Vice President. Division of Student Affairs, Campus Health
- b. Senators received clarification document ahead of time
- c. Important update (sent last week) - graduate and professionals increase covid testing frequency to twice a month
 - i. Increased Testing & Reminders - Sent October 15, 2020
 - ii. <https://tulane.edu/covid-19/increased-testing-and-reminders-101520>
- d. Dr. Garry may be making a video of sorts to explain the validity of anterior nasal self-swab tests
- e. Dr. Tims: Hit a few highlights
 - i. Complicated to share all the different things at any given point
 - ii. Constant changes for us on the campus health side
 - iii. July 27 - day start the testing program, the day that a lot of the electronics came on line (the first time getting covid test results electronically)
 - iv. Lots of bumps along the road and learned a lot
 - v. Reopening was quite challenging
 - vi. Thought testing monthly - but data showed increase in undergrads and ramped up that testing
 - vii. Number of tests can consistently be increased
 - 1. Some tech issues - example, get multiple results on the same day
 - viii. Not enough sample, will reject the test and tell to retest
 - 1. Self-swab and short swab is quicker. Excited to use this method.
 - ix. Process more tests per day.
 - x. Small percentage that were inconclusive (100/80,000) - may have to retest
 - xi. Positive folks - go out of Tulane for a rapid test which is an antigen test which is different than the PCR test at SOM
 - xii. Did an update - look at the data and look at what finding and adjust from there (ex, increasing undergrad who live on campus)
 - xiii. No “school” specific trends for graduate and professional students
 - 1. Haven’t seen an outbreak here
 - xiv. Manage space / frequency (not all get the same day schedule)
 - xv. Asymptomatic vs. Symptomatic
 - 1. Will test symptomatic

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- a. Telehealth, nurse health line
- 2. Must have paid the student health fee
 - a. Some opt out of the fee if part-time
- xvi. Thermometers are available - just ask
 - 1. Can go to pharmacy to ask
- xvii. Good news - daily covid check, probably going to orange to yellow - will get them once a day
 - 1. Trivia question (gamify!)
- xviii. Question from Tim Prior: Positive exposure but asymptomatic - away to get tested again?
 - 1. Recommend get tested around day 4 post-contact, but do that with the student health center
- xix. Question from Daniel Triggs: How would testing work when classes are not in session for winter break?
 - 1. Working on this now. There is a process for an exit test (test to travel).
 - 2. Tentative schedule: Dec 4 for undergraduate, Dec 11 for grad/prof/faculty
 - 3. Firming out the dates
- xx. Question from Daniel Ho: Can we get this information from Dr. Tims at the start of this sent out to students (anterior swabs ok, if there's a bad sample they're unable to test and samples have been good, why the testing frequency seems random)? Been fielding a good amount of questions about these and just didn't have a good answer for them!
 - 1. Like the idea of Dr. Garry sampling process (podcast etc)
- xxi. Trying to be conscious on emails that is should include "graduate and professional students" so that we know it applies to you
- xxii. Dr. Tims - plug for flu shots!
- f. Covid Test Schedule and Results email domains

4. Request for Approval of Minutes - Online Survey

Minutes Addendum: Senators voted via Qualtrics Survey to approve September 29 minutes.
15 approve - 6 abstained - 0 opposed

*Senators who did not vote were counted as "abstained"

5. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council

- a. President - Arianne Sacramento
 - i. Two reports sent out - Campus Health/Covid Testing Clarifications and Student Fees Discussion

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- ii. Naming Review Task Force - Report being written, incorporating all parts
 1. Got to meet with Kamiya, Angelle, and Toni, as well as Deja with USG. If I didn't hear from you, I sent you a follow up that I asked GDC to discuss further. If you want to get involved and aren't part of the GDC, please reach out.
 2. Student focus groups to review report and moving forward with other related business
- iii. Body Respect Week - The Well, Margaret Reynolds
 1. Five day event in late January
- iv. Laptop Loaning Program - follow up meeting soon
 1. Good usage, but may be running low on laptops
 2. Going to determine what GAPSA and USG can do to support (because IT funded and organized the program)

Email from Margaret Reynolds:

*The Well for Health Promotion is currently planning for Tulane's first annual **Body Respect Week**: 5 packed days of events, lectures, and activities happening from January 25-29. Body Respect Week will bring the Tulane community comprehensive, queer-inclusive, culturally competent, body-positive health events.*

As GAPSA is a major stakeholder on this campus, I am reaching out to both let you know about the event and ask for your support. If anyone in your organization is interested in getting involved, we'd love your help. As we're finalizing plans on Friday 11/13, please let me know before then if you'd like to join us in any of the following ways (or create your own):

1. **Volunteer with Us!**
 - *Join the planning committee to help design Body Respect Week*
 - *Help others plan a specific event for the week*
 - *Moderate lecture*
 - *Pack goody bags and help with week-of organization*
2. **Host your own Event!**
 - *Put together a virtual or in-person lecture on this topic*
 - *Make an event specific to graduate and professional students*
 - *Organize a guest speaker from the community*
 - *Use your skills to create a hands-on outdoor experience (yoga, dance, meditation and mindful movement)*
3. **Spread the Word!** *Once we have marketing materials ready to go...*
 - *Allow us to put flyers in your office*
 - *Forward promotional emails out to your friends, students, and colleagues*
 - *Post on your social media accounts*

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Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing back from you!

- b. Executive Vice President - Jordan Fontheim
 - i. Programming meeting
 - 1. Looking for ways to think outside the box and pass ideas between divisions
 - ii. Offerings email
 - 1. Circulate resources that are available
 - 2. Consolidated email so students know what is available for to use
- c. Vice President, Finance - Harry Fox
 - i. Office of Multicultural Affairs' Graduate and Professional Student Reception - \$800.00
 - ii. TEDxTulane - \$1500.00
 - 1. Former student group through the Taylor Center
 - iii. Canceled the finance meeting
 - 1. Pandemic has curved most of the spending habits, so not much to meet about
 - iv. Spoken to a few people for student award packages
 - 1. Forbidden use of student fees to make endowments
 - 2. Other options out there
- d. Vice President, Communications - Catherine Grimm
 - i. Waiting on RSOs of some organizations
- e. Vice President, Downtown - Tomi Akingbola
 - i. Located under Graduate Diversity Committee

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee
 - i. October 2, 2020 - Intro meeting
 - 1. Met with Senators and IGDO members that are active
 - 2. Looking into next semester as well.
 - 3. Next meeting pretty soon.
 - ii. Toni from BMSSA - co-leading
 - 1. Getting GDC back in order, having issues finding people
 - 2. No Senators for MSG, SBA, SAGG, SSW
 - a. Please let us know if you know anyone from these schools who would like to get involved
 - 3. SNACS, Alianza, SAGA are renewed and recognized this year
 - 4. Interested in starting a new organization please let us know
 - iii. Recently connected Division International Student Liaisons and ISAB Liaisons

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1. Looking forward to working with international students
- iv. Supporting BIPOC Grad/Prof Students - focusing on three areas
 1. Recruitment
 2. Retention
 3. Campus Ecology

International Student Advisory Board (ISAB)

- a. ISAB-GAPSA Liaison - Maria Pautassi Restrepo
 - i. Met with Tomi and agreed that we should collaborating on the Global Cafe but that will not take place this semester
 - ii. Advocacy Toolkit
 1. Advocacy Toolkit for Proposed DHS Rule Eliminating D/S: Support International Students; October 08, 2020 4:45 PM
 2. <https://global.tulane.edu/advocacy-toolkit-proposed-dhs-rule-eliminating-ds-support-international-students>
 3. Maria has new wording on the Toolkit to send out
 - a. Sent this wording to the different deans, Africana Studies, different organizations, etc.
 - b. Time sensitive, only until October 26th
 - i. Entry is not limited when entering as student
 - ii. Homeland Security want to limit this to four years
 - iii. Affects PhDs and other 4+ year programs who would have to go to embassies, etc.
 - iv. Some countries are limited to 2 years or need to keep renewing visas on entry
 - iii. Arianne: Survey to be sent out regarding “Sign Onto Collective Student Government Public Comment Opposing Fixed-Duration Student Visas”

Minutes Addendum: Senators voted via Qualtrics Survey to sign onto the collective student government public comment. 15 approve - 6 abstained - 0 opposed

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6. Division Reports

Questions: what worked this semester that you'd like to see next semester? Regarding educational aspects, in-person, hyflex, hybrid etc. Academic calendar? Early start, breaks, mardi gras.

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
N/A
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School)

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- a. Moving forward with the three venue halloween party on October 30th
- b. Having a sober event and looking to partner with other schools (email Josh with GBC)
- c. Workout classes
- d. Had a meeting with event chairs and wanted to reiterate if any schools need support, that they can reach out to them
- e. Food drive and blood donations
- f. Diversity Task Force is still in the works - Dean is interested
 - i. Hopefully have set up by end of semester

c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA; School of Liberal Arts & School of Science and Engineering)

Sophie Delsaux, Ron Koshita, Erfan Hosseini Sereshgi, Kamiya Stewart, Sabrina Kragness

- a. Sophie is currently meeting with the events committee
 - i. Hopefully get something this semester, if not, shoot for next semester
- b. Elected an international student rep - Clement Dubuisson
 - i. Meeting to get better representation

d. Medical Student Government (MSG)

Daniel Ho, Jeremy Fagan

- a. Process of election that should end tomorrow
- b. Webinar with Patick Norton and Med students
 - i. Talking about fees from the executive operative level
 - ii. Issues with transparencies, tuition, Zoom University™
 - iii. Trying to get money back in student's pockets
 1. Like embroidering student's white coats

e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM)

Joanna Pangburn, Daniel Triggs, Kelly Ward, Ellie Pectol

- a. Finalizing Stressless boxes that will go this week
 - i. Care package - feel free to reach out with questions!
- b. Have not found someone in a class with the hybrid/hyflex model

f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School)

Sergio Ingato, Gabby Ramos, Sarah McLoughlin, Anooshay Asim, Thomas Barnett

- a. School wide survey asking about remote testing

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- b. If you opted to be in person you have to take your exam in person
 - c. In person has worked well - at least for first years
 - d. Condensed schedule - 4 Saturday classes
 - i. Hoping to incorporate breaks next year
 - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
N/A
 - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA)
Angelle Bradford, Tim Prior
 - a. Happy that events have been approved (initially not approved)
 - b. Having trivias and online events as well as city putt in small groups
 - c. Focus on diversity equity
 - i. Diversity centered conferences
 - ii. Met to talk with OISS and ISAB
 - iii. Sent out the DHS comment opportunity
 - iv. HBCU partnerships
 - v. Shifted to box lunches and had to stop because they would be taken back to the lab which is not allowed, have to eat them there
 - d. Haven't lock with crowdfunding - how to honor students
 - i. Fundraising and donations?
 - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG)
Ellen Feringa
 - a. Before final reviews - Architectures going to pick an event to do
 - b. Survey about the hybrid and remote classes - haven't had anyone "love" the hybrid (tech issues)
 - c. Faculty supposed to be addressing it and IT person trying to correct these issues
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Open forum
 - a. Homeland Security Program in SoPA - may be able to get receptive language from them as well (regarding DHS proposed ruling)
- 10. Announcements
 - a. Flu Shots Tomorrow! - October 21

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- i. Wednesday, October 21 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Leone Center Classroom in the Murphy Building, 5th Floor*
- b. Office of Multicultural Affairs' Graduate and Professional Student Reception - October 22**
 - i. Feel free to register and join -- partnering with GAPSA*
 - ii. Location will be available after registering but it will be Uptown*
- c. Howie T Library Beta Website - Please give feedback**
 - i. <https://newlibrary.tulane.edu/>*

11. Adjournment 6:42pm