

**GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**Zoom**  
 Sept 1, 2020, 6:00pm

1. Call to Order - 6:07pm
2. Roll Call
  - a. *Note: Quorum is 13 (25 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	
Uptown VP			
Downtown VP	Tomi Akingbola		
Advisor	Kourtney Gray	X	
BMSSA (2)	Angelle Bradford	X	
BMSSA	Tim Prior	X	
BMSSA <i>Non-Voting</i>	Ariisa Mercer		
GBC (4) <i>Interim</i>	Karina Mederos	X	
GBC	Javier Hernandez-Gonzalez	X	
GBC	Venki Loganathan	X	
GBC	Caroline Sorel		
GBC <i>Non-Voting</i>			
GSSA (5)	Sophie Delsaux	X	
GSSA	Ron Koshita	X	
GSSA	Amanda Reusch	X	
GSSA	Kamiya Stewart	X	
GSSA	Sabrina Kragness	X	

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MSG (5)	Daniel Ho	X	
MSG	Brad Johnson	X	
MSG	Jeremy Fagan	X	
MSG			
MSG			
MSG <i>Non-Voting</i>	Alexis Richards		*tried to get in
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>			
SAGG (1)	Ellen Feringa	X	
SBA (5)	Sergio Ingato	X	Thomas Barnett
SBA	Gabby Ramos	X	
SBA	Sarah McLoughlin	X	
SBA	Anooshay Asim	X	
SBA			
TSSW SGA (2)	Melis Hornston		*Reach out to Paolo
TSSW SGA	Monique Zellars		
SoPA (1)	Lisa Meador		*Reach out to advisor

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SoPA <i>Non-Voting</i>			
ISAB Liaison <i>Non-Voting</i>			

Angel stepped away from the role early Summer and reached out to Catherine to take her place (ran and initially lost by 1 vote).

Sarah resigned yesterday - will be working through new election based on our capacity to do so

#### Assembly Logistics

- Will be using waiting room to let folks in
- Participants will not be able to unmute themselves (avoid people talking over each other). Please raise your hand using the “raise hand function” (participants) or try to signal to us. Chat will work too, but risk being missed.
- Voting - use of poll or vote by acclamation. If the vote seems close, we will use the “raise hand” function to ensure accurate numbers
  - Please only vote if you are a voting member.
- Jordan - Parliamentarian
  - Will keep us on time.
  - We will set time for discussion - 5min, 10min. Then make motions to extend that time if needed.
  - If discussion needs more time or more review, we will table for another time.
- Catherine - Minutes mostly
  - Attendance via participants, if you are calling in from a number - please let us know ahead of time
- Senator responsibilities - Acknowledgement form pending
  - Attend all Assembly meetings (provide a proxy if absent)
  - Forward all communications between GAPSA and your division
    - GAPSA E Board does not have access to listservs with all Graduate/Professional students
  - Act as a liaison between your division and GAPSA as well as the University (i.e. University Senate)
    - Division presidents have also made it clear that they would like for Senators to communicate directly with GAPSA and vice versa
    - See University Senate Standing Committees - new business
  - Actively pursue the interests of your division
    - Bring forward events and concerns of your division to GAPSA meetings
  - Other duties that need to be delegated out (i.e. previously Sober Event Monitors)
    - Will discuss with the Assembly as they come

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- *Taken from GAPSA Constitution:*
  - *Section 10. Assembly Senators' Duties and Responsibilities*  
*Each division Assembly Representative to the GAPSA Assembly is obliged to undertake the following duties and responsibilities:*
    - a. Attend all Assembly meetings;*
    - b. Obtain an electronic mail address from the university computing services;*
    - c. Disseminate with due diligence all communications between GAPSA and your division school;*
    - d. Act as a liaison between your division and GAPSA;*
    - e. Actively pursue the interests of the Senator's division*

### 3. Request for Approval of Minutes - February and April 2020

*Motion, seconded, Approved*

### 4. Executive and standing committee reports

#### Executive Council

##### a. President - Arianne Sacramento

- i. I do not plan to rehash the business that happened over the summer. We sent update emails when we could and I touched base with Division Presidents as well. Most of the information is public on Tulane's website as well as in the many emails we receive each day.
  - 1. Previous emails tell you who was appointed to what committee
- ii. Thank you for your engagement over the summer. I think it goes without saying that this summer was a lot and that being in student government is a lot in general... but compounded with the pandemic and re-opening and more.
- iii. Mental Health/Wellness
  - 1. BREATHE, Wellness Wednesdays - **Will email details**
  - 2. Grad/Prof Student Leaders
    - a. Counseling Services, Thursday Nights
  - 3. (CAPS) Support Group - space to speak in private (will not inform other folks, i.e. your advisors etc)
- iv. Laptop Loaning Program - **Will email details**
- v. Voting Initiatives - TurboVote, Notarial Services - Howard Boyd, General Counsel - **Will email details**

##### b. Executive Vice President - Jordan Fontheim

- i. Events - see new business
  - 1. Publicize what is already going on
  - 2. Partnerships with existing programming

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- 3. Our own distance programming
  - ii. Parliamentary Procedure
- c. Vice President, Finance - Harry Fox
  - i. Treasurer workshop
    - 1. Helps with WaveSync
    - 2. Finalizing the date for it
  - ii. Soc is not processing physical paperwork for reimbursements (all online)
    - 1. All in person actions are transitioned onto wavesync
  - iii. Everything is getting approved by the budget office first before payment
- d. Vice President, Communications - Catherine Grimm
  - i. No report
- e. Vice President, Uptown
  - i. Vacant
- f. Vice President, Downtown - Tomi Akingbola
  - i. Absent

**Standing Committees**

- a. Finance Committee
  - i. Workshop - requirement for Treasurers
  - ii. New this year, require IGDOs Treasurers to attend as well as the GDC Co-Chairs
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee
  - i. Discussion in New Business

**5. Division Reports**

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
  - i. Absent
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School) -**Karina**
  - i. Had their first event (trivia) which had a low turnout
  - ii. Looking to do a multi-venue event
    - 1. Will reach out when they need help
  - iii. Greg Feiling - asked a lot of questions
    - 1. Covid Monitor has to be staff or faculty
    - 2. SEM - alcohol involved
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA) -**Ron**
  - i. First assembly meeting next week
  - ii. Trying to be creative with events
- d. Medical Student Government (MSG) -**Daniel**
  - i. First year students just started, 3rd and 4th years since July
  - ii. Events are moved online and curriculum has shifted
- e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM) - **Joanna and Kelly**

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- i. Middle of elections - results hopefully soon
    - ii. Really impressed with the leaders
    - iii. Possibly hosting a trivia night
    - iv. In person events have a lot of extra requirements so most people have switched their events to online
  - f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School) -Thomas
    - i. Still working on getting \*more? Water
    - ii. What creative uses of the funds have people used?
      - 1. Don't want to 'burn' students on fees
      - 2. Jordan - Touch on in new business
  - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
    - i. Absent
  - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA) - Angelle
    - i. Response with Covid has been from a research perspective
    - ii. Focusing mainly on mental health and wellness
    - iii. Diversity and inclusion
    - iv. Events - mindful of restrictions
    - v. Unmet needs of longer term students in the PhD program
    - vi. Figure out how to navigate the first semester especially for new student
  - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG) - Ellen
    - i. Classes are going well
    - ii. First assembly meeting - low attendance
      - 1. Everyone is tired of being on zoom
    - iii. Informal event kept small that went well
    - iv. Put together a care package going out soon and has gotten great feedback
      - 1. Creative use of funds
6. Old Business
7. New Business
- a. Graduate Diversity Committee Discussion
    - i. International Student Aid
      - 1. Meetings with OISS, GSSA, BMSSA
      - 2. Reached out to some International Student Liaisons/Reps
      - 3. Trying to give them more of a community
      - 4. Hoping for some divisions to have some form of representation
    - ii. BIPOC Graduate/Professional Student Support
      - 1. First meeting is this Thursday for introductions and needs
    - iii. Ask division presidents to gather their student run organizations
      - 1. Find overlap
  - b. GAPSA-sponsored events - Jordan
    - i. Small events in partnership with some programs

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- 1. Sponsor events
    - ii. Focus group to discuss creative uses for the budget
  - c. University Senate Standing Committee appointments
    - i. Lots of committees and some are new this year.
    - ii. Arianne would like to first make appointments to the committees that are “standing” in that they are staples each year.
    - iii. Note that some committees will be "forthcoming" in that in light of the pandemic (and Fitts Plan for Tomorrow for instance) Fitts or other administrators may ask for appointments to new committees or taskforces.
    - iv. Graduate and professional student representation is important on these committees!
    - v. Some committees meet more often than others.
    - vi. If you have a particular interest, please let us know.
    - vii. <https://senate.tulane.edu/committees>
- 8. Open forum
  - a. Discussion on fees and next steps
    - i. Rec Fee can't handle all students - opt-in system?
    - ii. Osteen - VP Campus Life, student fees
    - iii. Johnson - VP Campus Rec, rec fees
    - iv. Subcommittee to discuss the fees
      - 1. Partner with other fitness centers in Nola?
    - v. Formal proposal - GAPSA can do as long as we write it and vote on it
    - vi. Is \$240 too much?
      - 1. It might be different per division (not all divisions use their entire budget per year)
      - 2. This is why a formal budget may be more necessary so that we can ensure that all constituents are involved in the conversation
      - 3. How will things be affected post pandemic
    - vii. Anooshay - asking difference between Reily and activity fees
      - 1. These fees are not the same
      - 2. Activity fees rate can be changed; student government can set the rate
      - 3. Rec fees will be more difficult because it needs to go to the board of trustees?
      - 4. Kourtney unsure how each fee works - both may need to go to the board of trustees.
        - a. All fees are paid for future use (fund is used the following year)
    - viii. Rec Fees
      - 1. Meeting with Osteen in the next two weeks

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- 2. Brad Johnson supports all efforts to challenge rec fees
- ix. Feedback - what do we want?
  - 1. Venki mentioned that due to virtual programs offered they will not refund rec fees
  - 2. Kamiya - what are the majority of grad students' position on this?
    - a. We do not know
    - b. Should have a referendum (general body vote)

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 7:12p