

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Zoom
Sept 29, 2020, 6:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. *Note: Quorum is 12 (23 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	X	
GBC <i>Non-Voting</i>	Javier	X	
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	Brad Johnson		
MSG	Jeremy Fagan		
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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	X	
SAGG (1)	Ellen Feringa	X	
SBA (5)	Sergio Ingato		Reagan Roy
SBA	Gabby Ramos	X	
SBA	Sarah McLoughlin	X	
SBA	Anooshay Asim	X	
SBA	Thomas Barnett	X	
TSSW SGA (2)			
TSSW SGA			
SoPA (1)			
SoPA <i>Non-Voting</i>			

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

Notice the non-verbal cues - yes, no, etc.
 Everyone has the ability to unmute.

3. Request for Approval of Minutes - September 1, 2020
Motioned, Seconded, Approved

4. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council

- a. President - Arianne Sacramento

- i. Topics:

1. Mental Health and Wellness

- a. Heightened stress and anxiety
 - b. Comradery, enhance student experience and engagement
 - c. The Well, Counseling Center, Case Management
 - i. Wellness Series (Pilot to launch in January)
 - ii. Hope to expand for coming years

2. Grad/Prof Student Support

- a. Graduate Diversity Committee (see below)
 - b. Student Affairs Office (Re: Barriers discussion, issues/concerns with Laura Osteen)
 - c. Office Multicultural Affairs - Sienna's Committee
 - i. Group of students, faculty, staff, and administrators discussed current support efforts across campus
 - ii. What are schools doing and learning from others

3. Naming Review Task Force -recall that USG passed a resolution and subsequently GAPSA did.

- a. Met every Friday (Started August 14)
 - b. Three subcommittees - Naming of Hebert
 - i. Principles/Values
 - ii. Contextualization - acknowledging history
 - iii. Hebert Hall
 - c. Was supposed to end last Friday, but taking at least the next 3 weeks to write a report

4. Committee on Committees - University Senate Slate

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- a. Push back from University Senate - extreme gender imbalance, tasked with reviewing process
 - i. Opened the door to discussing university senate in general, how to better populate the governing body so it's representative
 - b. 9/8 and 9/22 Meetings
- ii. September Meetings:
 - 1. 9/2: RSO Welcome Back Meeting - Online, presentation available; required for Presidents
 - 2. 9/3: Supporting BIPOC Grad Students - Notes available
 - 3. 9/9: Graduate Council
 - a. Open spot available (Reached out to BMSSA)
 - 4. 9/10: Academic Calendar Subcommittee - looking at Spring; no decisions made, too soon to tell - lots of discussion around when to start, Mardi Gras, Spring Break, etc.
 - a. Greek life is another factor for undergrads
 - 5. 9/15: Investment Council - Email replaced Meeting - IT
 - 6. 9/16: Student Affairs - Board of Trustees
 - 7. 9/17: Jane Rushing, Laura Osteen, Brian Johnson - Student Fees
 - 8. 9/21 (week of): Graduate Focus Group - Barriers seen in Student Leadership; great opportunity to discuss barriers and best ways for Student Affairs to support student leadership
 - 9. 9/22: Finance Committee Workshop (discussed later)
 - 10. 9/23: SLT and GAPSA
 - 11. 9/23: Grad Prof Liaison
 - 12. 9/29: DEI Funding Distribution Committee
 - a. Preliminary meeting - Arianne and Kamiya on the committee
 - b. Includes graduate/professional students as well as undergrads
 - c. Lots of schools are doing their own initiatives, looking at how to bring it all together and what is working best
 - 13. Many of the meetings (Student Affairs, SLT, Grad Prof Liaison) had included updates that were already shared with students - COVID Testing, New Dashboard, etc. Also talked about how to better support students - better communication is needed, mental health and wellness, other support initiatives (see above)
- b. Executive Vice President - Jordan Fontheim
 - i. Convening Committee for divisional planning and coordination
 - ii. Conversation with Katie Cannella at LBC
 - 1. Grad Night Trivia
 - 2. LBC has virtual events on an ongoing basis

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- iii. Consolidating all activities resources for grad students that many may not be aware of to create a consolidated email that we will publicize
- c. Vice President, Finance - Harry Fox
 - i. Treasurers workshop
 - 1. GAPSA will continue its blanket reallocation policy to allow budgets to be used more freely
 - ii. Fees will be discussed in New Business
- d. Vice President, Communications - Catherine Grimm
 - i. Send me your divisions RSOs - thank you GBC and SBA
- e. Vice President, Downtown - Tomi Akingbola
 - i. Downtown - Reach out to Tomi if have any issues/concerns

Standing Committees

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. FC Workshop was held last week
 - 1. All Treasurers were required to attend
 - 2. Covered “how to” regarding events, funding, wavesync
 - ii. Open to budget reallocations
 - 1. Case-by-case on funding requests regarding ‘different ways of using funds that were never done before’
- b. Graduate Diversity Committee
 - i. Co-leaders: Tomi Akingbola and Toni Bell
 - 1. Toni - BMSSA’s representative
 - a. Previously, GDC and FC member for two years
 - b. Agreed to assist Tomi to create a better foundation
 - 2. Kick-start events by holding GAPSA/GDC-Sponsored events and partnering with other offices - promote engagement
 - a. Ex) OISS (Global Cafe) and Pierre Center (Latinx Heritage Month, Pride Month)
 - 3. First meeting this Thursday or Friday to lay the foundation
 - 4. Please reach out if you would like to be involved.
 - ii. International Student Support
 - 1. ISAB-GAPSA Liaison - Maria
 - a. Guest
 - b. Met with Arianne last week and excited to partner with OISS on events
 - c. ISAB - International Students Advisory Board
 - i. International students working with the office of international students and scholars
 - 2. Connect other Liaisons
 - 3. OISS - Global Cafe
 - 4. Pierre Center

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a. Latin heritage month and pride month

5. Will provide better space for Maria/ISAB-GAPSA Liaison in future meeting

5. Division Reports

Now that it's been more than a month into the Semester:

Ask about the COVID Testing, Health strategies of their buildings

Did everyone get their masks and thermometers?

Student engagement, events?

- a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
- b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School) - Priyal
 - i. Four new senators
 - ii. Priyal - students had the option to pick up cloth masks and thermometers
 - iii. First in person event - success - contact Karina for
 - iv. Setting up private group class so students stay active and use recreation resources
 - v. Venki is interested in hosting Diverse Holiday events
 - vi. Freeman included an arts inclusivity task force - for art work displayed in the building
 - vii. Petitioned to begin an race & equity task force
 - viii. Drafting a student experience survey - especially for BIPOC students
- c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA) - Ron
 - i. Requests for more COVID testing to be available (once a month is not enough)
 - ii. Cloth masks and thermometers - got them from the department offices
- d. Medical Student Government (MSG) - Daniel Ho
 - i. Elections for the new first years (delayed)
 - ii. COVID testing: concern from med students about being tested only once a month, should be more often and can be a bit off schedule
 1. One week between testing, then 4 weeks between, etc.
 - iii. Concerns that the self swabbing may not be accurate
 - iv. Have not heard anything regarding cloth masks and thermometers
 - v. Events - trying to use money to pay speakers since we will not have events
- e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM) - Joanna
 - i. Have not heard anything about testing (less often than med school)
 - ii. Had elections for SGA: Ellie will help with communication
 - iii. Delay in the hybrid attendance - decrease in the students attending in person, so they are trying to figure out why
 - iv. New positions hired = new assistant Dean of Student Experience and Director of MPH and Doctoral programs
 - v. Middle of sending out care packages

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- vi. Concerns about environment and COVID precautions
 - 1. Students are required to wipe down their hand and then have a single ziploc to wipe down desks before and after class
 - 2. Wasteful
 - f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School) - Thomas
 - i. Law school has cloth masks but not thermometers
 - ii. Testing - mirrors MSG
 - 1. People who tested positive felt symptoms and went to an urgent care on their own (not through Tulane) *self testing issue?
 - iii. Opting to go remote more as the semester goes on - nothing crazy
 - iv. Constitution Day - rousing success
 - g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
 - i. Absent
 - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA) - Tim Prior, Angelle
 - i. Tim/John - Testing is restrictive, once you are tested that month you cannot go again, even if you have symptoms/exposure
 - 1. Kourtney - if you have symptoms you are to contact the health center so you can be tested separately
 - 2. Positive exposure but asymptomatic?
 - a. Encourage an outreach to Campus Health
 - 3. Other members in the chat say they were able to get tested twice in a month (Kelly Ward, Priyal Patel, Daniel Triggs)
 - 4. May be related to contact tracing protocol - need more information
 - ii. Angelle - Thought there would be more robust follow up testing
 - 1. Need an email to clarify what repeat testing looks like
 - a. Regular scheduled and those with symptoms or who have come in contact with a COVID case
 - 2. New VP is Toni who works under Gary who is the COVID guru
 - a. No concern about self testing being inaccurate
 - 3. Masks and thermometers were distributed
 - iii. On a path to getting events
 - iv. HBCUs - community engagement
 - i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG) - Ellen
 - i. All students received masks
 - ii. Upon entering the building - there are masks
 - iii. Issues - Town hall to address "exposure" and what that means
 - iv. Conducted a survey over the past two weeks to discuss mental health, remote vs. in-person learning. Will have meeting with dean and faculty to go over the result (alarming regarding mental health)
6. Old Business
- a. None

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7. New Business

a. University Senate Standing Committee appointments

- i. Majority of the committee seats have been filled! Thank you to everyone who volunteered. More to come for those who did not get a chance to sign up.
- ii. Intentionally reached out to folks to see interest. Will keep in mind interests for future appointments or meetings.
- iii. Note that all Senators are required to take part in a committee. However, if you are unable to make the time commitment, someone else from your division can take your place.
- iv. Also note that the GAPSA Committees count. So Senators in the Finance or Graduate Diversity Committees are covered.
- v. Motion to approve appointments, seconded, approved.

b. Events and Fees Discussion

- i. People are wondering where their money is going, uncomfortable with going to the Reily Center, etc.
- ii. Based on meetings (Student Fees Meeting, etc.) - Extremely difficult process
 1. Money cannot be refunded - it is already allocated
- iii. Like a 7 step process - including referendum with USG
- iv. Try our best to create the best possible programming from everyone
- v. Thomas - need more time/longer discussion than end of the meeting
- vi. Erfan - it does not make sense to use activity fees
 1. We do not have activities - care packages are wasting money
 2. Reily Center does not have the capacity to serve us
 - a. People have had to go to outside gyms
- vii. Further discussion on fees and concerns

8. Open forum

- a. Discussed proper meeting decorum

9. Announcements

- a. *Provost - Survey**
- b. *NSLP, Newcomb-Tulane College, Newcomb Institute, the Africana Studies Department, and the Center for Public Service are co-sponsoring **the Ijeoma Oluo virtual lecture about her book, So You Want to Talk About Race? on September 30, 2020, from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM***
- c. *No-cost flu shot clinic at the downtown campus:*
 - i. **Friday, October 2 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
 - ii. **Monday, October 5 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
 - iii. *The vaccines will be given in the DeBakey Classroom in the Murphy Building, 2nd floor (131 S. Robertson St., New Orleans, LA). The cost of the flu shots will be billed to students' insurance, and no co-pays or fees*

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will be required. To participate, students must sign up for a time slot on our website: campushealth.tulane.edu/flu.

10. Adjournment **7:20**