

GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda
Tidewater Reynolds Board Room (2401)
September 11th, 2018, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order **6:47 pm**
2. Roll Call (note, not all senators are updated, some are still being elected)

Office	Member	Present	Proxy
President	Nithya Kasireddy	x	
Exec VP	Davette Gadison	x	
Uptown VP	Eidan Shalom	x	
Downtown VP			
Finance VP	Arienne Sacramento	x	
Communications VP	Lauren Swintoniewski	x	
Advisor	John Nonnamaker	x	
GSSA	Ted Sawyer	x	
	Zainab Lateefi	x	
	Hannah Aziz	x	
	Sabrina Kragness	x	
	Evan Wells	x	
Business	John Broussard		
	Ikenna (Ike) Onyenekwu		
	JP Navarro		
	Jon Suquet		
PNBA non-voting	Isabella Finnell		
Law	Benjamin Russell		
	Andrew Thrasher	x	
	Christopher Williams - Lopez		
	Benjamin de Seingalt	x	

Medical	Tyler Jarrett		
	Sarah Oberhelman		
	Adin Reisner		
	Tomi Akingbola	x	
Public Health	Lina Abdel-Mageed		
	Miia Newman		
	Annie (Rhae) Cisneros		
	William Castleberry		
Social Work	Huyen Bui		
	Mark Rogers	x	
Biomedical	Joseph Hoffmann	x	
	Antoinette (Toni) Bell		Joie Olayiwola
Architecture	Victoria Cooper		
Prof. Advancement	Maria Dietrich		
ISAB Liaison Non voting	Xinyue Gu	x	

3. GAPSA Division Reports
 - a. School of Professional Advancement
 - b. Graduate Business Council
 - c. Graduate Studies Student Association
 - d. Medical School Student Association
 - e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government
 - f. Student Bar Association (Law School)
 - g. School of Social Work Student Government Association
 - h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association
 - i. School of Architecture
4. Executive Council Reports
 - a. President – Nithya Kasireddy
 - i. GAPSA-L Listserv Maintenance

- ii. New GAPSA Advisor - John Nonnamaker, Associate VP Student Affairs
 - iii. ISAB Liaison as non-voting member
 - iv. Dining services for Graduate students **Please give any suggestions or comments about the graduate school meal plan. There is a new app for purchasing food.**
Need more advertising, many graduate students do not know that this existed. Interested to meet: Ben, a BMSSA representative
 - v. Sober Event Monitor Training Online **Need to do this training/form online every single event per event monitor. We want to talk with Student Affairs about a better process getting the required number/notifications before the event.**
 - vi. 2018-19 Tulane Health Insurance Plan **Issues raised about not only being charged the fee to use the student health center facility, but being charged a copay as well. Email Nithya if you have had problems yourself/issues.**
- b. Executive Vice President – Davette Gadison
 - i. Fall GAPSA Mixer proposed date is November 2nd - Any conflicts with big exam periods or anything that may affect large number of students from your school? **We would get a discounted rate if we switched to the Saturday. So far, no objections to this date.**
 - ii. Homecoming Tailgate **November 10th. Cane's for food again? No one had objections.**
 - c. Downtown Vice President
 - d. Uptown Vice President – Eidan Shalom
 - e. Finance Vice President – Arianne Sacramento
5. Old Business
- a. GAPSA Graduate Organizations Committee
 - i. Application Form and Funding request form on OrgSync
 - ii. Details of the Graduate Organizations Committee as a standing committee, the Interdivisional Graduate Organizations and the Interdivisional Graduate Events Fund (Approved in 2018-2019 GAPSA Budget as Affinity Fund) are added to the GAPSA Constitution. Refer to the text in red color of the attached form (2018.09.03 GAPSA Constitution.docx) for these additions
 - iii. Bylaws for Graduate Organizations Committee - Work in Progress **Should have members from 3 divisions.**
Make sure to send out this information to all divisions.
Unanimous vote for approval of the new additions to the Constitution.
6. New Business
- a. Graduate Student Needs Assessment
 - i. Survey through The Office of Institutional Research **There is no data because all graduate school programs are so decentralized, would like to orchestrate a survey.**

ii. Met with Jessica Shed to plan this survey during Fall 2019 and execute during Spring 2019

iii. GAPSA Ad Hoc Committee to provide information as needed to the OIR **Have it structured this semester, and then send it out next semester. Volunteers: Ben, Alyssa, Eidan, Zainab, Joie**

iv. Topics discussed: Need to find benchmark data against peer institutions, this could be important for Tulane's AAU status, confidential or anonymous?; Main issues to focus? - Stipends, Health Insurance, Career support, Mental Health, Facilities, etc.

b. Committee Positions

ASB Committees:

ASB Election Committee (3 Students) **Eidan, Tomi, Andrew**

ASB Election Appeals Committee (2 non-executive board members) **Ben, Sabrina**

ASB Constitutional Interpretation Appeals Court (1 executive member and 1 non-executive board member) **Ben, Lauren**

University Senate/JEC Committees:

University Senate Meetings: Nithya Kasireddy, Davette Gadison

University Senate Student Affairs Committee: Nithya Kasireddy, Eidan Shalom, Alyssa Fears

JEC Meetings: GAPSA Executive Board Members

JEC Committee - Campus Resources:

Physical Facilities Committee (2 students: 1 uptown and 1 downtown) **Uptown GSSA Downtown Alyssa**

JEC Committee - Educational Policy:

Academic Freedom and Responsibility of Students Committee (1 Student) **Joe**

Educational Policy Committee (2 students: 1 graduate 1 professional) **Graduate Sawyer Professional Ben**

JEC Committee - Finances:

Assessment Committee (1 student) **Nithya Kasireddy**

Budget Committee (1 student) : Nithya Kasireddy

JEC Committee - Student Life:

Equal Opportunity and Institutional Equity Committee (2 students) **Mark, Zainab**

Social Issues Committee (2 students: 1 graduate and 1 professional) **Professional Tomi Graduate GSSA**

JEC Committee - University Communications:

Athletics Committee (1 student) **Andrew**

Information Technology Committee (1 student) **Alyssa**

Libraries Committee (1 student) **Joe**

Non-Senate Committees:

Crime and Safety (1 student, Non-Senate) **Eidan**

Transportation (1 student, Non-Senate) **Sabrina**

Campus Health Student Advisory Board (4 uptown, 4 downtown) **UP: Zainab, Ben, Eidan, GSSA Down: Alyssa Tomi Joie x**

Libraries Advisory Board (3 uptown, 3 downtown) **UP: Ben, Hannah, GSSA Down: Joe, Alyssa, x**

Graduate Council - 3 students (2 uptown (GSSA), 1 downtown) **Down: Tomi UP: GSSA (2)**

Sexual violence student organization meetings (1 student) - Davette Gadison

- c. GAPSA Downtown VP Elections - Nominee: Alyssa Fears (See information about her in the attached document - Alyssa Fears.docx; MS in tropical med, PhD in BMS, works at Primate Center in Covington, wants more cross-talk between schools downtown); Tomi Akingbola (2nd year medical student, native of NOLA, USC undergraduate, done a few e-board positions at UCS, will do it again if elected)

Alyssa Fears is the new Downtown VP.

- 7. Adjournment **7:51 pm**