GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda  
LBC 202  
April 23, 2019, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order 6:31pm
2. Roll Call

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3. Guest Speaker

   IT Update - Mike Griffith provided a brief presentation with IT updates
   a. IT has an innovation council (IC) which is meeting with students to gauge understanding on IT initiatives and to crowdsource suggestions
      i. Next session: May 1, 2019; email Mike Griffith with interest to attend
      ii. Students can participate in any of the IC tracks available: Student Experience, Role of the Educator, Analytics, Active Learning
   b. IT will be rolling out a Tulane self-service private cloud
      i. Will provide a way to let students run analytics/give students capacity to perform related functions
      ii. Tulane has already purchased the software, but it will take a few months to set up
   c. IT will also roll out a mobile app and the registrar will be setting up work streams to get student opinions on what they want from the app and how it should work; app specifics:
      i. Will be run on Exlibris Campus mobile platform, which integrates with existing systems
      ii. Includes “live tiles” that will react to “triggers”, such as schedule changes, etc.
      iii. Includes directory info, maps, alerts, messaging, email, location (beacon), social networking
1. Can pinpoint which buildings you want to get to and will link to google maps for walking directions

iv. Connection to library software to include books check out, outstanding fees, etc.

v. Scheduling function - class schedule, reminders, etc.

vi. RSS feeds, news feeds, general Tulane news

vii. Alerts function

1. Started conversations to have all emergency contact information/departments linked, while keeping number of alerts minimal and useful at the same time

viii. IT has a continuing list with suggested functions that will possibly be added:

1. SPLASH funds - balance info, adding funds, etc.
2. Parking tickets - make payments, correspondence, etc.

d. As of now, basic functionality is set up but IT is hoping to further develop, with student input; they want this to be something that students actually use

4. Executive and Standing Committee Reports

Executive Council

a. President - Arianne Sacramento

i. Introductions - introduced all new E-Board members

ii. Transition meeting(s)

1. Establishing roles
2. Constitution and Bylaws updates - clarifying language
3. What we like to see next year
4. All still new - only been a month

iii. Plans for next year

1. New Advisor
2. Committee sign-ups in Fall!

iv. Senate student affairs committee

1. Alcohol policy is being edited.

v. JEC meeting

1. Possible resolution - see old business

vi. Downtown Sexual Assault Panel update

1. Small showing but hoping to find ways to improve (all) events for downtown campus

vii. RSO Renewal - due April 30 - applies to all organizations and divisions

1. RSO - recognized student organizations
2. Wavesync - July (OrgSync down for a week) - if you want information to be transferred with change, do it before July
   a. Replacing Orgsync
   b. GAPSA will be better about approving membership
   c. Wavesync allows for co-hosting events
     i. Label “free food” - will allow students to search events by availability of free food
     ii. Location available - maps
b. Executive Vice President - Benjamin de Seingalt
   - Pres/VP have seats on Univ Senate
   - Looking at tech upgrades that will help grad students
   - Cost has not yet been discussed
   - Faculty is considering proposal to remove tenure protection in the event that a committee has found that one faculty has sexually harassed another faculty member (as there is no current protection for sexual harassment of faculty members)

c. Vice President, Finance - Peter Haskins
   i. Breakdown 81% to divisions, 11.5% to GAPSA, 7.5% to USG
      1. Note: USG wants more than this 7.5%
   ii. Budget to date for 2018-2019
      1. Nearly entire entertainment budget (tailgate, mixers) used ~63000
   iii. VP Finance is the finance committee chair; committee reviews funding requests. Particularly Collaborative Event Fund (CEF)
   iv. Finance committee met to discuss budgets - see New Business
   v. JEC - USG allocation from GAPSA - Old Business
   vi. Treasurer workshop will be held first meeting of Fall 2019
      1. This is a requirement for all treasurers; there will be communication

d. Vice President, Communications - Jennifer Siew
   i. Updating listserv - will be adding new members, please send contact info
   ii. Senators list update
   iii. Website updates - would like to make this more informative for student body, send any suggestions on what you would like to see
   iv. Minutes published after approval - minutes will be approved at each subsequent assembly meeting, not over email
   v. VP Comm (and other exec as needed) will update assembly. Assembly members duty to disseminate information
      1. Gradprof listserv used sparingly
      2. Should not be the sole source of information/first time hearing about GAPSA events etc
         a. Work with various school reps to make sure they communicate with students of their schools so that GAPSA emails are not the only sources of info

e. Vice President, Uptown - Noah Beltrami
f. Vice President, Downtown - Alyssa Fears

Standing Committees
a. Finance Committee (see Finance VP executive reports)
b. Interdivisional Graduate Diversity Organizations (IGDO) Committee
   i. See new business

5. Old Business
   a. Joint Executive Cabinet (JEC) - USG and GAPSA fund (re)allocation
      i. Resolution includes that GAPSA and USG will discuss the allocation from GAPSA during the next coming years with a goal of coming to an agreement 2021.
      ii. GAPSA requested for more information (data includes number of graduate students attending events) before making a decision
      iii. Motion in committee to keep USG money at 7.5% of budget; will not allocate any additional funds until USG can provide data/breakdown on how many grad/prof students attend events and then Finance committee will reevaluate percent of budget to be given
      iv. Estimating that it will stay at 7.5% or possibly lower

6. New Business
   a. GAPSA and Divisions’ Budgets Proposal - request for approval
      i. Proposed budget:
         1. More money to tailgate (because food usually runs out within the first hour)
         2. Biggest change will come from collaborative event fund - was halved due to short funding (this fund is for events hosted in collaboration by two or more divisions)
         3. IGDO/Affinity Fund - got less than last year
         4. CEF/IGDO - example, if CEF is more active, can request from this fund, and both IGDO and CEF have to agree on use of funds
         5. SoPA requested more money - finance committee lumped two of largest expenditures into one category
            a. SoPA will need to send a proposal for reallocation if wanted
      v. Motion made to approve budget, seconded; approved unanimously

b. Executive Council Election Appeal
   vi. Andrea Ewafelo - to appeal election for VP of Uptown position
      1. In communications prior to Elections meeting, was told that she was running unopposed and that elections would begin at 6:30pm
      2. Nominations were raised on floor and elections did not begin until 7:30pm, at which time she could have attended
      3. Met with GAPSA advisor at end of March, two weeks after elections to discuss different options to appeal → was told to file an appeal with current executive board
4. Felt that requests on floor were not in line with Constitution, due to March 14, midnight deadline for
vii. Ben de Seingalt spoke on procedural issues
1. The vote will be to remove an active member
2. Denied Andrea’s request
3. EVP’s recommendation stands, ⅔ vote required to overrule recommendation, if not overruled
4. EVP denied appeal for following reasons:
   a. Felt that communications regarding elections were improper; GAPSA Const. is brief/ambiguous on elections, thus there are not many rules that CAN be violated
   b. Recommends follow Robert’s rule of order: nominations from floor are valid
   c. Public communication of a deadline for electronic nominations did not necessarily indicate that other types of nominations (such as that on the floor) would not be allowed
   d. Did not feel that Andrea’s personal communications were such that they invalidated the election that occurred
   e. Basis of appeal is that had she known the nomination was NOT unopposed, she would have attended the meeting
   f. There is no precedent in GAPSA for having co-VP positions, or splitting this position between two individuals, but if such decision is made today - GAPSA will need to discuss what this would look like and it will be approved in the Fall
   g. Clear that bylaws/Const. Need to be revisited in the Fall, regarding Elections, but decision needs to be made today on re-election/appeal
   h. Work needs to be conducted between now and fall, vote cannot be pushed back until then
   i. Assembly asked for clarifications of Andrea and EVP
viii. Motion to limit debate to five minutes at 7:27PM, seconded; Approved unanimously
ix. Motion to close debate at 7:32PM, seconded; approved unanimously
x. Motion to vote to approve the appeal, seconded; approved
   1. Confusion in regards to voting members/and majority
   2. Motion to vote by roll call, seconded; approved
xi. Appeal approved - 11 to 5
g. Election:
   i. Andrea Ewafelo, given three minutes to speak
   ii. Ben de Seingalt nominated Noah Beltrami from the floor, accepted; given three minutes to speak
   iii. Ballot vote:
      1. 16 ballots casted: 6 for Andrea, 10 for Noah
h. Additional VP position:
i. Motion to table discussion to later date to create new VP position, seconded; approved unanimously

[Note: the following occurred while information in constitution/bylaws were being reviewed during election appeal]

i. IGDO request for approval

i. Bylaws are in the final drafting stages: will be sent out; the hope is that assembly members will read it and assembly members should be ready to approve in Fall so IGDO can operate smoothly throughout the year

ii. Would like to change the Committee name to the Graduate Diversity Committee in order to not only oversee IGDOs but also address diversity issues as a whole

iii. WiSE will not present until 4.25 due to meeting change (LBC closure 4.18), asking for a move to allow the Graduate Diversity Committee to approve funding for this event if it deems all policies and procedures are met

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1. Motion made to approve name change of the committee and the WiSE funding, seconded; Approved unanimously

4. Adjournment - Motion for adjournment, seconded, approved unanimously

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