GAPSA General Assembly Meeting Agenda
LBC 201
February 18, 2020, 6:00pm

1. Call to Order: 6:04
2. Roll Call
   a. Note: Quorum is 14 (28 voting members)

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3. Guest - Brian Johnson
   a. Downtown Rec Center Update
      i. Trahan Architects
      ii. Coming to almost 2.5 years on this project/center
      iii. Funding has been secured to start with the project
      iv. Demolition has already occurred - expected to be opened by August 2020 for downtown students
         1. 11,000 sq ft facility
         2. Turf field, machines, gender neutral cabana-style locker rooms
            a. 120-130 lockers in the facility
            b. Turf field is about 20-25 yards
      v. Showed floor plan & basic layout
         1. Entrance for students living in Deming where the subway was
         2. Bringing Amazon lockers/similar equipment + mail services
         3. Will provide power in a common area (not in cabanas)
         4. May address parking concerns next
         5. Capacity of about 150 people at one given time
      vi. Anticipated Hours: M-F: 6 AM to 10 PM; Will adapt Fri-Sun schedules as they go
      vii. The facility will be reserved just for Grad Students, and then may possibly open up to Residents and others, in the future
          1. For now, just focusing on graduate students
   viii. Other facilities:
         1. There will not be any studios
         2. Looking into biometric sign ins or facial recognition technology
   ix. Staffing
      1. There will be some staffing positions available for grad students that will pay pretty well
      2. Associate director will be available on site for questions/customer service

4. Request for approval of the January meeting minutes
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a. Motion Made; Seconded; Approved unanimously

[Moved to New Business for sake of time/guests]

5. Executive and standing committee reports

Executive Council
a. President - Arianne Sacramento
   i. Scott Tims Meeting
      1. Bid for student health insurance pending (may happen in Fall of 2020; will follow up)
      2. Recovery Program
         a. New Director being brought to campus (Jacob Goldberg)
            i. Will be revamping AA and other programs (discussions, community groups, etc.)
            ii. Have already had some meetings and had good turn out
            iii. Let Arianne know if you want this information to send out
         ii. Course Evaluation Task Force - still happening, good discussion, professors have option for mid-semester evaluations
      iii. Graduate and Professional Liaison Meeting
         1. Guidebook [Kourtney Gray]
            a. Specifically geared towards graduate students, but is being redone to also be geared towards new students in general
            b. 60-70% of undergrad population is from 500+ miles away from the school
               i. Maybe include a welcome letter from GAPSA President
               ii. Magazine-form
               iii. Vignettes of success
         2. Campus health
            a. Coronavirus
               i. Reach out to campus health if you know anyone being affected by corona virus situation - ie: summer housing, lack of access to funds, etc.
      3. Safety walk (Erica Woodley)
         a. Email Erica Woodley if you are interested in participating
         b. Late March/Early April
c. Will either be around Uptown or Downtown campus, looking for areas that are not well lit or that have other safety concerns → explore options to rectify
4. DT fitness (guest; Brian Johnson)
5. Customer engagement/food services
   a. Parking discussion about prices (particularly downtown)
   b. **Tommy, email Arianne if you want to be included in emails regarding water updates** (current update is that Campus services could not give an estimate because are not sure of “what’s behind the walls”)
      i. Dean Gaunt has offered to cover costs of installation from Law School Trust Fund (hopefully this summer)
   c. Downtown Cafeteria Update
      i. No decisions made yet
      ii. Currently considering new concepts and a deal with Sodexo
      iv. Constitution/Bylaws quick updates to clarify wording and remove irrelevant information/references (i.e. ASB being removed as a term, “Treasurer” changed to “VP of Finance”)
   v. See Announcement! Get involved!!

b. Executive Vice President - Benjamin de Seingalt
   i. Mixer Update
      1. Mardi Gras mixer is not happening, cost was same as real mixer with a lot less being provided
      2. No viable spaces/costs
      3. Will do a traditional Spring Mixer
         a. Exploring event dates & venues
         b. Send us SEMs on time - we will cap how many people can attend depending on the number of SEMs registered
            i. Ratio is 1:50 (SEM to # in attendance)
            ii. We will get back to you with SEMs required by each division
   4. **Division reps/Senators must send any date conflicts in April to Ben by Monday, March 2**
      a. Seems to be conflicts in first two weeks
      b. Date will likely be April 17th or 18th
   ii. Election Update
      1. Will be during the next meeting
      2. We will be taking nominations from your divisions
         a. If we don’t get nominations, we will send notice out through the Grad Student listserv
b. Try to get nominations to us at least two weeks in advance of the next meeting
   i. Can nominate yourself
   ii. Send a short bio/pic
       1. Name, Division, Short Bio, Executive Council Role of Interest, Relevant Experience, and any other relevant information
3. We will also be taking floor nominations
4. **Send any questions to gapsa@tulane.edu**
5. Positions & Other information was sent to GAPSA Senators/Reps ahead of this meeting, **Please distribute this information to your constituents**
6. At most, only two students from a single division can be on the board at one time
   iii. Religious Observance Policy
       1. Post-mardi Gras, Ben will speak with Religious Life Council
          a. Will be voted on, March 12th
          b. Will then go to University Senate
          c. Will be implemented for 2021
          d. Tell Ben if you have any concerns (ie: a constituency within your student division is not represented)

   c. Vice President, Finance - Peter Haskins
   d. Vice President, Communications - Jennifer Siew
   e. Vice President, Uptown - Noah Beltrami
      i. Bringing the Bead tree back
         1. 3, 20-foot steel trees, so you can throw your Mardi Gras beads at it without destroying natural growth
         2. Contributed by School of Architecture
   f. Vice President, Downtown - Alyssa Fears
      i. Graduate Council: Removed University-wide requirement for GRE submission upon application to Tulane graduate programs
         1. Graduate Council is allowing each individual division to decide if they each, individually will require GRE for admission
      ii. Pregnancy Policy and resources website page in progress
         1. For students, faculty, staff
         2. Will include info on: relevant benefits, maternity/paternity leave, lactation rooms/spaces

Standing Committees
   a. Finance Committee
   b. Graduate Diversity Committee
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i. New Organizations: GraPPA, SNACS
ii. Semester Event Budgets approved by GDC, submitted for approval by GAPSA Assembly

6. Division Reports
   a. School of Professional Advancement (SoPA)
   b. Graduate Business Council (GBC; Business School)
   c. Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA)
   d. Medical Student Government (MSG)
   e. Public Health & Tropical Medicine Student Government Association (SGA of SPHTM)
      i. Student Body meeting tomorrow
      ii. E-Board Elections are ending on Friday, replacements will be selected
   f. Student Bar Association (SBA; Law School)
      i. Water
   g. Tulane School of Social Work Student Government Association (SGA of TSSW)
   h. Biomedical Sciences Student Association (BMSSA)
      i. Concerned about the red water filters in Hutch, despite having been “replaced”
         1. If you see a red filter, put a Tulane Service Wave complaint/request in
         2. Charge it to “Facility Services” (don’t charge your department/division)
            a. And give a description of exact location
   i. School of Architecture Graduate Government (SAGG)

7. Old Business
   a. Will hear back from Equity Fund Proposal authors in the next meeting

8. New Business
   a. Finance Committee/CEF funding proposal(s)
      i. Environmental Law and Policy Summit
         1. Partner with Tulane Energy club at Business School
         2. 2 day conference on March 6-7
            a. Attendance for everyone is free except attorneys seeking CLE credits
         3. Panels Friday & Saturday from 9 Am to 7 PM
            a. 500-600 people attend (anticipated)
        4. Covers all subjects environmental - wildlife, climate change, etc.
        5. Local high school students will come in to show artwork
        6. There will be food during the day, including dinner on Friday
        7. Most of the money is to bring in speakers, coming in from all over US and Europe
8. Yearly event
9. Open to the public - will be on WWNO and WWL next week to advertise and also provides CLE credits for attorneys
10. No data from past years on how many non-Law students have attached
   a. Looking this year to install a card reader, if not will have a sign-in sheet
   b. Have already requested SBA funding (~$8500)
11. Finance Committee approved $3500
   a. This amount was approved (less than usual) because the event operating budget is also smaller than past years; reduced amount requested to keep CEF open for other events this semester
12. Suggestions to make funding contingent on under/over budgeting of event
13. Motion made to approve $3500; seconded; approved unanimously

ii. City Culture Community Symposium
1. Requested funding - is an annual event
2. Happens in conjunction with interviewees for next year
3. Keynote speaker will be in attendance, student presentations
4. Had to change venue last minute, which incurred unexpected expenditures
5. Requesting $830
   a. Total budget was $2840
6. Received funding from GSSA, along with other departments/institutes
7. GAPSA Finance committee already approved full amount
8. Motion made to approve request; seconded; approved unanimously

b. GDC/IGDO recognition and/or funding proposal(s)
i. Two new proposals for recognition
   1. Graduate Pride Alliance
   2. SNACS STEM Non-Academic Career Society
      a. Explores non-academic careers in STEM
      b. Will bring in potential employers and relevant speakers
3. Motion made to approve; seconded; Approved unanimously

ii. IGDO Compiled Budget for Spring 2020
1. Under budget - many IGDOs are still new and figuring out procedural things
2. SAGA - wants to do Nevarsh Event and WOmen’s Day
   a. Totaling $1490
3. Alianza - food for meetings, social happy hour (the venue/food)  
   a. Totaling $930  
4. Black Excellence - exercise classes at Reilly, happy hour events (food), meetings (food), black student graduation, awareness event, kickoff, collaboration event with WiSE  
   a. Totaling $1900  
5. WiSE - yoga event, trivia night, resume night, bring your own writing night (coffee), business cards for active members  
   a. Totaling $2000  
6. GraPPA - mixer, happy hour (food/venue), end-of-year mixer  
   a. Totaling $2000  
7. **Motion made to approve budget; Seconded; Approved unanimously**

9. Open forum

10. Announcements
   a. Crest Awards - https://orientation.tulane.edu/crest-awards
   b. TYL for Graduate Students - https://taylor.tulane.edu/taylor-your-life/
   d. True 2 You: Living your Best College Life
   e. Guest for March 24 Meeting - Alysia Loshbaugh with IT Investment Council

11. Adjournment - 7:28  
   a. Motion made; seconded; approved unanimously