

16 September 2014  
6:00 PM  
Koldus Bldg. 144

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Procedure and Governance**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Speaker's Podium**

- a. Kyle Kelly, Student Body President
- b. Hannah Weger, Speaker, Student Senate

**V. Voice Reports**

- a. University Committees
- b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements

**VI. Pending Business**

- a. Constitution vote results from all graduate and professional students

**VII. New Business**

- a. Updated logo and branding

**VIII. Standing Committee Reports**

- a. Awards
  - i. Winter 2014 Travel Awards, Application period: 9/15/14-10/17/14
    - 1. Full schedule of events located on the GPSC website
    - 2. Reference form open from 9/15/14 until 10/31/14
  - ii. Profit shares- one per semester, TBA
  - iii. Fall 2014 quarterly report- out in October
- b. Legislative Affairs
  - i. Townhall with Interim President Hussey, 9/30/14 at 6:00 pm (location TBD)
  - ii. Faculty Senate, University Staff Council, Student Senate
- c. Marketing and Communications
  - i. Rebranding
  - ii. Marketing network
  - iii. Welcome back social- marketing recap
  - iv. Social media
  - v. Winter travel grant awards- marketing
- d. Multicultural and Diversity Affairs
  - i. Interdisciplinary Dinner with Dr. Saqib Mukhtar 10/2/14 at 7:00 pm
  - ii. Nominations for future dinner hosts
- e. Outreach
  - i. School of Law and Health Science Center- recap and update
  - ii. Department, Program, and Organization Involvement- update for 9/02/14
- f. Programming
  - i. Welcome Back- wrap up
  - ii. Campus Safety Awareness Week sponsorship- shots fired event 9/18/14 at 2:30 pm in MSC 2404

- iii. Global tailgate- 10/11/14at time TBD
- iv. Profit shares
- g. Quality of Life
  - i. OGAPS survey workshop with the Executive Committee
- h. Selfless Service
  - i. The 12<sup>th</sup> Can
  - ii. BUILD

**IX. Special Committee Reports**

- a. Student Research Week
  - i. Important dates
  - ii. Committee applications
  - iii. Budget
- b. Grad Camp

**X. Officer Reports**

- a. President
  - i. Title IX compliance
  - ii. Graduate student stipends- financial transparency
  - iii. Transportation services- bus transit and funding issues
  - iv. Student/department/faculty interactions and relationships review
  - v. Graduate and Professional Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities- professional student issues
- b. Executive Vice President
  - i. SAGE summit on higher education policy
  - ii. Roundtable monthly meetings
- c. Vice President of University Affairs
  - i. University Committees – assignment and reporting forms
  - ii. Internal Committees- preference forms
- d. Vice President of Information
  - i. Swipe system
  - ii. Website registration and information
- e. Vice President of Finance
  - i. Budget review

**XI. Advisor Comments**

**XII. Announcements**

**XIII. Adjournment**

## Graduate and Professional Student Council

General Assembly  
Business Meeting Agenda



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### I. Call to Order

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### IV. Speaker's Podium

- a. Kyle Kelly, Student Body President/SBP, student body has grown to +62,000 Kyle will work towards serving the student body both graduate and undergraduate, goals for improving the quality of life for student life working with the GSC to highlight issues facing graduate students
- b. Hannah Weger, Speaker, Student Senate, working towards getting liaisons with TAMU Law School and HSC since seats are open for graduate students to run; Student Senate meetings are open to all students also available via live streaming on YouTube; working on legislation to better life at the Law School and issues facing main campus student, any graduate student can write legislation to be brought forth in the senate just requires 2 faculty sponsors
  - Graduate perspective: most initiatives/issues talked about are not pertinent to graduate students; the number of undergraduate to graduate students would drown out our voice,
  - Response: if more graduate students held more seats and had more representation, more weight could be brought to the issues

### V. Voice Reports

- a. University Committees
  - none
- b. Department, Program, or Organization Announcements
  - Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) hosting a profit share at Carter's Burgers on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm; students interested in BGSA they will be fund raising for scholarships

### VI. Pending Business

- a. Constitution vote results from all graduate and professional students
  - Vote passed 94% yes to 6% no; starting tonight our name will now be Graduate and Professional Student Council

### VII. New Business

- a. Updated logo and branding
  - 1<sup>st</sup> friendly amendment: add 'constitution' before article II in second and third whereas
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> friendly amendment: add 'and professional' to all mentions of our organization's name

Vote: motion for voice vote – majority passes  
Vote: majority passes

### VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Awards
  - i. Winter 2014 Travel Awards, Application period: 9/15/14-10/17/14
    1. Full schedule of events located on the GPSC website
    2. Reference form open from 9/15/14 until 10/31/14
      - Travel awards range from \$100, 300, 500
      - Information and application process available on GPSC website

Point of information the travel awards are independent of other department and organization travel awards, receiving a GPSC travel award will not affect your chances for other travel awards

  - Awards committee members can apply for travel awards – will just not review for that travel award period
- ii. Profit shares- one per semester, TBA

- iii. Fall 2014 quarterly report- out in October
- b. Legislative Affairs
  - i. Townhall with Interim President Hussey - rescheduled
  - ii. Faculty Senate, University Staff Council, Student Senate
- c. Marketing and Communications
  - i. Rebranding
  - ii. Marketing network: Nth degree, webpage, emailing listserv
  - iii. Welcome back social- marketing recap
  - iv. Social media
    - Numbers reset to 0 due to name change
  - v. Winter travel grant awards- marketing
- d. Multicultural and Diversity Affairs
  - i. Interdisciplinary Dinner with Dr. Saqib Mukhtar 10/2/14 at 7:00 pm (10 spots)
    - 11/21/2014 Interdisciplinary Dinner hosted by Dr. Jane Welsh (14 spots)
  - ii. Nominations for future dinner hosts
    - Global Tailgate cohosting, will be Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> starting 2 hrs prior to kick-off
- e. Outreach
  - i. School of Law and Health Science Center- recap and update
    - HSC representative present today, contacted and working on School of Law rep
  - ii. Department, Program, and Organization Involvement- update for 9/02/14
    - working towards full department names and representation from all departments
- f. Programming
  - i. Welcome Back- wrap up
  - ii. Campus Safety Awareness Week sponsorship- “Shots Fired” event 9/18/14 at 2:30 pm in MSC 2404
  - iii. Global tailgate- 10/11/14 at time TBD
  - iv. Profit shares
    - Profits from profit shares put towards GPSC travel awards
- g. Quality of Life
  - i. OGAPS survey workshop with the Executive Committee
    - Results have been reviewed, working on a stratagem for addressing the main and major issues of the report
- h. Selfless Service
  - i. The 12<sup>th</sup> Can
    - no volunteer officers for GPSC members, but there are tentative plans for canned food drives specific to graduate students to implement and promote
  - ii. BUILD
    - supervisor positions for graduate students to supervise undergraduates at the build site

## IX. Special Committee Reports

- a. Student Research Week
  - i. Important dates
    - March 23-27<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Committee applications
    - Applications are not open and will be available on GPSC website later this week – due Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - iii. Budget
- b. Grad Camp
  - Advisor has received survey results from grad camp participants; report on these to come in the future

## X. Officer Reports

- a. President

- The Graduate and Professional Student Council is a separate entity from the Student Government Association, any graduate student can write legislation for GA meetings (does not requires sponsorship)
  - i. Title IX compliance
    - In regards towards violence against women and sexual harassment off and on campus, working towards a reporting structure in administration, guest speakers for this issues at future GA meetings to come
  - ii. Graduate student stipends- financial transparency
    - Limited data is available but confidential; Legislative affairs committee drafting legislation asking for information to be consolidated and available; accountability.tamu.edu doesn't list student stipends but does have budgets and salaries
  - iii. Transportation services- bus transit and funding issues
    - Fees consolidated and are now a set fee, representative from transportation services will speak at a future GA meeting; Legislative affairs committee working to write legislation to improve conditions
  - iv. Student/department/faculty interactions and relationships review
    - Addressing how do graduate and professional students relate to their college and department
  - v. Graduate and Professional Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities- professional student issues
    - Working to include professional student issues
- b. Executive Vice President
  - i. SAGE summit on higher education policy
    - There will be a panel on higher education policy, asking for nominations for faculty who research in higher education
  - ii. Roundtable monthly meetings
    - First Roundtable meeting held with heads of many on campus organizations that have influence over graduate and undergraduate bodies to voice issues to the GPSC and efforts to disseminate and highlight issues
- c. Vice President of University Affairs
  - i. University Committees – assignment and reporting forms
    - Emails sent out of external and internal committee assignments; if you haven't filled out a committee preference list fill out one today; committees will be contacting you with meeting time and date information; reminder to fill out the meeting report form after every meeting for your committee chair; if you are unable to attend a meeting let your committee chair know; feel free to make any announcements of pertinent information during voice reports
  - ii. Internal Committees- preference forms
- d. Vice President of Information
  - i. Swipe system
    - Swipe-in if you didn't at the beginning of the meeting
  - ii. Website registration and information
    - Website is back up and running, be sure to register your position within the GA to ensure accurate department representation
- e. Vice President of Finance
  - i. Budget review
    - Monthly budget report next GA meeting

**XI. Advisor Comments**

- Swipe-in information is separate from the registrations, swipe-in every meeting for attendance

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## DEPARTMENT, PROGRAM, AND NON-DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

Agricultural Economics  
Agricultural Leadership, Education, and  
Anthropology  
Atmospheric Sciences  
Atmospheric Sciences

Biochemistry & Biophysics  
Biological & Agricultural Engineering

Chemistry  
Civil Engineering  
Communications  
Computer Science & Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Geography  
Interdisciplinary Program in Genetics

Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences  
Horticultural Sciences

Industrial & Systems Engineering  
Information and Operations Management  
Interdisciplinary Graduate Program

Master of Public Service and Administration Program  
Materials Science & Engineering  
College of Medicine  
Molecular & Environmental Plant Sciences

Nuclear Engineering  
Institute for Neuroscience

Physics  
Psychology

Small Animal Clinical Sciences  
Statistics

Teaching, Learning, & Culture

Veterinary Integrative Biosciences  
Veterinary Pathobiology  
Veterinary Physiology & Pharmacology

Black Graduate Students Association  
Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Association  
Educational Psychology Student Organization  
Graduate Student Association of Chemistry  
Public Health Student Association  
Teaching, Learning and Culture Graduate Student  
Association