

Presidential Wrap Up August 2015

August 3:

1. Dr. Karen Butler-Purry (OGAPS)
 - Discussed plans for Grad Camp, future GPSC events
 - Finalize edits and schedule for Aggies Commit fellowship application
2. Kelli Hutka & Kellie Malone, Campus Programs, Association of Former Students (AFS)
 - we discussed ways AFS and GPSC could work together to help each other
 - AFS has a vast network of former students; GPSC is a group of future former students

August 6: Professional Development Steering Committee (PDSC)

- Finalized proposal for presenting certificate program to general assembly at first GPSC meeting; will allow GA members to sit on focus groups to improve quality of program
- All graduate students will be added to eCampus, to create community; also place to take tests/assessments for certificate completion

August 10: Graduate Operations Committee (GOC)

- E-vote on agenda items (e.g., new course requests/changes)

August 13: Committee on Campus Carry (call in, while on vacation)

- President Young (who makes final decision) is instructed to solicit input, hence formation of this group; final recommendation to President will occur over winter, since his decision needs to be made by January; Board of Regents can overrule President's decision by 2/3 vote; goes into effect August 2016
- Our job: to solicit input and "consult with students, faculty, and staff regarding **nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment**" — will need to create survey instrument to capture these factors
- We will have meetings every other week throughout the fall semester

August 19: Grad Camp, Session A

- AWESOME DAY! Wonderful, inspiring speakers, and a truly engaged audience!

August 20:

1. Step In. Stand Up.
 - Progress update: website, letter from President forthcoming
 - Presentation by students leaders to occur at fall leadership conference
2. International Student Conference Resource Table: great place to meet new international students; had many sign up to be new delegates or like our Facebook page

August 21:

1. Meeting with new Student Research Week (SRW) director, Allie Hardman: looking forward to working with her in the coming year!
2. OGAPS New Student Orientation Resource Table: outreach to new faces and new members

August 22: Indian Graduate Student Association (IGSA) welcome party: So much fun to be invited to participate in their warm, accepting community!

August 24-26: Fall Leadership Conference (with 8 members of executive committee)

- Great place to network with undergraduate students leaders and find places where graduate/professional students could get involved in leadership (outside of GPSC)
- Team building with executive committee

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August 27:

1. Committee on Campus Carry
 - Survey discussions and examples (Texas State & UT); how will we create survey? For next meeting
2. Step In. Stand Up.
 - Progress update; publicizing at MSC Open House; groups can obtain virtual toolkit and activation kits
3. International Student Conference Resource Table: great outreach
4. Executive Committee Meeting: preparing for the first general assembly meeting on September 1
 - We are ready and looking forward to September 1! (Although in retrospect, I don't think we anticipated the amazing turnout that actually occurred...over 115 students!)

August 28: OGAPS new student orientation: great conversations with new students

August 29: Grad Camp Session B

- Another excellent day of meeting new graduate and professional students!

Questions, comments, concerns? I'm always available.

Best,

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