

June Presidential Wrap Up

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May 30:

- GPSC Retreat I
 - o Welcoming the team!
 - o Working on updating the constitution & by-laws

June 1:

- First official day!
- Title IX Meeting with Dr. Christine Stanley et al: push to have student groups facilitate the Step In. Stand Up campaign; more information forthcoming on how to do this.
 - o How can we raise awareness? Advocate profiles, posters, wearables, kick-off/annual events, engagement lectures; training for students; grand camp/orientations
 - o Activation kit for students & student groups

June 3:

- Meeting with Karen Butler-Purry
 - o Aggies Commit: review/edit guidance document; prepare for applications early fall
 - o GOC Deans meeting upcoming
 - o OGAPS Mixer: set for early September
 - o GPSC participate in OGAPS orientations, Gig 'Em Week

June 10:

- Council of Principal Investigators (CPI) Meeting
 - o President Young Q&A
 - o Open carry: an issue that we will deal with over next year
 - o How to attract best faculty and students to A&M
 - o How to grow the university and compete at top level
- Professional Development Steering Committee (PDSC) Meeting
 - o Creation of professional development certificate: specifications? How to assess? Hours to complete program? Courses offered?

June 14:

- Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) Coalition Call
 - o How can SAGE help Texas A&M?
 - o Keep October open for annual summit

June 23:

- Graduate Operations Committee (GOC) Deans Meeting
 - o Admissions proposal: unofficial transcripts from grad students may be accepted with application – reduction in time to process; focused GPA calculations
 - o English language certification & exemptions for international students – compliance; effects English-speaking international students
 - o Revision of graduate faculty guidelines in graduate catalogue

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- Revision of “Request to Allow Graduate Assistant to Work More than 50%” form – more consistent with dual employment request form
- Strategic planning: how to encourage minority students to apply and matriculate here
 - Better recruitment; partner with HLGSA/BGSA; events, personal phone calls; diversity scholarships
 - Increase students of color as undergraduates -> greater source of future grad students
- Graduate Tuition Allocations: keep current tuition mandate for GAT/GAR, add fees? How to manage the funding pool
- How to get the best students? Why do students not matriculate?

June 24:

- Step In. Stand Up. Student Leader Meeting
 - How can we change the culture? How to have “courageous conversations” with a difficult dialogue. How to start the conversations?
 - Create awareness and promote dialogue; call to action
 - How to educate GPSC? Build healthy relationships
 - Banner at events, products for NSOs, table at athletic games, pledge from student orgs?
 - David Lisak speaking in spring
 - MSC Open House, SRW?
 - What does it mean to “step in & stand up?” How can we do it ourselves?
 - Website will be online this summer

June 27:

- GPSC Retreat II
 - More team-building
 - More constitution & by-laws updates
 - Executive committee meeting