

Presidential Wrap-Up October 2015

October 1

1. Graduate Council: review and vote on new course requests and change requests
2. BUILD Board of Directors: project started Monday, will be under construction through November 6, 2015. Open M-F 8am-5pm. Looking for 1,000+ volunteers. Building medical centers out of shipping containers to go to Haiti, Honduras, Kenya & Greece.

October 5

- Graduate Operations Committee: review of graduate committee membership; review of 2017 and 2018 academic calendars; ombuds officer update (also presented at GA meeting October 6th)

October 6

1. Division of Student Affairs Social: meet and greet with DSA director staff
2. GPSC General Assembly Meeting

October 7

1. Transportation Services Advisory Council: presentation about bike plan for campus and increasing bicycle usage for students; discussed office relocations and prioritization of parking spaces for individuals affected by office moves (want to allow those people to be higher on the parking waiting list); brief game day transit update; Cain Hall will be closing on November 15 for demolition.
2. Strategic Communication Working Group: review of strategic plan by 160over90, a marketing group helping A&M refine branding and tell our story; talk about kick off event in November for capital campaign

October 8

- Campus Carry: updates in progress with survey (final draft) and website; both coming out soon

October 12

1. GPSC Leadership Roundtable: first meeting of the semester; updates from IGSA, CSSA, HLGSA, BGSA; want this group to be a place to share updates and move forward with common goals
2. MSC Board Of Directors: review of our roles as BOD members, what do we know & how to make sure MSC tells their story; updates from other BOD members

October 13

1. Student Leader Meeting with President Young: low voter turnout, how to increase? Conversation about the university seal and keeping the old seal; tuition/fee increases proposed, conversations upcoming
2. GPSC Executive Committee Meeting

October 14

1. Meeting with Vice President for Research, Dr. Glen Laine, with Allie Hardman, Student Research Week Director: asking for financial support for SRW this year; Dr. Laine agreed to support!
2. Student Affairs Fee Advisory Board (SAFAB) Presentation: GPSC asked for \$4,000 to fund Grad Camp growth, and \$2,000 to fund Interdisciplinary Dinner growth for 2016-2017.

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October 15

- SBP Roundtable: tuition hearings coming up (Oct. 26 & 27); how can we help increase the number of undergraduates who finish in 4 years? Diversity day is November 12th in Academic Plaza, giving out t-shirts!

October 19

1. Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting: special invitation by speaker-elect Dr. Leonard Bierman to discuss Cain Hall move/issues related to student services; Dr. Pugh filled in the timeline for services moves, everything should be done by second week of November. All services in Cain moved to modulars near White Creek apartments. Social security breach of information affecting staff (and graduate students) who taught spring 2014 - some faculty have been involved with IRS problems due to identity theft. If you have been affected, let us know!
2. Dr. Karen Butler-Purry (OGAPS): invited her to attend next GPSC Roundtable on November 16; wants GPSC volunteers (executive committee and members of GA) to have lunch in January/February for discussion of climate issues
3. Student Leader Dinner: SOAR evaluation of Division of Student Affairs, is the division meeting its goals? Dinner & networking with other student leaders

October 20

- General Assembly meeting

October 21-26: Marisa out of town for workshop

October 27

- GPSC Executive Committee Meeting

October 29

- University Disciplinary Appeals Panel (UDAP) training: learning about how law applies to college campus, updates to Title IX/sexual assault rules, how to be an appeals panel member

As always...for more details, or if you have questions/comments, email me at gpscpresident@tamu.edu.

Thanks!

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