

## Presidential Wrap Up September 2015

September 1: First General Assembly meeting of the year. Over 100+ in attendance!  
Passed a resolution creating a committee on research.

September 2: Transportation Services Advisory Committee (TSAC)

- Campus car share program is switching from Hertz to ZipCar: more details soon
- Borrow-a-bike program: bikes can be checked out overnight for free
- Check out [transport.tamu.edu](http://transport.tamu.edu) and click on "Alternatives"
- Some changes in game day parking - check online or Twitter @gettoaggiename; Destination: Aggieland app is available

September 3:

1. Graduate Council
  - Approval of new courses and course changes
  - Change in process for graduate catalog (coming)
2. OGAPS Mixer: with GPSC executive committee and Office of Graduate and Professional Studies staff

September 4:

1. Meeting with Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life
2. Meeting with Dr. Leonard Bierman, Speaker-elect of the Faculty Senate: discussing ways that Faculty Senate and GPSC can work together

September 6: MSC Open House

September 7

1. Graduate Operations Committee
  - Changes to OPT and on-campus employment for international students
  - Graduate committee faculty membership: there will be changes to who can chair graduate committees
2. Student Leader Communications Dinner at Dr. Pugh's house: meeting with other student leaders to discuss issues pertinent to all of our groups

September 8: Meeting of the GPSC Executive Committee

September 9

1. Graduate Advisor Resource Fair
2. Soil & Crop Sciences orientation: presentation about GPSC

September 10

1. Committee on Campus Carry: updates on timeline; Dr. Parrott is available to present to GA
2. Welcome Back Social at New Republic Brewing Company

September 11

1. Meeting with Dr. Pugh, Vice President of Student Affairs
2. Lunch with Aaron Mitchell, Speaker of the Student Senate

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September 15

1. GPSC General Assembly meeting
2. Student Leader BBQ at Dr. Pugh's house: interacting with other student leaders, discussing ideas and ways to get graduate students involved, advocating for graduate students

September 16: College of Veterinary Medicine Graduate Student Association meeting & presentation about GPSC

September 18

1. Morning run with the Corps of Cadets, plus Dr. Pugh & Student Leader Communication Group, followed by breakfast with the Corps
2. Lunch with Zach Rozinsky, President of the MSC
3. Meeting with Mason Parrish, our SAFAB liaison, to discuss our upcoming funding proposal
4. First midnight yell

September 19: Tailgate at Dr. Pugh's with the graduate students from the Student Affairs Administration and Higher Education program...and football!

September 21: MSC Board of Directors

September 22:

1. Committee chair interviews for two open positions: Multicultural & Diversity, and Research
2. Meeting of the GPSC Executive Committee

September 23:

1. Meeting with Dr. Karen Butler-Purry (OGAPS)  
- Updating on OGAPS and GPSC
2. Committee Chair interviews: we selected a new Multicultural & Diversity Chair, Prerna Jain! We also selected two co-chairs for the Research Committee, Michael Kalan & Joonhee Kim!

September 24:

1. Committee on Campus Carry: webpage should be live within a few weeks; survey in editing phase and should be distributed within a few weeks
2. Vice President of Diversity Office Open House
3. Student Body President Roundtable: campus updates and networking

September 25: Division of Student Affairs New Employee Orientation

September 28: Student Leader Communications Dinner at Dr. Pugh's house

September 29: GPSC special committee meetings

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September 30: StrengthsQuest (with some members of the executive committee)

- Building on your strengths can be more beneficial than improving on weaknesses (which will only get you to competent-level, not expert)
- My strengths: Ideation + Positivity + Strategic + Empathy + Woo = I like to come up with ideas and figure out ways to solve problems. I also like meeting new people and networking. So if I can't solve a problem myself, I probably know someone who can!

Hope you enjoyed the first month of school!

Best,

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