



GPSGA General Assembly Meeting

February 8, 2017

5:30 pm – 035 South Murray Hall



Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order – 5:30 pm**
- II. **Approval of Last Meetings Minutes- 09/07/2016 – Approved – 5:31 pm**
- III. **Officers Report & Introductions**
 - a) President- Solmaz Bastani – **Bring it to the Table** – encourages students to **examine their biases and move toward dialogue** about important issues, **attended a meeting with “Our Daily Bread” food and resource center**
 - b) Vice President – Kendall Scarlett – **No report**
 - c) Secretary – Jessica Schnaiter – **New attendance procedures**
 - d) Treasurer – Phoenix Huang – **Not present**
 - e) Intergovernmental Liaison – Milad Mohebal – **Not present**
 - f) Parliamentarian – Kevin Coughlin – **Parliamentary Procedure expert**
 - g) Communication Director – Prashanth Busi Reddy – **Find updates in newsletter**
 - h) Social Chair – Luci Wilson – **Working on organizing Grad. Ed. Week**
- IV. **Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
 - a. **Guest Speakers:**
 - ~~i. Dr. John Mark Day~~
 - ii. Mr. Baeza – **Graduate Digital Badge Information can be found at info.library.okstate.edu/graduatedigitalbadges**
 - iii. Dr. Clinkenbeard – **Workshops for technical writing through Library – contests (WITH CASH PRIZES) are offered through the Graduate College for “Abstract Writing” and “Research Writing for a Public Reader” more information can be found at the Digital Badge page via the address above. Individual Development Plans start with skills, desires, and values assessments to make a plan of possibilities of careers for you. 3MT competition coming up, 197 students are signed up right now! The final competition will be on March 9th in the Student Union**
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. **Review of Attendance Regulations – Each department must be represented by 2 individuals, each student group should be represented by 1 liaison – To be eligible for awards, your program must remain in good standing (only one absence) throughout the semester. If for any reason an individual cannot attend, a proxy form can be sent to gpsga@okstate.edu or brought to the meeting by the proxy – New representative and liaison forms should all be turned in to gpsga@okstate.edu or Jessica Schnaiter-Brasche by the second GA meeting (Feb. 22nd)**



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- b. Groups with schedule conflicts stay after to discuss how attendance will be counted!
 - i. New deadline for Fixing Attendance Problems – If a group or individual's attendance needs to be changed/corrected, please email gpsga@okstate.edu within 14 days after the meeting in question, after 2 weeks attendance will be locked in and cannot be changed
- c. Travel Reimbursement – Applications will be reviewed by March 3rd

VI. New Business

- a. New Group Recognition - None
- b. New representative committee sign-up through GPSGA website – Please see attached PowerPoint for more information about each of the committees
 - i. Sign up for a committee online on our website with your three top choices
- c. Graduate Life Issue for Spring Semester – Discussion about an issue affecting graduate and professional students at Oklahoma State, please use our website to leave suggestions
 - i. Formerly, GPSGA has helped Grad. & Professional students with parking on game days
 - ii. Another idea is mental health counseling separate from undergrads
- d. NAGPS information – More information coming about offers from NAGPS like dental, life, and disability insurance.
- e. Co-Sponsorship Applications due February 22nd at 5 pm – Remind your departments/groups!
- f. Phoenix Award Application due March 15th at 5 pm – Remind your departments/groups!
- g. Diversity Resolution – Kevin Coughlin – Resolution in support of OSU International Students – motion passes with one correction

VII. Good of the Order

- a. “Our Daily Bread” food resource center informational video presented by President Solmaz
- b. Center for Health Systems Innovation presents Workshop on Data Mining Using R (Beginner's Level) Feb. 24, 1-5 pm – Register at bit.ly/CHSIRDataWorkshop or contact akashg@okstate.edu
- c. Hispanic Graduate Student Society Feb 16th in Classroom Building and everyone is invited to attend!
- d. OSU-CHS – March 13th-19th is Brain Awareness Week to promote brain research – Tulsa students will be visiting elementary schools and retirement homes and are looking for volunteers please contact Dolores.vazquez_sanroman@okstate.edu



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- e. Geography Department – Workshop on GIS Feb.17th for 9-12 noon, please sign up at Geography Department
- f. OSU Automation Society is hosting Automation Day - March 3rd Full-day event with poster competition for research presentations in the Peggy V. Helmerich Room, Edmon Low Library, OSU. To register for the poster competition for the chance to win CASH PRIZES go to <https://osuas.okstate.edu/automation-day-2017>
- g. Interdisciplinary Toxicology is hosted their 3rd Annual Symposium Feb.21st at 1 pm at the Vet. School Auditorium. Speaker info and schedule can be found at <https://toxicology.okstate.edu>
- h. Graduate College Ambassadorship opportunity – Please contact, Brooke Seibert at bdseibe@okstate.edu if you are interested

VIII. Adjournment – 6:33 pm

IX. Minutes Approved – 7:04 pm