



GPSGA General Assembly Meeting

February 22, 2017

5:30 pm – 035 South Murray Hall



Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order – 5:30 pm**
- II. **Approval of Last Meetings Minutes- 2/8/2017 – 5:31 pm**
- III. **Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
 - a. **Guest Speakers:**
 - i. Capt. Rick Hansen – Coordinator of Veteran Student Academic Services
 1. Richard.hansen@okstate.edu – 040 Student Union
 2. New service that began in the last ~18 months, if you are a veteran, please declare yourself to the Veteran Student Academic Services in North Classroom Building, First Floor
 3. Working to raise awareness of veterans on campus – flags on library lawn, recognizing Vietnam veterans, partnered with DVA (Disabled Veterans Association) and OSU being a Purple Heart University
 4. Invited all of us to the Veteran Suicide Awareness Walk – September 16th
 5. Women’s Symposium – March 9th (9 am – 4:30 pm) in Wes Watkins Center
 6. Tip for TAs: Be approachable, let them know you are willing to help. Be aware of those students who may be suffering from TBI (Traumatic Brain Injuries) or PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)
- IV. **Officers Report**
 - a) President- Solmaz Bastani – Busy week with SGA bill and preparing for panel on the Travel Ban (2/23 @ 5pm in Architecture 170)
 - b) Vice President – Kendall Scarlett – No update
 - c) Treasurer – Phoenix Huang – Not present
 - d) Secretary – Jessica Schnaiter-Brasche – Please let Jessica know if you are not receiving emails with the minutes and agendas
 - e) Intergovernmental Liaison – Milad Moheballi – Committee should be in contact with Milad by now, has added a task for CSO meetings: no one has signed up yet
 - a. Attended Executive Leadership Council meeting: more diversity learning opportunities will be available, keep your eyes open for Facebook posts & discussed BCT (Behavioral Consultation Team) for people you think are a danger to themselves or others
 - b. E-Board has been working to include more students that are not adequately represented like professional students and graduate students at the Tulsa campus



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- f) Parliamentarian – Kevin Coughlin – **Bill in new business, if you would like to introduce a bill, please talk to Kevin!**
 - g) Communication Director – Prashanth Busi Reddy – **Not present**
 - h) Social Chair – Luci Wilson – **Not present (Report given by Jessica) Graduate Education Week schedule, all information will be added to the website:**
 - a. **Tuesday - Garage Fundraiser – 5-9 pm**
 - b. **Wednesday - Colvin Yoga on the Lawn – 6:30 pm**
 - c. **Thursday- Research Gala @ Student Union – 7:30 pm**
 - d. **Friday- Finnegan's Social**
- V. Old Business**
- a. **Committee Sign Up – Committee sign up is closing at 6:30 pm!**
 - b. **Co-Sponsorship Applications due February 22nd at 5 pm – Emails for presentations will be going out soon from Phoenix**
 - c. **Phoenix Award Application due March 15th at 5 pm**
 - d. **Travel Reimbursement – Applications will be reviewed by March 3rd**
 - e. **Graduate Life Issue for Spring Semester – SGA Bill – SGA introduced a bill in late January that threatened the funds we use for travel reimbursements and co-sponsorships – E-board has been searching documents to learn the history of the relationship of SGA and GPSGA to create a timeline and save our funding and group**
- VI. New Business**
- a. **New Group Recognition – TESLing Club (Teaching English as a Second Language)**
 - i. **48 active members – Master's and Ph.D. – Holds socials and also supports grad students taking their comprehensive exams and finals**
 - ii. **Group would be able to attend all GPSGA meetings**
 - iii. **Hand Raise Vote – passes, welcome to GPSGA, TESLing Club!**
 - b. **Research Week Plans – Scheduled events, tentative events – Presented in officer report – please let your programs, departments, and groups know**
 - c. **Information on what the Executive Board and GPSGA does to make an impact**
 - i. **We appreciate your feedback, but are not sure what we can do to improve the substance of the general assembly meetings**
 - ii. **Possibility of bringing back program/group or research presentations**
 - iii. **Please send suggestions to the Executive Board for making meetings more helpful to us all**
 - d. **Social Voting – Our social committee has provided us with 3 social ideas for the Spring Semester**
 - i. **Eskimo Joe's Social - 14**
 - ii. **Boomer Lake Cookout – 24 – Social Committee will begin planning**
 - iii. **Bowling at Mojo's - 7**



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VII. Good of the Order

- a. The Sociology Graduate Student Association presents “A Lunch with Melissa Farley, PhD” on Thursday, February 23 from 11:30-1 pm in Murray Hall, Room 439
- b. Crossing Borders: Understanding the Travel Ban in Architecture 170 at 5 pm 2/23/2017 – Please extend invitation to everyone
- c. Automation Day - March 3rd, 2017 (Friday), Venue: Peggy V. Helmerich Room, Edmon Low Library, to register for the presentation and contest, click on this link: <https://osuas.okstate.edu/automation-day-2017>, Poster Presentation (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM), Automation Contest (4:30 PM - 6:30 PM), this event will include exciting Robot Games, technical talks & Poster Presentations related to automation and controls as well as cash prizes!
- d. Water Conservation and Water Researchers can submit abstracts by 5 pm on Friday for the 2017 Annual Student Water Conference on March 23-24, 2017, please find more information here: <http://water.okstate.edu/students/swc>
- e. Open Discussion Forum – Next Tuesday, the 28th @ 6 pm in Student Union Little Theater - “Being Colored at OSU” hosted by Sigma Lambda Beta and Phi Beta Sigma #BCOSU
- f. Next meeting is NEXT WEDNESDAY! Please do not forget!
- g. “Is your research safe from Cyber-Attacks?” hosted by Unmanned Systems Research Institute on Friday, February 24th, 2017 from 2:30-3:30 pm in 102 ATRC
- h. If you know of any graduate student stories to be shared in the Monday Memo – please submit stories to the GPSGA email, attn: President

VIII. Adjournment – 6:21 pm

IX. Approval of Minutes - Executive Board – 6:34