



## GPSGA General Assembly Meeting

March 1, 2017

5:30 pm – 035 South Murray Hall



### Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order – 5:30 pm**
- II. **Approval of Last Meetings Minutes- 2/22/2017 – 5:30 - Motion Passes**
- III. **Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
  - a. **Guest Speakers:**
    - i. Dr. Craig Watters – School of Entrepreneurship – **Not present**
      1. Craig.watters@okstate.edu
    - ii. Kendall Scarlett & Jessica Schnaiter-Brasche
      1. NAGPS News
        - a. **March 11-14, 2017 – Legislative Action Days - Kendall and Jessica will be in Washington D.C. talking with Congress about graduate and professional student issues, if you have anything specific you would like us to bring up, please email GPSGA**
        - b. **April 21-23, 2017 – South Central Regional Conference at Washington University in St. Louis, if you are interested in going or getting more information please contact us!**
    - iii. Luci Wilson- Winner of 3MT CASNR (College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources)
    - iv. Milad Moheballi- College of Education 3MT Third Place, and People’s Choice Award.
      - v. **Congratulations to all of the GPSGA representatives and liaisons who competed in and experienced success in the 3MT competition**
      - vi. **Thursday (3/9) at 3:30 Student Union Little Theater is the next part of the competition – Usually has refreshments!**
- IV. **Officers and Liaisons Report & Introductions**
  - a) President- Solmaz Bastani – **Office hours tomorrow 5:50-7:30 pm**
  - b) Vice President – Kendall Scarlett – **Phoenix Award committee keep your eyes out for an email**
  - c) Treasurer – Phoenix Huang – **Finance committee meeting next Friday at 4 pm, Co-Sponsorship meeting was going to be on the 17<sup>th</sup>, but will be rescheduled through email**
  - d) Secretary – Jessica Schnaiter-Brasche – **No report**
  - e) Intergovernmental Liaison – Milad Moheballi – **Last week at SGA proposed that Milad would get the chance to provide updates from GPSGA at SGA meetings, SGA elections are coming up! March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 pm, Milad needs help for 10-15 minutes on the Election Agency**



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- f) Parliamentarian – Kevin Coughlin – **Now an SGA senator, please remember anyone can bring up resolutions at the general assembly meetings**
- g) Communication Director – Prashanth Busi Reddy – **No report**
- h) Social Chair – Luci Wilson – **Please respond to her social committee emails because it is very hard to organize such a large group!**
- i) SGA Liaison – **Not present**

### V. Old Business

- a. Phoenix Award Application due March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm – **Remind your colleagues**
- b. New representative committee sign-up complete – **Please check the website and ensure your name is on a committee!**
- c. Graduate Student Issue Update –
  - i. **1995 – Graduate students decided to break away from SGA**
  - ii. **1997 - Vice President of Affairs mediated and a resolution passed to hold 6 Senate seats for graduate students only**
  - iii. **2002 – SGA passed a resolution to remove the graduate student Senate seats**
  - iv. **We could request our 6 seats in SGA are given back to us, the seats would be voted upon by the all of the graduate students at Oklahoma State University**
  - v. **SGA is currently trying to increase student fees by \$0.25 for each hour and they earlier created problems with our funding, so Kevin brought up discussion in favor of requesting our 6 seats back in SGA**
  - vi. **Question: Indrit – Could we become completely separate?**
    - 1. **Milad discussed reasons that being more active in SGA would give us a chance to voice our concerns and make sure graduate and professional students are being considered when decisions are being made**
    - 2. **Victor – We already are a separate entity, however, SGA represents all students and does not always take into account graduate and professional students**
  - vii. **Informal Poll taken to gauge interest in requesting our seats, passes – Kevin will begin work on making sure our voice is heard in SGA**

### VI. New Business

- a. SGA Candidates
  - i. **Erica Stephens & Brayden Farrell**
    - 1. **Increasing communication between minority and small groups and SGA**
    - 2. **It's On Us campaign – Brings awareness to sexual assault policies**
    - 3. **Openness with Administration – Faculty Advisory Council**
    - 4. **Increase Awareness of Scholarships – Scholarship Fair**



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5. Leadership – Giving everyone an opportunity to get involved in leadership
6. 2 new executive positions to help people get involved as opposed to using a website or trying to find something on your own
- ii. Clark & Rauner
  1. YouTube video
- iii. Questions & Discussion from the Assembly
  1. Minority Groups vs. “Big-6” Groups – Which is more of a priority and how do you plan to balance your two goals?
    - a. “Big-6” is more of a starting point, more important to give a voice to everyone!
  2. How will you make sure the scholarship fair will be reaching graduate and professional students?
    - a. Getting GPSGA involved through “Big-6” committee
  3. Are you hoping to get GPSGA more involved?
    - a. They are visiting everyone on campus, hoping to reach more people – Being here is a genuine olive branch in the hopes to work together more
  4. Will we get our Senate seats back? How will you take GPSGA opinions into account?
    - a. Yes, SGA would support us getting our seats back in Senate – Do not want SGA to be “overseeing” us, they want to work together
- iv. Elections: will be on elections.okstate.edu March 7-8<sup>th</sup>
- v. Debate: Animal Science tomorrow at 6 pm – more information on social media
- b. Professional Development Workshop
  - i. To show appreciation for representatives and liaisons at no cost at Meridian Technology Center – We need your input for what we want out of the workshop!
  - ii. Discussion:
    1. Discussion in support of mock interviews being offered
    2. Discussion in opposition to mock interviews due to career services already offering this on campus
    3. Discussion in opposition to mock interviews due to Master’s students who are non-thesis track
    4. Question: How many sessions will be offered? Answer: Most likely just one due to time constraints
    5. Discussion in favor of computer skills or statistics
    6. Question: Can this be something to put on CV or resume? Answer: Yes, Meridian will provide certificates and CV lines!



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7. Discussion in favor of DiSC work personalities – Learn your work personality and how to work with opposing or different personalities
8. Discussion “Know Your Strengths, Grow Your Talents” workshop is similar to DiSC training if that is of interest to everyone
9. Question: Will this happen this semester? Answer: Yes
- iii. Please email [gpsga@okstate.edu](mailto:gpsga@okstate.edu), attention Solmaz or Luci with your thoughts/comments/concerns about the workshop offered - Some ideas are listed here: <https://www.meridiantech.edu/business-industry-services/leadership-management-development/>

c. Resolution – Presented by Kevin and Milad

- i. Floor opened for discussion for 10 minutes – 6:40 pm
- ii. Motion to amend resolution to add Dr. Bird to list of people a copy of this resolution is sent to – Motion passes 6:43 pm
- iii. Clarification that if this passes, this body would experience an increase in fees, but no correlating increase in funding
- iv. Motion to amend resolution to
- v. Clarification:
- vi. Clarification: Should we be recommending student fee increase? That would need to be thoroughly investigated
- vii. Floor closed for discussion – 6:49 pm

**VII. Good of the Order**

- a. Digital Badge Program Workshop March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-3 pm ArcGIS mapping, also ArcGIS instructor will be at GRWL on Tuesday 5-8 pm Room 306, Edmon Low Library – For more information, please visit <http://info.library.okstate.edu/GraduateDigitalBadges/Calendar>
- b. Travel Reimbursement Applications are due 3/17 at 5 pm – Please do not forget

**VIII. Adjournment – 6:52 pm**

**IX. Approval of Minutes - Executive Board – 7:16 pm**