

**Graduate and Professional Students Association
Graduate Assembly Meeting**

Eleventh Legislature – Fourth Regular Session

2:00 P.M. November 15, 2013

Mohave Room #236 (Memorial Union) – Arizona State University, Tempe Campus

Minutes

Present:

Deborah Ayodeli, Katherine Brown, Kimberly Davidson, Brittney Hasselwood, Emily McIvor, Parth Nagarkar, Andrew Waldron, Samantha Wildman, James Alling, Kerrie-Anne Wilkins, Jorge Mancillas, Heather Kropp, Robert Schmitz, Jillian Childress, Daniel Barusch, Bryson Jones

Absent:

Sharma Chhavi, Jennifer Jermaine, Ayfer Golkalp, Shika Rawat, Ranson Saint, Alexis Farley

Excused:

Adrian Chavez

By Proxy:

Amelia Topper (Bobby Abdallah), Venu Garikipati (Sravani Vadlamani)

Attending:

Dr. Weber

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes

III. Amendments to the Agenda

President Alling moved to amend the agenda to move AB 21 to the beginning of old business; approved.

Alling moved to amend AB 01 to AB 07 – the proper title of the bill; approved.

Alling moved to amend the agenda to move AB 14 to the end of new business.

IV. Call to the Audience

V. Executive Reports

a. James Alling, Assembly President

Alling spoke about the bills on the agenda for today's meeting – specifically the advocacy agenda.

He explained that we would be confirming new members and recommended not considering or discussing people who were not present.

Introduced AB 23 which would allow GPSA to waive the December meeting through this bylaw change in instances where the Assembly President was certain there would not be a quorum – only in instances where there is no other new business besides funding and confirmation of new members. Those bills would then be voted on via email.

Reminded the Assembly that we do not fund ticketed events; we will fund them but there can be no revenue being made and it must be accessible and advertised as open to all graduate students.

Made assembly members aware that the January meeting is the last meeting at which to offer amendments related to the elections.

b. Megan Fisk, President

See Report online.

Spoke about the athletic fees and updates about the issues related to requested perks to go along with it.

Speaking with Dr. Crowe the day after the meeting to discuss the GPSA assembly members' requests.

c. Lisa Lacy, Vice President of Internal Affairs

Travel grants will be announced no later than November 21st.

Teaching Excellence Award trainings were held the weekend before and went well. An online teacher rubric has been added for the first time to include online professors in the awards.

Teaching Assistant award nominees were due last week.

Jumpstart Funding update: 18 applications were submitted by the deadline and the fall budget is \$7,000.

d. German Cardenas, Vice President of External Affairs

See Report online.

Report given by Adam Monroe.

e. Jason Stryker, Vice President of Professional Development

Sadly, we did not win the NAGPS bid.

VI. External Reports

VII. USG Report

VIII. Committee Reports

Nagarkar presented about international students at NAGPS committee. They had an international student committee meeting where they talked a lot about orientation.

IX. Old Business

AB #21: AN ACT Confirming New Members in November

Unanimous consent for Alling to amend the bill to include Barush and Yel and remove a third ineligible candidate.

Schmitz moved to allow students to speak for two minutes and introduce themselves; Barusch went first; Yel went second.
No debate; both members confirmed.

AB #07: AN ACT to Approve the GPSA Advocacy Agenda for 2013 – 2014

Bryson Jones introduced the bill and spoke about the advocacy agenda, the process, and what we as an organization believed was important.

Alling made several amendments - date, bill number, and corrected it to show that it was introduced by external affairs committee.

Wildman moved to recess for five minutes to read agenda, seconded by Mancillas; approved for voice vote to recess until 3:07 PM

Wildman called to question; bill passed.

X. New Business

a. AB #22: AN ACT to Approve the GSO December Funding Cycle

Introduced by Schmitz.

Approved by assembly.

b. AB #23: AN ACT to Amend the Bylaws to Cancel the December Regular Session and to Allow for Electronic Voting on Select Measures

Ayodele asked why we need to change the bylaws - why can't we just make it a one-time thing for this year; yielded to James to explain need of bylaws.

Waldron asked about how people felt about requiring GPSA approval before cancelling meeting.

Davidson agreed that it was a good to have the GPSA assembly approve of it Wildman reminded them that we could have the GPSA assembly approve question to cancel December.

Nagarkar called to question, Davidson seconds.

Ayodele called to amend line 35.

Waldron moved to amend line 36 to strike "believes there is a likelihood" with "determines."

Wildman called to question; Nagarkar seconds.

Bill passed by assembly.

c. AB #14: AN ACT to modify GPSA Bylaws, Title III, Section C and Section E, to add language for converting vacant seats to at-large seats for the remainder of a given academic/fiscal year

Waldron re-introduced the bill from a previous meeting.

Wilkins asked about what to do if we don't have a December meeting; how do we determine which seats are vacant.

Jones asked about setting a specific date to determine vacancy of seats.

Jones also asked what VP specifically should be responsible for maintaining this or overseeing this stuff and making sure that the new "at-large" members are reaching out to their seats.

Jones motioned to change "a GPSA VP" to chair of the assembly operations committee; seconded by Wilkins. No discussion; passed by unanimous consent.

Mancillas asked for clarification on 'at large' and how schools would be represented; yielded to Waldron, yielded to Striker for opinions
Ayodele wanted to strike 78-81.

Nagarkar moved to extend debate by three minutes; Wilkins seconded. No objection.

Alling asked if we can just suspend the rules to allow debate to continue until someone calls for it to end.

Nagarkar moved to amend line 34 (after 20% add off total assembly seats possible), Jones seconded.

Wildman again questions the issue of 20% of seats being engineering hypothetically.

Nagarkar amendment voted upon and passed by unanimous consent.

Waldron amendment - amended line 77; passed by unanimous consent.

Abdallah (proxy for Topper) gave his perspective as being a person who wants to be involved but can't be due to limits on his school's representation.

Nagarkar (with assistance from Striker) moved to amend the last paragraph to remove email specific communication with all communication channels; Schmitz seconded.

Nagarkar amendment passes

Wilkins asked for three minute recess; came back at 4:22 PM.

Nagarkar amendment withdrawn.

Nagarkar moved to amend bill as amended by Ayodele, Jones, Nagarkar, Waldron, and others. The amendment passed by unanimous consent.

Waldron calls to question; Nagarkar seconds; no objection

Bill passed.

XI. Graduate Student Forum

Increasing the student fee was discussed with proposals to raise it to \$32 and \$35. A major reason for the rise in price would be to take into account inflation and the rising cost of doing business as well as adding additional funding to travel grants which are highly utilized by students and student groups.

Schmitz expressed the Chemistry students' disdain for raised fees and his own general disinterest in raising the fee.

Davidson and Wildman both spoke about the need for travel funding for internships and extenships.

XII. Announcements

Alling told everyone to expect a Doodle poll regarding the December meeting quorum.

XIII. Adjournment

Waldron moved to adjourn; Jones seconded.

Meeting ended at 4:51 PM.

Voting Records

AB #21:

- **In Favor:** Brown, Mancillas, Kropp, Schmitz, Childress, Davidson, Wildman, Ayodele, Waldron, McIvor, Haselwood, Nagarkar, Garikapati, Jones, Wilkins
- **Opposed:**
- **Abstained:** Alling

AB #07:

- **In Favor:** Brown, Mancillas, Kropp, Schmitz, Childress, Davidson, Wildman, Ayodele, Waldron, McIvor, Haselwood, Nagarkar, Garikapati, Jones, Wilkins, Barusch, Yel
- **Opposed:**
- **Abstained:** Topper, Alling

AB #22:

- **In Favor:** Brown, Mancillas, Kropp, Schmitz, Childress, Davidson, Wildman, Ayodele, Waldron, McIvor, Haselwood, Nagarkar, Garikapati, Jones, Wilkins, Barusch, Yel, Topper
- **Opposed:**
- **Abstained:** Alling

AB #23:

- **In Favor:** Brown, Mancillas, Kropp, Schmitz, Childress, Davidson, Wildman, Ayodele, Waldron, McIvor, Haselwood, Nagarkar, Garikapati, Jones, Wilkins, Barusch, Yel, Topper
- **Opposed:**
- **Abstained:** Alling

AB #14:

- **In Favor:** Brown, Mancillas, Kropp, Schmitz, Childress, Davidson, Wildman, Ayodele, Waldron, McIvor, Haselwood, Nagarkar, Garikapati, Jones, Wilkins
- **Opposed:**
- **Abstained:** Alling