

# GSEG General Meeting

October 11, 2022; 6:30pm - 8pm

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## Agenda

1. Roll call
2. Updates from the Executive Board
3. Updates from the GAPSA Representatives
4. Departmental Updates
5. Constitutional Amendment

## Roll Call:

Non-Voting Representatives:

MCIT:

MSE DATS: Purvansh Jain x

Voting Representatives:

MSE NANO: Nilay Awasthi x

MSE ROBO: Pranav Shah x

CBE: Amanda Hopkins x Siddharth Sharma x

BE: Melanie Hilman x

CIS: Hita Kambhamettu x

ESE: David Gonzalez-Medrano x

MEAM: Frederik Zhu x

MSE: Ravisara Wattana x(proxy) Lucy Decker x

IPD:

Absent: Nandan Tumu Dimitris Boufidis Ravisara Wattana

#### Executive Board:

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#### GAPSA Representatives:

Masters: Purvansh Jain x Nilay Awasthi x Frederik Zhu x

Harshil Parekh x Sophia Li x Maya Singh x

PhD: Paradorn Rummaneethorn x Dimitris Boufidis Simeon Ristic x

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## Updates from the Executive Board

### 1. President

- a. New policy for PhD students in SEAS: Dual Enrollment in masters degrees
  - i. Beginning in 2024, every department except CIS will enroll their PhD students in a PhD/Masters program. Students

can pick up a masters if they want on their way to graduation.


- ii. CIS will not offer this, but rather a research masters to be awarded if a student decides to leave their PhD
- iii. All current students and 2023 admits will be grandfathered in

- b. GAC is currently attempting to produce a standardized Research Probation policy for PhD students. As of now, there will be time limited probation where a set of milestones will be agreed upon with your advisor and grad coordinator
- c. Constitutional amendment to remove duplicate chairs

## 2. Vice President

- a. Please talk to Ira if you want to be involved in advocacy initiatives!
  - i. Message through GAPSA or SEAS Slack Channel
  - ii. End of meeting working groups to discuss further

## 3. [Finance](#)

- a.  GA Finance Updates 2022
- b. Department Budget Allocations
- c. Underutilization Policy
- d. Funding Application workflow

## 4. Programming

- a. Tickets for Longwood gardens trip (IPF with GSESG): Oct 22, 80 tickets, bus leaves at 3PM, return to campus at 10PM, Eventbrite will be available soon
- b. Food Holiday for Oct 18th Chocolate Cupcakes! Towne 321, (probably mid-afternoon, ~2-4pm ish)
- c. GSEG & Dental & (maybe) Design, GSESG, Law - IPF Event: Halloween Party! Thursday, Oct 27, 8PM in Houston Hall, Hall of Flags
  - i. Please let Owen Land know if you want to help out!! Or join #gseg-programming Slack channel
  - ii. Task list will be distributed soon!

- d. Hike Saturday Oct 29th!
    - i. Looking for volunteers to drive rental cars and transport people (Slack message or email Ira)
  - 5. Logistics
    - a. Hopefully the newsletter will be fixed soon...
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## **Updates from the Departmental Representatives**

- 1. MSE NANO: Annual User Day at Singh Center on Thursday (open to all! Must register ahead of time, check your email)
- 2. MSE ROBO:
- 3. CBE:
- 4. BE: Breakfast on Mondays - easy collab (ROBO and NANO are interested!)
- 5. CIS:
- 6. ESE:
- 7. MEAM:
- 8. MSE:
- 9. IPD:

Let Owen know if you have questions about event organizing, reach out to Maya if you need help with funding!

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## **Updates from GAPSA Representatives**

- 1. GAPSA passed budget
  - a. Increased 15% budget for each G12 school due to last year's surplus, as well as increased in IPD budget
  - b. Special project ideas that cover all of Penn can be funded via a special fund → Talk to Joe!

## 2. Research Council

### a. Advisor-advisee issues

- i. TA Payments/Requirements are different based on schools/departments
- ii. TA opportunities are not announced or available to all
- iii. No student input on which classes they can TA
- iv. Balanced workload - some large classes or classes that require a lot from the TA, may have only one TA
- v. Payment
  1. Tiers in workload can match the salary they get
  2. Some departments do differentiate between “graders” (~\$3500) and “TAs” (\$7000)
  3. Some are hourly pay i.e. \$15/hour w/max of 12 hours a week

### b. Professional Council

- i. Apply to travel fund for presenting/attending Conferences!!
  1. Max of \$500 for attendees, max of \$700 for presenters
  2. Can go to travel expenses or registration fees
  3. [Application](#) is on GAPSA Website

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## Constitutional Amendments

1. [This amendment](#) modifies the number of social and finance chairs to one: <https://github.com/gseg-upenn/constitution/pull/1/files>
2. Amendment passed! (almost unanimously), 15/16 yea, 1/16 abstain

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## New Business

1. Mixer with Wharton or other schools to talk about entrepreneurship and just network in general
    - a. Nov Happy Hour with Law School
    - b. There are also some groups at Penn that put graduate students together to work on projects
  2. EAT!
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Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.