GSEG General Meeting

November 15, 2022; 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Heilmeier Hall (Towne 100)
Catering: Zesto Pizza

Agenda

1. Roll call
2. Updates from the Executive Board
3. Departmental Updates
4. New Business
5. GSEG Vice President Elections

Roll Call:

Voting Representatives:

MSE NANO: Nilay Awasthi x
MSE ROBO: Pranav Shah x Proxied
CBE: Amanda Hopkins x Susanna Belt x Proxy
BE: Melanie Hilman (proxy: Miles Arnett)x
CIS: Hita Kambhamettu x
ESE: David Gonzalez-Medrano x
MEAM: Kyle Skelil x Shreyas Ramesh
MSE: Ravisara Wattana x Emily Beeman (proxy: Lucy Decker)x
IPD:

DATS:
BIOT: Tran To x
Absent: Purvansh Jain

Executive Board:

President: Nandan Tumu
        Email: gsegpres@seas.upenn.edu
Vice President: None (Elections today!)
        Email: gsegvp@seas.upenn.edu
Chair for Finance: Maya Singh
        Email: gsegfin@seas.upenn.edu
Chair for Social Programming: Owen Land
        Email: gsegsoc@seas.upenn.edu
Chair for Logistics: Genesis Quiles-Galarza
        Email: gseglog@seas.upenn.edu

GAPSA Representatives:

Masters: Purvansh Jain Nilay Awasthi x Frederik Zhu x Harshil Parekh
x Sophia Li x Maya Singh x Qiao Xu x Zahabia Rangwala x
 Archita Agarwal

PhD: Simeon Ristic x Paradorn Rummaneethorn x Dimitris Boufidis x

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Updates from the Executive Board

1. President Updates
   a. GAC
      i. Pushing for removal of the application fee for PhDs and MSEs

1. Currently MSEs pay a $90 application fee, and a $300 reservation fee to reserve their spot, which gets refunded to them as tuition credit
2. Currently CollegeNet is used to process applications, costs $180k per year, is looking to replace with full-time staff member

   ii. Dual enrollment for PhDs to get master's degree, current students will get grandfathered in
   1. For incoming class, everyone will be automatically enrolled except for CIS PhD students due to enrollment issues

   b. Working with GAPSA to get more resources for G12 governments
      i. Proposal is being made for infrastructure bill
      ii. Would also like to see overall budget increase
   c. Working on Constitutional Amendments
      i. Will be discussed in new business
      ii.
   d. Updated Synergy Policy
      i. This is in new business
      ii. 📄 Resolution 2201 - Synergy Agreement

2. Vice-President Updates
   a. N/A
3. Finance Updates
   a. 🟨 GA Finance Updates
   b. Tentative Fall 2022 Budget(in slides)
   c. Methods of Funding (in slides)
   d. Goal: Create separate budget codes for the departments to make reimbursements easier
   e. Reminder: Underutilization Policy is in effect, use it or lose it!
   f. Spring Department Allocation Tentative Date
      i. Dec. 31st deadline for dept reps to submit expenses for Fall 2022 semester

4. Programming Updates
   a. [Past event Updates](#)
      i. Halloween Party IPF
      ii. Hike to Trexler
      iii. Longwood Gardens IPF with Education
      iv. November Happy Hour IPF with CSR (Law)
   b. Push university to make fees for reserving rooms/speakers/tables/etc. less for student groups (GAPSA Advocacy) and streamline the process
   c. Nov-Dec Upcoming Events:
      i. Food Holidays (Peanut Butter Fudge/Lemon Creme Pie)
         1. ...por que no los dos? :)
      ii. Quizzo/Game Night:
         1. Voted to be Avatar the Last Airbender
         2. December!!
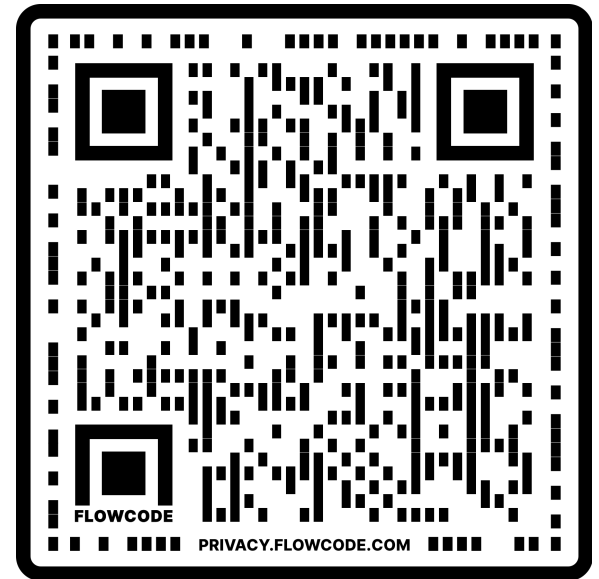   d. [Event Idea Form](#)
   e. IPF with PAAGSA
      i. Pan-Asian Study Break: Food from the Diaspora (we'll serve food from different Asian countries, a way for students to take a break from finals/papers + provide finals care packages) [tentatively early December]
      ii. Pan-Asian Spring Welcome Event (Happy Hour Event w/ substantial food) [tentatively early February]
   f. Co-founder speed dating??
      i. Poll for more feedback on IG or newsletter
   g. Inter-school happy hours (BGSA/Vet)
   h. GAPSA Gala

       i.   Theme: The Great Gatsby Prohibition Night
      ii.   Fillmore, early March
     iii.   Total of ~2000 students, each school bids for tickets
     iv. $90-100 per person, subsidized by GSEG IPF/programming funds to ~$30 per person
      v.   May be an option for guest tickets being offered to married partners with PennID
     vi.   Last year we got 250 tickets, every attendee got 6 drinks tickets = $25k of our budget, almost half of our budget
    vii.   GAPSA suggestion is 450 tickets (lol)
   viii.   Can rely on IPF funding

5. Logistics Updates
    a. Department Reps: ✚ Department Contacts 22-23
    b. Website Updates: gseg.seas.upenn.edu
        i. Official Launch?
    c. Newsletter updates: it's working now!
    d. Meeting Minutes: https://github.com/gseg-upenn
    e. Communication
        i. GAPSA Slack: gapsaupennn.slack.com
            1. #gseg-ga channel for all departmental representatives and exec board (please let us know if you haven't been added to this!)
            2. #gseg channel for all gseg constituents
            3. #gseg-hikes
            4. #gseg-programming
            5. #gseg-advocacy
            6. #gseg-finance
        ii. WeChat:
        iii. Instagram: @gseg_upenn
            1. Anything you want us to share to our story, or post on the feed please DM or email us!

Updates from the Departmental Representatives

1. MSE NANO: N/A
2. MSE ROBO: N/A
3. CBE: N/A
4. BE: N/A
5. CIS: N/A
6. ESE: N/A
7. MEAM: N/A
8. MSE: N/A
9. IPD: N/A

GSEG Vice President Elections

Call for Nominations

Nominations for Vice President:
- Génesis Quiles-Galarza - ☐ Vice President GSEG Election

Updated Synergy Agreement

📄 Resolution 2201 - Synergy Agreement

New Business

1. Next GA Meeting will be Tuesday Dec 6th, same time, same place.
   a. Food: El Merkury or Cafe Saigon

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15pm