

SASGov General Meeting: September 11, 2017

SASGov Exec Board:

Present: Akshay Walia, Tom Elliott, Hong Zhang, Shichun Ling

Absent: Nicole Welk-Joerger, Andrew Gunn, Ida Nitter

Attendance: Approximately 37 attendees, including GAPSA reps (excluding SASGov exec)

Introductions

- Akshay introduced Penn's system, SASGov, and GAPSA
 - o Introductory slide deck was presented
 - o SASGov exec board members were introduced
 - o Committees were described
 - Showed new website to GB
 - o Roll call for department representatives
 - **NOTE:** Still need reps from Demography, Economics, Hispanic Studies, Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, and Psychology
 - o Introduced GAPSA and its committees

LPS Statement

- Tom verbally presented SASGov statement on LPS
 - o Paper copies of statement were given to GB and GAPSA members in attendance
- GAPSA response to statement: SASGov statement is based upon incorrect information
 - o GAPSA President (Miles Owens) and Vice President (Rebecca Umbach) was in attendance, among other GAPSA representatives (e.g., Paul Welfer)
- Suggestions by SASGov GB on how to address LPS issue:
 - o Having a combined LPS and SAS social event
 - o Informing GAPSA that there *might* be financial issues due to the reduced budget and asking if GAPSA might consider helping to address any financial issues *if* they arise.
 - o Breaking this issue into two pieces:
 - 1) How LPS left (process of leaving) – what is the policy?
 - 2) Monetary aspect – not necessarily related to *how* the issues arose but to focus on the fact that it *did* happen and there are issues that are arising as a consequence which need to be addressed.
- **STATUS:** SASGov Statement on LPSGov is **TABLED** until budget is finalized
 - o Note: SASGov budget is anticipated to be finalized during second SASGov meeting (September 25th) and GAPSA budget is anticipated to be finalized during second GAPSA meeting (September 27th).
 - o **Hong** will present budget at the next SASGov GB meeting (September 25th)

GAPSA Election

- Reviewed election procedure
 - Akshay was the election moderator; Asminet and Hong tallied the ballots.
- Candidates:
 - Haley Pilgrim (elected)
 - Tom Elliott
 - David Slisk (elected)
 - Yun Cha (elected)
 - Greg Callaghan (elected)
 - Mark Bookman (elected)