

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

GAPSA:

- FELS Resolution
- Discretionary Appeal
 - Offer to buy tickets for Fashion show that we can raffle off or some other offer?
 - 600 for 6 tickets
- Exec Updates
 - Mark announces GAPSA's version of a solidarity fund

Research Council

- AEF
- One-Pagers
 - Seemingly little, but really significant victory (Penn did a thing!)
- Graduate Student Handbooks
 - Expectations of mentorship and guidelines should be clear
- Buyan will pursue with Beth, each school on RC will pursue with their respective deans regarding medical insurance
- Conference

Meeting with Eve:

- Did Greg leave anything out?
- Distributing information about medical insurance
 - Should we encourage everyone to speak to their grad chairs about this?
 - Nicole did, slightly strained process
- Follow up February 26 at 1 pm

Meeting with Anita (Greg & Tom):

- Handbook will be released in May
 - Will try to get dismissal procedures in there, but probably not.
 - All the grad chairs meet once a month, can be added to the meeting in April
- Sexual harassment policy - all administrators agree that it is a ridiculous policy
 - Will be looked at and may be revised, but probably not for a while
- SAS is the only school that doesn't have a Student Life administrator

Constitutional Amendment for Exec Stipends

- Greg just wants to make everyone aware
- Will distribute a copy to GB next meeting so that they can look over it and get feedback to him by next exec
- Too little notice/too much to cover next GB to discuss & vote on it then
- Aside: Tom/Nicole, do we have the Constitution with most recent amendments up yet?

Social

- Need GAP events
 - Med never responded
 - Taco place?
 - If med doesn't want to do it we can do the engineering one there
 - Any updates from engineering
 - Whiskey bar
 - LPS?

Finance

- Any discretionary?
 - Yes, 5 applications
 - All five approved

- In total they are asking \$5530 (some have been suggested at lower amounts)
- Travel grants set to open on Feb. 13 (Website, etc.)

PA

- Ben Talks
 - Do we have the judges we need?
 - Still need humanities/science
 - How did application review go?
 - 50+ applications this year

Communications

- One-Pager Headaches
 - We've reached out to Buyan, who will talk to Beth
 - Eventually, meetings to go over them. Hold off until obstacles cleared?

Policy

- Development/Research Fund
 - Talk in RC about this as well
- Solidarity Fund
 - Cf. GAPSA's
- Implementation (Meeting with Barb/Jewel)
 - Development Fund
 - Haven't been able to reimburse people taking courses elsewhere
 - Interviews for Instance would have to be PDA
 - Not for Penn, makes it taxable
 - Travel Grants started with 400k
 - Takeaway
 - Mostly implementable
 - Red mark on taking courses elsewhere
 - Unclear if that would apply to workshops that offer credit
 - Solidarity Fund
 - Needs approval from Eve at least
 - Tax concerns about the language of funding packages including travel cost
 - Student Financial Services
 - Look into Penn's Global Services
- Both or One?
 - Money to implement two this year, a lot of budget manipulation can make funds available to fully implement one next year
 - Unequal in potential to achieve changes in admin/GAPSA
 - Role of union?

