

GPSA Executive Board Agenda for Spring 2025

GPSA Exec Board 04/03/25 | 03:00 – 04:00pm | Zoom

- **Attendance at 03:00 PM**

- **Ajay Barman**
- **Desmond Aboagye**
- **Matt Shaw**
- **Ali Maleki**
- **Rose Maleki**
- **Madison Hönig**
- **Joseph Akowuah**
- **Augustine Attah**
- **Nazua Idris**
- **Sajjad Uddin Mahmud**
- **Dr. Tammy Barry**

- **Announcements**

- Transition document and meeting
 - Please start working on it so the next administration can start preparing to assign the people to the committees.
 - Due date is not finalized yet. The meeting will be the third week of April. If you could complete it by the end of April.

- **Agenda items**

- GPSA bylaw discussion: Nazua
 - Received a lot of feedback from members of GPSA.
 - Adding Committee Chair Decisions, but also include opportunities to investigate those decisions and establish an overriding decision.
 - Including language on how to address issues around enrollment as to be considered an academic unit, programs need 10 graduate students. We want to add language on how we define academic unit and how we should work with programs with less than 10 students.
 - Include language on who is considered a members of GPSA and who are member of the Senate.
 - Include orientation training for newly added members who was added later in the academic year, while also adding language about GPSA

member's responsibilities when it comes to meeting with their department.

- ICA recommends having more discussions around the qualifications of who can and who can't run for President and Vice President.
 - Considering a hybrid model where members could meet with IAC and to allow people to pair up the President and Vice President
- Added more details about each committee chair and their responsibilities.
- We are evaluating the requirement for committee chairs for scholarship and travel grant when it comes barring them from applying to their committee awards. Looking into language to adding to grant these committee chairs to apply.
- Adding language around campaigning during the elections and applications process. Adding language and process when it comes to open applications.
- Adding language about excused absences during times of religious observances or holidays.
- Adding more clarity on what are the qualifications for a proxy vote.
- Senate Meeting 3/31 Discussion (Madison)
- Committee budget discussion and transfer
 - \$500 transfer to the A & S committee.
 - \$900 from Community Affairs to Grant
- GPSA Excellence Awards Eligibility
 - Any previous awardee does not qualify for an award. Joseph requested adding it to the bylaws.
- GPSA Resolution
 - Transparency around Visa holder addition
- **Committee updates**
 - **PDI: Sajjad Uddin Mahmud**
 - Sustainable networking with Dr. Christina Willis
 - **Awards & Scholarship: Joseph Siaw Akowuah**
 - We are looking to add more funding for awards to first, second, and third place for the Research Expo.
 - The dissertation grant has just finished.

- We had issues with the research exposition around some people getting 2 judges and
- **Travel Grants: Austine Attah**
 - We are reviewing March applications and opening up April travel grant applications.
- **Internal Affairs: Nazua Idris**
- **Communication: Andrew Sutherland**
 - Slate Announcements for Social and PDI events
 - Slate Announcement for RSO funding.
- **Budget committee: Desmond Aboagye**
- **Community Affairs: Madison Hönig**
 - We will be collaborating with the College Hill Association for Pizza for the Planet. You can now drop off pizza boxes until April 22 at Ruby Street Park. April 22 from 12-2PM there will be live biochar demonstration.
 - Emergency Food Card Distribution live April 7th
- **University and Student Affairs: Ajay**
 - No New Announcements
- **Programming: Redwan Khan**
 - **Restaurant Friday:** April 4th, Friday (tomorrow) with Porch Light Pizza
 - Art & Wellness Night: Creative Confections: April 11th in the CUB Jnr Ballroom from 5:30 to 7:30
 - Programming committee appreciation dinner (which will serve as the first and last in-person programming committee meeting) on April 18th.
 - We will have some leftover money from the Ice-skating event, as many students didn't show up. Therefore, we have approved a \$500 transfer to the A & S committee.
- **Legislative Affairs: Ali Maleki**