GPSA President's Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, September 30th| 11:00am-12:00pm

Location| SUB Cherry and Silver Room/ Via Zoom

Meeting Minuets

I. Call to Order
   a. Roll Call
      i. **Roll call at 11:11am**
      ii. **Marisa Page, Charlotte Auh, Ebony Gonzalez, Abid Mohammad Ali, Franklin Duah, Soumyodipta Karmakar, Tayla Romero-Sena, Bree Hawkins, and Buddy Wren.**
   b. Confirmation of Quorum
      i. **Quorum confirmed 9/12**
   c. Approval of Agenda
      i. **Charlotte motions**
      ii. **Bree seconds**
      iii. **Agenda was approved**
   d. Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement
      i. **Read by Marisa**

II. Opening Business
   a. Approval of last Meeting's Minutes
      i. **Motioned by Charlotte**
      ii. **Second by Bree**
      iii. **The aye's have it in approving last meetings minutes.**
   b. Public Comments
      i. **No public attendees.**

III. Officer Reports:
   a. President- Marisa Page
      i. **Haunted Hodgin Mandatory meeting on October 13th.**
         1. **She will send a reminder email to everyone.**

2. **We will receive a $500 dollar stipend if we win the contest.**

ii. **Provost Rodriguez asked for graduate representatives for College Universities Libraries Committee.**

iii. **Marisa wants to meet with Attorney General, acting Chief Justice, and LSC Chair to discuss lobbying.**

iv. **Having to change our constitution as next year there will be no insurance provided.**

1. **Let us know if you have any ideas for this.**

v. **Time sheets, please make sure your filling these our and truthfully.**

1. **Make sure you are letting us know if you are doing office hours in the office or over Zoom. Working with HSC to get an office on North Campus for folks to do their office hours in.**

vi. **Please send in ID and other information needed to the Office Admin.**

vii. **President still wants to plan a team dinner.**

viii. **Will be grouping our events for the end of the month so expect smudge events, educational resources, and know your rights events.**

1. **Task: Franklin if you can send these invites to the team to put on their calendars.**

b. Council Chair- Charlotte Auh

i. **Last council meeting was last Saturday.**

1. **Approved LSC Vice Chair Rafeal Colon.**
2. **Approved their standing motion.**

ii. **Trying to get everyone's birthdays noted down to celebrate birthdays in each month.**

c. Chief of Staff- Ebony Gonzalez

i. **Helping with planning events**

d. Grants Director- Joseph Conteh

i. **Read allowed by Chief of Staff**

1. **Hello Executive Team,**
   a. **I apologize for not being able to attend today's meeting. I had already signed up for a conference taking place at the same time. Please find my report below to be read in my absence.**
   b. **Grants Director Update**
      i. **Ongoing Grants Review The grants review period runs from Monday, September 21, 2026**

to Monday, October 12, 2026. Additional details on next steps can be found in the grants and scholarship section of the website.

ii. Grants and Scholarship Applications

1. **· NMRG General Priority: 21 applicants**
2. **· NMRG High Priority: 11 applicants**
3. **· PDG: 36 applicants**
4. **· SRG: 69 applicants**
5. **· GSF: 45 applicants**

iii. Unfortunately, due to funding constraints, we will not be sending out the HSC Rural Rotation Grant application this cycle.

c. HSC Rural Rotation Grants: Current Status

i. Summer HSC Grant: 21 awards were given out of 26 total applicants. Those not awarded were identified as undergraduate students. This information was shared through the respective schools, such as Health Sciences and Nursing, which serve both undergraduate and graduate students. It appears the undergraduate applicants believed the grant was also open to them. I will include the specific total amounts awarded in the report coming out in two weeks.

ii. Spring 2026 HSC Grant: 0 applicants. (This should have been included in the previous director's report.)

iii. Fall 2025 HSC Grants: Covered in the previous director's report.

d. Committee Priorities: We are working on amendments to the Grants Code, including adding workshop requirements and moving the application deadline from 5:00 pm to 11:59 pm. More broadly, our goal is to streamline the entire application process and the codes themselves. We welcome feedback from all GPSA branches on any section of the codes that may need to be reviewed.

e. Questions If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email or meet with me tomorrow.

ii. Marisa's updates on grants: Spoke with Victor Ryes to get more money for HSC Rural Rotational Grant.

iii. Abid on grants: feels if there can be a policy if grants reviewers can not be eligible to apply for grants.

e. Public Relations- Franklin Duah

i. GPSA is doing good on getting out event flyers.

ii. Continuing to share GPSA event flyers

f. Finance Chair and Finance Vice Chair- Soumyodipta Karmakar and Bhawana Kafle:
    i. **Completed 2 Finance Meetings**
    ii. **August allocated funds 27k to 27 appropriations.**
    iii. **Advertised for October Cycle.**
        1. **Got around more than 70k in request.**
        2. **He is closely looking at how the money benefits the grad students.**
        3. **If we have fund through annual process or PB funds, he encourages students to apply for more.**
    iv. **Appropriations due October 13th.**
g. Director of Boards, Committees and Elections- Abid Mouhamad Ali
    i. **The following committees did not receive any applications:**
        1. **Scholarship**
        2. **Health Leadership Council**
        3. **Sustainability Council**
        4. **Curricular**
        5. **Elections Committee**
    ii. ********Senate Graduate and Professional (SGPC)********
        1. **Honorary Degree**
        2. **Recreational Services**
    iii. **FYI, for our next call for committees, Marisa has taken out the SGPC committee from the list.**
    iv. **The following committees appear to be finalized. I sent confirmation emails to the selected applicants in my capacity as Director of Boards and Elections copying Marisa. Green ones replied, and blue ones didn't:**
        1. **Campus Development Advisory**
        2. **Teaching Enhancement**
        3. **BeKind**
        4. **Student Publication**
        5. **Library**
        6. **Tuition & Fee Remodeling**
        7. **Admissions & Remodeling**
        8. **IT Academic Technology Board**
        9. **Athletic**
        10. **CDAC**
    v. **Research Policy**

1. **IT Cabinet**

vi. **The following committees have multiple applicants and may require interviews before we finalize the selections:**
   1. **Athletic Council**
   2. **SFRB**
   3. **IT Use**

vii. **Finally, We have an applicant for the following committee but looks like Marisa choose not to select the applicant. Need to confirm if we still need this committee:**
   1. **SUB Board**

h. Political Director- Bree Hawkins
   i. **Talking with the President of ASUNM and Charlie.**
   ii. **Hope mentioned having social media outreach.**
   iii. **Currently reaching out to civic engagement to get grad students involved with voting.**
   iv. **Reached out to legislators Harold Pope to see if he is interested in doing an event with graduate students.**
   v. **Reached out to Melanie Stanbury to see if she wants to talk to graduate students as well.**
   vi. **Currently researching legislatives to see if anyone wants to advocate for certain things related to graduate students.**
   vii. **Thinking about having graduate students take a survey.**
   viii. **Reached out to Dr. Scott to see if there is any upcoming things we can help out with.**
      1. **Marisa: Lets set up a meeting in the next week.**

i. North-Campus Liaison-Lela Elliott
   i. Read allowed by Chief of Staff
      1.

j. Sustainability Director- Dora Aidoo
   i. **Read allowed by Chief of Staff**
      1. **Have been in touch with the President of Health Sciences Student Council (HSSC) for an event on North Campus.**
         a. **Scheduling the initial meeting to talk about it took a while due to complex and busy schedules, but it happened on September 29th, 2026**
      2. **Summary of Meeting with HSSC President and Vice President:**
         a. **Trivia on Weds October 21st from 6pm-8pm**

i. **Most likely will be held in DOM 3710, but HSSC President will see if we can get the bistro for that time since it's a bit more spacious.**

b. **Trivia software/application:**
   i. **We wanted to see what GPSA uses**
   ii. **Any other recommendations?**

c. **Event Flyer:**
   i. **HSSC has their own listserv that they can send the flyer out whenever it is ready**
   ii. **Flyer can also be sent out through the HSC listserv (I think, will have to double-check), and hopefully the GPSA listserv**
   iii. **I can also reach out to the folks in charge of the MPH listserv to share the flyer (and any other colleges/departments. Would love to hear people's thoughts!)**
   iv. **Clark and Brianna would like to see the flyer GPSA comes up with before it is sent off**
   v. **They are also interested in adding the location, prizes, food information, and that the event is to meet new people from North and Main campus to the flyer**

d. **Prizes:**
   i. **HSSC has a gift card for the Happy Heart Bistro on North Campus**
   ii. **Clark will also get in touch with personnel from the dental hygiene school to include a free cleaning in the prizes (as a grand prize)**
   iii. **I wanted to see if GPSA has any swag/prizes we can add**
   iv. **HSSC will also see what they can throw in with their food budget since we are providing the food**

e. **Food:**
   i. **We would like to know where the Pizza will be provided from, and if we could also get salad in addition to the pizza.**

f. **Extra Notes:**

i. **HSSC and NCL are very excited for this event! We are anticipating a good turnout (hopefully) because not a lot of these events happen on North Campus**
ii. **After this event, we can assess the turnout and what to anticipate so future events are smooth sailing**
iii. **Still waiting for NCL email access (I know Kaya sent an email about that)**
iv. **I am always open to hearing people's opinions and ideas on events!**

k. Attorney General- Tayla Romero
   i. **Reading the constitution and bylaws for any errors that I feel like we should address soon.**
   ii. **Working with UGW on advocacy for workers rights and seeing ways to get the law school involved.**
   iii. **Working with law professors to determine who would be available to talk at the clinic for the know your rights event. Need to confirm date and time slot for them to speak to ensure they will be available.**
   iv. **Discussed with legislative steering potential changes for special elections, need to have further direction as he has received mixed information on changes to be made**

IV. Other Information/ Announcements
   a. Office paperwork
      i. **Please send Kaya a picture of your Student ID.**
      ii. **And fill out any paperwork she needs you too to grant you access to your director email.**
   b. Time Sheets
      i. **Please fill out your timesheets when you are doing your office hours. We will be checking these weekly.**
   c. Semester reports
      i. **Please start putting together all events and things you are doing this semester into a document.**
      ii. **We will be asking this again for next semester to create our end of year reports.**
   d. Next Meeting
      i. **October 26th 10:30am**

V. Adjourn

a. **Meeting Adjourned at 12:07am**