



## General Council Meeting Agenda: March 21, 2024

### General Council Meeting

- I. Call to Order and sign in!
- II. Executive Board Reports
  - a. President Lacey Rzodkiewicz ([ldr27@pitt.edu](mailto:ldr27@pitt.edu)):
    - i. Ongoing elections:
      1. Available positions: President, Vice President, VP of Programming, GPSG Representative, Teaching Award Chair, DEI Chair, Summer Research Grants chair
      2. Open from 14 Feb-14 March, election from **15 March-20 March**
      3. Nominate here: [https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3P3nnM7N1DQjPVA](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3P3nnM7N1DQjPVA)
    - ii. Statement on unionization available [here](#) for distribution
    - iii. Adriana Cox will be joining us for our next meeting!
      1. DSAS embedded clinician
      2. Format?
  - b. Vice President Payne Banister ([wpb20@pitt.edu](mailto:wpb20@pitt.edu)):
  - c. Faculty Advisor Rosemary Capo ([rcapo@pitt.edu](mailto:rcapo@pitt.edu)):
  - d. Administrative Assistant Christina Vega-Aleman ([asgso@pitt.edu](mailto:asgso@pitt.edu)):
    - i. Don't forget to submit the purchase approval form prior to purchasing things to make sure you're good!
    - ii. Please check our website or with Christina/Lacey/Payne for deadlines for grants and/or reimbursements and also make sure to check your email for any information from us!
    - iii. I am available to help with SORC purchasing Tuesdays 10-12p (virtual) and Fridays 10-12p (virtual). Please let me know in advance if you need to purchase anything with SORC's card! I will need your name, event information, address, and a link to what you want to purchase.
- III. Internal Committees
  - a. GPSG:
    - i. Fun things: Lots of events coming up for the first week of April for Grad and Professional Student Appreciation Week
    - ii. Elections active on website
    - iii. Published Student Life Survey Report on website
    - iv. Executive Board spent \$1855 on annual retreat
      1. Typically a leadership conference or workshop, instead attended a spa day
      2. Each board member received approximately \$270 of services
      3. Claimed it was to bring massage therapists to future GPSG events though spa attended offers no mobile services

4. Asked to amend constitution for board purchases-told that we first need to assemble a Bylaws Committee
  - a. Likely would not be formed until well into summer after board leaves
  - b. Grievance procedure is a similar minimum of two to three meetings (i.e., months)
- b. Grad Expo:
  - i. Chair: Payne Banister
    1. **NEXT THURSDAY ON 28 MARCH!**
    2. 3MT from 9-12, Grad Expo 12-4
    3. WPU 540 primarily
- c. Teaching Awards:
  - i. Members: Natalie Runkle ([nataliebrunkle@gmail.com](mailto:nataliebrunkle@gmail.com)) (Philosophy), Alysha Lieurance (Anthropology), Caitlin Mace ([cbm49@pitt.edu](mailto:cbm49@pitt.edu)), Kathryn Carney ([klc171@pitt.edu](mailto:klc171@pitt.edu))
  - ii. Gearing up to send out their next announcement for FY24-25 awards
  - iii. **Seeking new members**
  - iv. Most of the work is a month or so in September-October to get the banquet set up and get awards out
- d. Committee for Diversity and Inclusion:
  - i. Members: Mihir Khanna (Physics), Arnab Dey Sakar (Math)
- e. Summer Research Grants
  - i. Chair:
  - ii. Jack and Turki expressed interest!!!!
- IV. External A&S Committees:
  - a. Healthcare task force: Allison Mahoney ([amm540@pitt.edu](mailto:amm540@pitt.edu))
    - i. Townhall last night
    - ii. Task force dissolved in February
    - iii. **Implied that no substantial changes are likely to be made**
    - iv. Medical Hardship Assistance Fund-will continue through next academic year
  - b. A&S Dietrich Council: DSAS Council, grad student reps
    - i. Reps: Grace Naa Korkoi Amoah ([GNA16@pitt.edu](mailto:GNA16@pitt.edu)), Godspower Ubit ([godspowerubit@pitt.edu](mailto:godspowerubit@pitt.edu))
  - c. A&S PBC: DSAS Planning & Budgeting Committee, grad student reps
    - i. Reps: Neel Patel ([NEP48@pitt.edu](mailto:NEP48@pitt.edu)), Edison Hauptman ([ERH129@pitt.edu](mailto:ERH129@pitt.edu)), Christina Vega-Alemañy ([CMV66@pitt.edu](mailto:CMV66@pitt.edu))
  - d. A&S Grad Council:
    - i. Reps: Oluwasegun Amoniyani ([OMA55@pitt.edu](mailto:OMA55@pitt.edu)), Turki Alturaifi ([tma53@pitt.edu](mailto:tma53@pitt.edu)), Laura Beghini Chelidonopoulos ([laura.chelidonopoulos@pitt.edu](mailto:laura.chelidonopoulos@pitt.edu)), Si Wang ([SIW34@pitt.edu](mailto:SIW34@pitt.edu)), Akira Pinto ([akira.pinto@pitt.edu](mailto:akira.pinto@pitt.edu))
  - e. University Council on Graduate Studies
    - i. Rep: Robert Marshall ([rrm72@pitt.edu](mailto:rrm72@pitt.edu))
- V. Old or Unfinished Business:
- VI. New Business:

**VII.** Announcements:

- i. <https://discord.gg/T6kWFFQ8tJ>
- ii. If you're still not a member of the Discord server, now is a good time to join!

