



Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

Meeting Minutes | Third Session of the 45th General Assembly (2023-2024)

11 October 2023 at 7-8:30pm

Location: Silverman Hall 240B at Penn Carey Law

Minutes by Deputy Director for Records Grace Chang

Following minutes of 45.3 to be approved the 25th of October, 2023

7:06 pm

1 Opening

- Meeting called to order by President of GAPSA Michael Krone.
- Agenda approved.
- Procedural matters:
 - Gina Perrucci has stepped down from speaker role.
 - Tonight, Michael has selected Joe, the previous President of GAPSA, to serve as speaker pro tempore.
 - Motion to appoint Joe as chair pro tempore for tonight's meeting. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried.
- Opening remarks by Paradorn (Joe) Rummaneethorn.
- Minutes from 45.2 (9/27) approved.¹²
- Quorum confirmed by Director of Logistics Aradhana Kasimsetty.
- Information from Michael on the special election to formally fill the speaker position:
 - Next GA, a special election will occur during the next GA Meeting (DRL room A8) and any enrolled grad student is eligible to run. Nominations will gathered until the day of the election.
 - Electors will have to be certified a minimum of 10 days prior to the election.
 - Chair of elections will count ballots in secret along with appointed tellers. Note that if you are appointed as a teller you cannot run. Refer to the [Exec Bylaws Section 8](#) for more information on election procedures.
 - Role of speaker includes facilitating/leading meetings, maintaining impartiality, maintaining order, protecting the rights of everyone, understanding and implementing Roberts rules/GAPSAs rules and constitution.

7:21 pm

¹44.15 (4/26) and 44.13 (4/12) remain unapproved

²Please provide all suggested edits to the minutes to Director of Logistics Aradhana Kasimsetty by the Friday before GA.

- Began [demo](#), courtesy of Former Speaker Gina Perrucci, to simulate the process of passing a bill.

7:26 pm

2 New Business (75)

Approving Internal Committee Appointments (5)

Krone

- Motion to approve appointments. Seconded.
- Discussion and self appointments:

Point of information: Will this have to approved again later if people want to change or add committee appointments? Yes.

Assembly Member: I move to amend this by nominating myself for the financial reporting committee.

Suggestion made by chair to do additional appointments with Aradhana instead of here, and approve after. Counter point that this would induce a two week latency.

Point of information: Is advisory services committee not here for a reason?

Michael: It may not have fit on the slide. Updating slide now to include all committees and new self-nominees.

Point of information: If we want to switch committees later, can that be done?

Joe: Yes.

Point of information: Will changes within committees need to be approved in the next GA meeting?

Joe: Yes.

Point of information: Are these committees composed of just GA reps or non GA reps as well?

Aradhana: There are non GA reps on committees, and those appointments can be done without being approved in the meeting. They will be non-voting members.

Assembly Member: Question for the Director of Alumni Relations: Are there any updates or arrangement on when committee is meeting?

Director of Alumni Relations: After formal approval tonight, expect meetings to be scheduled.

Point of information: Is a committee always open?

Yes, they should be. Note you can always sit in without being an official member.

Aradhana: In terms of sitting in, you can do so with the approval of the chair of the committee. In order to vote within the committee you need to be approved.

Joe: Last call for all self nominations.

7:36 pm

- Chair is seeking a motion to approve the addition of self appointed committee members.

Assembly Member: Motion to approve amendments to the list. Seconded.

Objection: Director of Equity and Access Mayowa Fageyinbo would like a chance to speak to new additions before they are added.

Self Appointments

GA Member	Committee
Simeon Ristic	Financial Reporting
Adam Ziada	Alumni Relations
Christopher Johnny	Budget
Shivani Daftary	Programming
Taylor Sullivan	Equity and Access
Joey Vitale	Budget
Alexandra Faeth	Wellness

Joe: Calling back the question of approving the amendments. Majority is in favor. Motion is carried and amendments to the list are approved.

Assembly Member: Motion to ratify the updated list. Seconded.

Assembly Member: Can we amend that amendment?

Joe: No, it is too late to amend the amendment since it has already been passed.

Chair is seeking objections to updated list. One by Chloe is seen by the chair.

Question is called. Majority in favor, motion is carried and committee positions are ratified.

7:40 pm

Upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities (5)

Singhal

- Keep an eye out for the workout series, museum tour, and music society starting soon if not already begun.
- Share events with constituents!

7:42 pm

Review and vote on amendments to FY2024 Budget (25)

Jones, Alvarado

- Introduction to tonight's discussion:

Rene: Three amendments have been seen for a first reading.³

Point of information: do we need to talk about the requirement for the two readings?

Rene: There is a proposed amendment to one of the amendments, but no need to suspend two readings today.

- First Bill: Affinity Partnership Fund (APF) VP of Finance Nakisha Renee Jones

The general goal of the APF is to help increase the amount of funding for affinity groups in order to foster more collaboration among them and G12 schools. There are multiple pieces, but all involve moving around money within the ideal council budget that already exists.

First increase is the empowerment fund: aka how groups get their annual budget.

Second is increasing funding to affinity partnership fund by 8000 to help groups have a way to contribute into the G12 matching funds.

Overall, moving this money would reduce the council budget from 26k to 15k, but is the money is still used within IDEAL. Questions?

³Up to date text is appended.

Point of information: Given the amendment to the amendment, is this the first reading of the new amendment?

Assembly Member: My understanding is that the amendment is about a governance issue rather than money, I defer to ruling of the chair if its appropriate to be attached to a budget amendment. If this requires a second reading or not depends on that.

Defer to Michael. Michael reads it out loud, the chair will decide if its governance or finance.

The intent is to make sure old rules established still apply to the new fund. Keeping consistency between IPF (interschool partnership fund) and APF.

Point of information: Could we see the actual clauses that are resolved?

Screen sharing the bill.

Chloe: Note number 3 fundamentally changes how the APF would work.

Assembly Member: For context on procedural matters only: to alter the governing documents of the Financial Advisory Board (FAB) the constitution of GAPSA would need to be amended on who is part of FAB and whether they are voting or not voting. FAB and IPF are subject to dual jurisdiction (GA and G12) so both entities would need to approve. With the new amendment there are new steps which need to be done before we can vote.

Point of information: Chair rules that amendment is out of order.

Appeal to the ruling of the chair that this is out of order.

Motion to appeal chairs ruling. No second. Motion does not go.

Point of information: Would money come from G12 funds or affinity funds?

Assembly Member: Defer to Nakisha, but it should function just like any other IPF scenario. Each investor decides how much they want to put in. If sourced from G12, GAPSA will match, if sourced from affinity group it would come from the affinity fund.

Currently, are the funds from the G12 matched by GAPSA if G12s are working with affinity groups? Yes, but only if there are two G12s involved.

Correction from IDEAL Council Chair Chloe Ricks: This bill does not deal with a G12 partnering with an affinity group to receive fund matching. This is just affinity group to affinity group partnership fund matching.

Chair brings us to 5 minutes for debate

Point of info: This conflicts with constitution.

Motion to remove that part of the resolution.

Assembly Member: The text is non-binding. All we would do is be bound by the numbers if we approve this today.

Motion withdrawn.

Point of information: What is this fund classed as? I.e. what rules will it be subject to?

This is being framed as a pilot fund so it will be subject to those GAPSA rules and co-managed with IDEAL.

Motion to end debate and move to a vote. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried

Is there a motion to vote on the amendment text?

Motion to call the vote. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried

Vote is called, majority has it and in the eyes of the chair the amendment has passed.

8:06 pm

- [Second Bill](#): Council Development Funds ⁴ Director of Budget Rene Alvarado

The goal of this bill is to give research and professional councils \$5000 into a professional development fund. This was taken away last year because of the overall budget reduction. Idea behind taking away this fund is that councils will work with operations to get any needed funds for development type activities (food, retreats). This amendment takes 10k from reserves for these two line items. Some money will also go into the bonus fund to incentivize good budget practices.

Joe: Move on to Q and A. Any questions?

Jenny: How are the funds envisioned to be used? What classifies usage of this money?

Rene: Reminder that the amount for this was previously around 10k, but defer to Ludwig.

Ludwig: RC hosts small group coffee dates with constituents. It's essentially a discretionary fund. RC reviews grants which is work, serve dinner. We provide extra services only to research students rather than the whole GA, which is harder to justify using GA funds for.

Assembly Member: So to be clear, its for the people sitting on the councils?

Ludwig: No, its for research students in general.

Assembly Member: This amendment combines the Academic Event Fund with Research council development fund? Why?

Rene: We're not considering that we're only considering the amendment text on the screen.

8:12 pm

Assembly Member: Move to strike line item 6.6 consolidation out of the bill. Seconded. Move on to debate

Point of information: What was the intention of consolidating in the first place?

To allow for greater flexibility.

Ludwig: AEF has always been used. Moving money to places like individual grants from AEF at the end of the year is the goal.

Assembly Member: Why are we allocating this when the Academic Committee spent over 150% of their budget last year?

AEF doesn't supply AC. Supplies more niche symposiums and other things

Assembly Member: Objection to the two line items

Ludwig: it is fine, but if they are not consolidated we will need more amendments later on especially with further need for provost approval.

Nakisha: More context is that even though money was awarded for AEF, it got billed out of student group event fund, which made it look like AEF was under used. More flexibility means easier transfer later if it is underutilized.

Debate is closed as ruled by the chair. Reminder that the motion is to strike out the consolidation of two line items. All those in favor.

⁴Before adoption, there was an amendment to this bill striking the consolidation of two line items. The full text included is as adopted.

Joe: Aye's have it, amendment to amendment passes and the line item consolidation is struck.

Assembly Member: I'd like to propose an amendment to include the clauses to the resolved section of the bill.

Out of order since it would need a first reading and ten day notice. Withdrawn.

Assembly Member: Does anyone else get a development fund?

Nakisha: there are places where funds can be used for committee meetings.

Assembly Member: Side question I'm wondering why the floor amendment was told they needed ten day lead time, when the previous amendment to strike lines from the bill did not?

The difference was the old was pertaining to content in the bill that wasn't moving money around, new one is moving money around that needs 10 day notice.

Assembly Member: If those funds are available, why does RC need this separate line item?

Nakisha: They aren't available to PC and RC. This brings equity to them.

Joe: Final points of debate?

Assembly Member: We strongly urge to pass so that RC doesn't have to keep bringing stuff to this body.

No objections. Call the question (vote). Majority in favor, in the eyes of the chair the amendment passes.

- [Third Bill](#): Reduction of Provost Contribution Director of Budget Rene Alvarado

Rene: This amendment reduced the GAPSA provost award fund line item in the budget from 90k to 63k.

Entering Q and A.

Point of information: The overall budgets were given by the provost?

Rene: Yes, we were given 2.315mil later. 2.342mil was voted on in April. This just needs to get stamped.

Motion to end Q&A and move to debate. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried

Motion to end debate and move to a vote. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried. Vote is called, in the eyes of the chair the amendment is passed.

8:24 pm

Focus Issue Discussion on Public Safety (25)

Tandon

- Motion to table to the next meeting. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried.

8:25 pm

Confirmation of University Committee seats filled to date (5)

Tandon

- VP of Advocacy Saloni Tandon and Director of Equity and Access Mayowa Fageyinbo presented University Council and university wide committee seats. Ranking and scoring process was devised to appoint applicants. We have a few seats empty, forms are reopened and will be sent out again.

Joe: Seeking a motion to ratify these appointments.

Motion to approve committee roles. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried and committee roles are approved.

8:29 pm

Preview of Ivy+ Conference and discussion topic solicitation (5)

Krone

- Saloni: Transit is becoming a big issue. We are reviving a transit task force, and invite the GA to join. There will be a form sent out. Please consider especially if you have experience with civil engineering, city planning or work on transit. We will try to work with SEPTA to provide safe and affordable transit to students.
- Michael: Some of us are headed over to Yale for ivy+ conference. It is a forum to share ideas for how to handle issues and discuss. Previously, we've expanded programs for food insecurity with food pantries that we took inspiration from Cornell.
- Assembly Member: How the provost office sets standards about handbooks and orientation. How do the universities deal with requirements from admin. How well do programs communicate with their graduate students, what best practices can be taken with information distribution.
- Assembly Member: Assistive tech in classrooms?
- Assembly Member: How to approach conflict between desires of leadership and students
- Assembly Member: Extra time on tests is all handled backdoor and departments don't do it officially.

8:36 pm

- Motion to extend by ten minutes. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried

Discussion of Bylaw and Constitutional Amendment processes (10)

Chair Pro

Tempore

- Brief discussion on how amendments are made. Refer to the Constitution and Bylaws, relevant text copied below.
- "This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the General Assembly, provided the full text of proposed amendment has been distributed with ten (10) days notice before the final vote. The final, adopted Bill amending the Constitution must be in writing and specify the exact textual changes to the GAPSA Constitution and also an official abstract of the changes made. For amendments adopted in 2023 or later, the count of the vote adopting it, including the number voting yes, no, and abstaining, must be recorded. Upon adoption, the Constitution is republished (1) as revised by the adopted changes, (2) with the official abstract (or full text of the amendment, if no official abstract is adopted by the same three-fourths vote) appended to Article XIII: Amendments, as a new section at the end with a paragraph for each "Resolved" clause or section of the instrument (dropping the enacting word "Resolved"), and (3) with the date of passage and the count of the vote adopting it (yes, no, abstain) appended as a subparagraph of this paragraph (Article XIII(A)(1))." Page 42
- "Upon approval by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board and ratification by simple majority of the General Assembly, the Executive Bylaws may be revised." Page 17
- Motion to extend for five minutes. Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried.

8:45 pm

3 Unfinished Business & General Orders (5)

Consideration of motions from previous meetings

Chair Pro Tempore

- Joe: Is there any unfinished business to be realized?

- Assembly Member: Re-raising the previous motion to make all current presidents of the 16 G12+ constituent student governments non-voting members of the General Assembly.⁵
- Seconded. All in favor. Motion is carried

8:49 pm

4 Open Forum (5)

Announcements and Questions from GA members

Krone

- Skipped in the interest of time, continue conversations on Slack.

8:53 pm

5 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn.
- Seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

⁵Motion first made in 45.1

6 Attendance

IDEAL Council	Professional Council
<p>Christopher Johnny IDEAL BGAPSA Briana Edwards IDEAL BWGA Zihao Wang IDEAL CSSAP Samuelle Delcy IDEAL EE Just Carlos Jarquin IDEAL LAGAPSA virtual Maxwell Piscotta IDEAL Lambda virtual Catherine Zhang IDEAL PAGSA Sreen Assi IDEAL PGWISE Krishleen Kaur IDEAL Rangoli virtual</p>	<p>Lavnik Balyan Engineering (GSEG) Oliver Ma Engineering (GSEG) Sravana Nuti Engineering (GSEG) Virtual Joey Vitale Engineering (GSEG) Sophia Li Engineering (GSEG) Yilong Huang Engineering (GSEG) Harsh Yellai Engineering (GSEG) Hugh Strike Law (CSR) Olivia Heffernan Law (CSR) Laila Salame Law (CSR) Sooyong Kwon Law (CSR) Hayden Innes Medicine (BGSA) Muskan Lather Medicine (BGSA) Absent Christian Bogardus Medicine (MSG) Maya Alexis Medicine (MSG) Mo Soumaoro SP2 (SP2SG) Elyse Cinquino SP2 (SP2SG) Proxy Joelle Lingat Isabelle Schlehr Veterinary (SAVMA) Sabrina Garcia Veterinary (SAVMA)</p>
Professional Council	Research Council
<p>Daniel Ceva Arts and Sciencess (LPSGov) Anqi Pan Arts and Sciencess (LPSGov) Xinyu (Kathy) Li Arts and Sciencess (LPSGov) Absent Rebekah Davis Business (WGA) Absent Ashish Erasani Business (WGA) Alison Lee Business (WGA) Absent Divya Achantani Business (WGA) Absent Isaiah Matthews Business (WGA) Absent Rhea Datta Business (WGA) Virtual Loyd Bradley Business (WGA) Absent Cristian Navarro Business (WGA) Absent Shivani Daftary Dental (PDM) Lauren Verheyden Dental (PDM) Katherine Bencosme Dental (PDM) P Tre Ambroise Design (WSC) Meagan Kearney Design (WSC) Lauren Pawlowski Design (WSC) *Excused* Absent Duc Nhu Education (GSESG) Taylor Sullivan Education (GSESG) Ananya Mekapati Education (GSESG) Virtual Vani Kumari Education (GSESG) Xinzhu Shi/Madelynn Education (GSESG) Mengying Bian/Victoria Education (GSESG) Varun Viswanathan Engineering (GSEG)</p>	<p>Ben Glass Arts and Sciencess (SASGov) Jenny Reiss Arts and Sciencess (SASGov) Jaydee Edwards Arts and Sciencess (SASGov) Ameen Sidhick Arts and Sciencess (SASGov) Adithya Raajkumar Business (WDC) Absent Devo Probol Communication (AGCS) Catherine Zhang Education (GSESG) Simeon Ristic Engineering (GSEG) Stephen Lee Engineering (GSEG) Stephanie Schreiner Medicine (BGSA) Proxy Devo Probol Emily Getzen Medicine (BGSA) Proxy Adam Ziada Jayme Nordin Medicine (BGSA) Proxy Devo Probol Adam Ziada Medicine (BGSA) Amanda Watson Nursing (DSO)</p>

Demo Passing of a Bill

DEMO SCRIPT

[Chair]: The next item on the agenda is the second reading of Bill 99.

[GA 1]: *Raises hand*

[Chair]: The chair recognizes [GA 1].

[GA 1 - Author]: I move to adopt Bill 99.

[GA 2]: Second!

[Chair]: It has been moved and seconded that the GA adopts Bill 99. Does [GA 1] wish to be assigned the floor?

[GA 1]: Yes. I think we should adopt Bill 99 to make Ollie the Cavapoo the official mascot of GAPSA, because it would make people smile. Also, he is a good boy.

[Chair]: Ok, is there any debate?

[GA 2, 3, 4, 5]: *Raises hands*

- GA 2 = thumbs up, GA 3 = thumbs down, GA 4 = fist, GA 5 = thumbs up

[Chair]: The chair recognizes [GA 3]

[GA 3]: I think we should be talking about the University's emergency response to the water crisis last semester, not a dog.

[Chair]: Please limit your discussion to the specific motion, which is whether to make Ollie the Cavapoo the official mascot of GAPSA.

[GA 3]: Ok, I don't think Ollie should be the mascot, because a cat would be a better mascot than a dog - a cat is independent and smart, a better brand ambassador for GAPSA.

[GA 4]: *Raises fist*

[Chair]: The chair recognizes [GA 4]

[GA 4]: Point of information. Whose dog is that and how do we know Ollie is even a cavapoo?

[Chair]: The information is in the materials that were sent to the GA last week, please refer to those materials. Is there further discussion?

[GA 5]: *Raises thumbs up*

[Chair]: The chair recognizes [GA 5]

[GA 5]: I'm generally in favor of Bill 99, I've met Ollie and I agree that he makes people smile but who knows how people will respond to this change. I move to amend Bill 99 to read "Resolved, that Ollie the Cavapoo shall be the official mascot of GAPSA for one year."

[GA 3]: Second!

[Chair]: It has been moved and seconded to add the words “for one year.” If the amendment is adopted, Bill 99 will read “Resolved, that Ollie the Cavapoo shall be the official mascot of GAPSA for one year.” The question is on adding the words “for one year.” Is there debate?

[GA 2]: *raises thumbs down*

[Chair]: the chair recognizes [GA 2].

[GA 2]: I don't think it makes sense to put a time limit on an official mascot. We can always pass another bill if it's not going to work out.

[Chair]: the chair recognizes [GA 4].

[GA 4]: I agree. We don't want to start putting a mascot in our emails and on tshirts only to change the branding again in a year. It's confusing.

[Chair]: Is there further debate on this amendment? Seeing none. The question is that the words “for one year” be added. If the motion is adopted, Bill 99 will read “Resolved, that Ollie the Cavapoo shall be the official mascot of GAPSA for one year.” All in favor of the amendment say aye:

[GA 5]: Aye

[Chair]: Those opposed to the amendment say no.

[GA 1-4]: No.

[Chair]: The noes have it and the amendment is lost. The question is now on the adoption of Bill 99. Is there further debate?

[GA 3]: *Raises thumbs down*

[Chair]: the chair recognizes [GA 3].

[GA 3]: I move to close debate.

[Chair]: Does anyone still wish to speak? *no one raises hand* Since there is no further debate, we do not need to vote on closing debate. The question is on the adoption of the motion to pass Bill 99. All in favor raise your hand.

[Everyone but GA 3]: *raises hand*

[Chair]: Those against the motion raise your hand

[GA 3]: *raises hand*

[Chair]: The motion is carried and the GA has adopted Bill 99.

Full Text of Bills Presented

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
Director of Budget
Proposed FY'23/24 Budget
28-Jul-23

Consolidated	
Core Base	\$ 905,470 ⁽¹⁾
GAP	\$ 211,446
G12+ Base	\$ 839,011
Tied Fraction	\$ 292,954
Contingency	\$ 93,119 ⁽²⁾
Total	\$ 2,342,000

Detailed			
Core Base	\$ 905,470 ⁽³⁾		
Leadership	\$ 17,000	Tied Fraction	\$ 292,954
1.1 President Special Projects	\$ 4,000	7.1 President Gutmann Leadership Award (PGLA)	\$ 40,000
1.2 EVP Special Projects	\$ 5,000	7.2 GAPSA Provost Award	\$ 90,000
1.3 EVP Leadership Development	\$ 8,000	7.3 University Life Centers	\$ -
Finance	\$ 153,670	7.4 Family Center	\$ 23,000
2.1 Student Group Event Fund	\$ 97,350	7.5 Legal Services	\$ -
2.2 Discretionary Fund	\$ 25,000	7.6 Graduate Student Center (GSC)	\$ 15,000
2.3 Pilot Funds	\$ 21,800	7.7 Executive Service Awards	\$ 87,000 ⁽⁴⁾
2.4 Administration	\$ 9,520	7.8 Other Encumbrances (Alumni + PGLA Carryover)	\$ 37,954
2.5 GA Opportunity Fund	\$ -	7.9 Graduate Student Emergency Fund	\$ -
2.6 Division Development	\$ -	Contingency	\$ 93,119 ⁽²⁾
Operations	\$ 118,600	8.1 Emergency Fund	\$ 40,000
3.1 Alumni Relations	\$ 27,500	8.2 Bonus Fund	\$ 41,112
3.2 Data Analytics	\$ 3,000	8.3 Reserve	\$ 12,007
3.3 Logistics	\$ 86,600	G12+ Accountability Program (GAP)	\$ 211,446 ⁽⁵⁾
3.4 Public Relations	\$ 1,500	9.1 Synergy Fund	\$ 25,000 ⁽⁶⁾
3.5 Division Development	\$ -	9.2 Interschool Partnership Fund (IPF) G12 Contribution	\$ 93,223
Programming	\$ 248,000	9.3 Interschool Partnership Fund (IPF) GAPSA Match	\$ 93,223
4.1 Grad Fest	\$ 60,000	G12+ Base	\$ 839,011 ⁽⁷⁾
4.2 Professional Development	\$ -	10.1 Annenberg Communications	\$ 3,650
4.3 Academic Programming	\$ 10,000	10.2 Carey Law	\$ 57,973
4.4 Cultural Programming	\$ 85,000	10.3 Dental	\$ 45,847
4.5 Social Programming	\$ 75,000	10.4 Education	\$ 86,082
4.6 Wellness Week	\$ 8,000	10.5 Engineering	\$ 170,695
4.7 All Access	\$ 10,000	10.6 Nursing-GSO	\$ 17,743
4.8 Division Development	\$ -	10.7 Nursing-DSO	\$ 2,849
Advocacy	\$ 18,000	10.8 Perelman Medicine-MSG	\$ 34,755
5.1 Equity & Access	\$ 4,000	10.9 Perelman Medicine-BGSA	\$ 67,407
5.2 External Affairs	\$ 7,000	10.10 SAS-LPSgov	\$ 34,188
5.3 International	\$ 4,000	10.11 SAS-SASgov	\$ 65,065
5.4 Wellness	\$ 3,000	10.12 SP2	\$ 31,197
5.5 Division Development	\$ -	10.13 Veterinary	\$ 32,707
Councils	\$ 350,200	10.14 Weitzman Design	\$ 45,817
6.1 Empowerment Fund	\$ 76,040	10.15 Wharton-WGA	\$ 132,330
6.2 IDEAL Council	\$ 26,960	10.16 Wharton-WDC	\$ 10,706
6.3 Professional Student Individual Grants	\$ 103,000		
6.4 Professional Council Development	\$ -		
6.5 Research Student Individual Grants	\$ 103,000		
6.6 Academic Event Fund	\$ 41,200		
6.7 Research Council Development	\$ -		

N.B.: Figures are rounded to nearest USD.

(1) Research Council and Professional Council exclude Provost Award. Provost Award includes match.

(2) Contingency includes Emergency Fund, Bonus Plan, and Reserve. Reserve is TBD based on final FY'22/23 Carryover. Reserve releases to Finance Admin for allocation.

(3) Base allocations reflect gross expenses. Revenue releases to Finance Admin for allocation.

(4) This is revised from GA vote in April 2023. This is a new total based on Univ Admin suggested allocation per each constitutionalized executive member

(5) 10% of G12+ allocations transfer to IPF as G12+ Contribution. GAPSA Contribution to IPF includes 1-to-1 G12+ match.

(6) Synergy Fund is subsumed by GAP. Synergy Fund includes 1-to-5 G12+ match to GAP.

(7) G12+ Base allocations assume 10% contribution to IPF by G12+. GAPSA Contribution/Synergy Fund reverts to Finance Admin and G12+ Contribution reverts to G12+ governments that opt out of participation in or make withdrawals from IPF.

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 FY'22/23 Amended Budget Reconciliation and FY23/24
 GAJ/Provost Approved Budget

	OWNER	Provisional FY24 Budget	Proposed FY24 Budget	Provisional FY23 Budget	Proposed FY23 Budget	Amended FY23 Budget	Budget Utilization FY23 % (July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023)	
Consolidated:								
	Core Base	872,170.00	905,470.00	1,036,500	1,435,100	1,531,600	99%	
	GAP	211,446.66	211,446.00	209,384	240,245	240,245	69%	
	G12+ Base	839,009.98	839,011.00	829,726	955,299	955,299	100%	
	Tied Fraction	311,534.00	292,953.57	455,300	487,754	487,754	79%	
	Contingency	107,839.36	93,119.43	964,174	376,685	280,185	0%	
	Total	2,342,000.00	2,342,000.00	3,495,083	3,495,083	3,495,083	86%	
Detailed: Core Base								
1.0	Leadership	20,000.00	17,000.00	50,000	88,600	70,600	103%	
1.1	President Special Projects	GAPSA President	5,000.00	4,000.00	5,000	25,000	60%	
1.2	EVP Special Projects	GAPSA Executive Vice President	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000	15,000	220%	
1.3	EVP Leadership Development	GAPSA Executive Vice President	10,000.00	8,000.00	40,000	48,600	114%	
2.0	Finance	116,520.00	153,670.00	197,000	276,200	316,200	105%	
2.1	Student Group Event Fund	Director of Fund Management	65,000.00	97,350.00	90,000	130,000	100%	
2.2	Discretionary Fund	Vice President of Finance	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000	75,000	85%	
2.3	Pilot Funds	Vice President of Finance	17,000.00	21,800.00	25,000	50,000	244%	
2.4	Administration	Vice President of Finance	9,520.00	9,520.00	28,000	28,000	36%	
2.5	Opportunity Fund	Vice President of Finance	-	-	14,000	15,200	0%	
2.6	Fin Division Development	Vice President of Finance	-	-	15,000	28,000	40%	
3.0	Operations	64,550.00	118,600.00	98,000	132,000	171,500	54%	
3.1	Alumni Relations	Director of Alumni Relations	3,900.00	27,500.00	5,000	5,000	52%	
3.2	Data Analytics	Director of Data Analytics	3,000.00	3,000.00	10,000	5,000	8%	
3.3	Logistics	Director of Logistics	56,650.00	86,600.00	77,000	85,000	55%	
3.4	Public Relations	Director of Public Relations	1,000.00	1,500.00	6,000	2,000	79%	
3.5	Ops Division Development	Vice President of Operations	-	-	-	35,000	25,000	55%
4.0	Programming	308,000.00	248,000.00	317,500	396,000	396,000	158%	
4.1	Grad Fest	Vice President of Programming	60,000.00	60,000.00	75,000	100,000	99%	
4.2	Professional Development	Director of Academic Programming	-	-	20,000	20,000	164%	
4.3	Academic Programming	Director of Academic Programming	40,000.00	10,000.00	40,000	40,000	12%	
4.4	Cultural Programming	Director of Cultural Programming	95,000.00	85,000.00	100,000	95,000	188%	
4.5	Social Programming	Director of Social Programming	95,000.00	75,000.00	100,000	95,000	282%	
4.6	Wellness Week	Vice President of Programming	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,500	8,000	166%	
4.7	All Access	Vice President of Programming	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000	10,000	0%	
4.8	Progs Division Development	Vice President of Programming	-	-	-	28,000	28,000	104%
5.0	Advocacy	12,900.00	18,000.00	33,000	61,500	49,500	74%	
5.1	Equity & Access	Director of Equity and Access	2,000.00	4,000.00	5,000	5,000	144%	
5.2	External Affairs	Director of External Affairs	6,900.00	7,000.00	16,500	11,500	155%	
5.3	International	Director of International Student Affairs	2,000.00	4,000.00	5,500	5,000	125%	
5.4	Wellness	Director of Wellness	2,000.00	3,000.00	5,500	5,000	29%	
5.5	Advoc Division Development	Vice President of Advocacy	-	-	-	35,000	25,000	26%
6.0	Councils	350,200.00	350,200.00	341,000	480,800	527,800	67%	
6.1	IDEAL Group Funding (Empowerment Fund for FY24)	Chair of IDEAL Student Council	103,000.00	76,040.00	48,000	54,000	81%	
6.2	IDEAL Council Development (Ideal Council for FY24)	Chair of IDEAL Student Council	-	26,960.00	5,000	6,000	45%	
6.3	Professional Student Individual Grants	Chair of Professional Student Council	103,000.00	103,000.00	100,000	170,000	91%	
6.4	Professional Council Development	Chair of Professional Student Council	-	-	20,000	29,400	12%	
6.5	Research Student Individual Grants	Chair of Research Student Council	103,000.00	103,000.00	100,000	170,000	57%	
6.6	Research Group Funding (AEF)	Chair of Research Student Council	41,200.00	41,200.00	58,000	40,000	23%	
6.7	Research Council Development	Chair of Research Student Council	-	-	10,000	11,400	95%	
Detailed: Tied Fraction								
7.0	Tied Fraction	311,534.00	292,953.57	455,300	487,754	487,754	79%	
7.1	President Gutmann Leadership Award (PGLA)	GAPSA Executive Vice President	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000	40,000	66%	
7.2	GAPSA Provost Award	Chair of Research Student Council	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000	90,000	47%	
7.3	University Life Centers (was OSA)	Vice President of Finance	23,000.00	23,000.00	16,000	23,000	100%	
7.4	Family Center	Vice President of Finance	-	-	1,800	1,800	0%	
7.5	Legal Services	Vice President of Finance	22,000.00	15,000.00	15,000	22,000	191%	
7.6	Graduate Student Center (GSC)	Vice President of Finance	98,580.00	87,000.00	292,500	117,000	82%	
7.7	Exit Service Awards	Vice President of Finance	37,954.00	37,953.57	-	37,954	0%	
7.8	Other Encumbrances (Alumni + PGLA C/O)	Vice President of Finance	-	-	-	100,000	100%	
7.9	Graduate Student Emergency Fund	Vice President of Finance	-	-	-	100,000	100%	
Detailed: Contingency								
8.0	Contingency	107,839.36	93,119.43	964,174	376,685	280,185	0%	
8.1	Emergency Fund	Vice President of Finance	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000	40,000	0%	
8.2	Bonus Fund	Vice President of Finance	48,245.00	41,112.00	57,650	78,090	0%	
8.3	Reserve	Vice President of Finance	19,594.36	12,007.43	866,524	258,595	162,095	0%
Detailed: GAP								
9.0	G12+ Accountability Program (GAP)	211,446.66	211,446.00	209,384	240,245	240,245	69%	
9.1	Synergy Fund	Vice President of Finance	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000	28,204	0%	
9.2	Interschool Partnership Fund (IPF) G12 Contribution	Vice President of Finance	93,223.33	93,223.00	92,192	106,021	78%	
9.3	Interschool Partnership Fund (IPF) GAPSA Match	Vice President of Finance	93,223.33	93,223.00	92,192	106,021	78%	
Detailed: G12+ Base								
10.0	G12+ Base	839,009.98	839,011	829,726	955,299	955,299	100%	
10.10	Arts & Sciences-LPSgov	Vice President of Finance	34,187.58	34,188.00	30,053	34,561	100%	
10.11	Arts & Sciences-SASgov	Vice President of Finance	65,064.88	65,065.00	75,789	87,157	100%	
10.15	Wharton-WGA	Vice President of Finance	132,329.85	132,330.00	141,913	163,200	100%	
10.16	Wharton-WDC	Vice President of Finance	10,706.43	10,706.00	11,071	12,731	100%	
10.1	Annenberg Communications	Vice President of Finance	3,649.92	3,650.00	3,648	4,195	100%	
10.3	Dental Medicine	Vice President of Finance	45,847.04	45,847.00	48,026	55,229	100%	
10.14	Weitzman Design	Vice President of Finance	45,816.63	45,817.00	46,304	53,250	100%	
10.4	Education	Vice President of Finance	86,082.33	86,082.00	87,223	100,530	100%	
10.5	Engineering	Vice President of Finance	170,694.56	170,695.00	129,852	149,330	100%	
10.2	Carey Law	Vice President of Finance	57,972.89	57,973.00	66,408	76,369	100%	
10.8	Perelman Medicine-MSG	Vice President of Finance	34,755.34	34,755.00	49,215	56,597	100%	
10.9	Perelman Medicine-BGSA	Vice President of Finance	67,406.91	67,407.00	52,337	60,187	100%	
10.6	Nursing-QSO	Vice President of Finance	17,742.66	17,743.00	16,546	19,918	100%	
10.7	Nursing-QSO	Vice President of Finance	2,848.96	2,849.00	2,716	3,124	100%	
10.12	SP2	Vice President of Finance	31,196.67	31,197.00	35,175	40,452	100%	
10.13	Veterinary Medicine	Vice President of Finance	32,707.33	32,707.00	33,449	38,466	100%	
11.0	Revenue							

*Revenue is TBD. Figures exclude IDEAL Affinity accounts. Figures subject to change.

Proposed allotment of internal committees for GA approval

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Written by: Nakisha Jones, GAPSA VP for Finance, Rene Alvarado, Director of Budget
Notice Date: September 17, 2023

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Proposed Budget Amendment: IDEAL Council

Background

- This amendment seeks to add an incentive to collaborate between affinity groups and G12+ partners
- The funds used to support IDEAL's collaboration fund would now support a similar outcome under a different name, the Affinity Partnership Fund (APF).
- Both the Interschool Partnership Fund (IPF) and APF would function in the same way: Participating organizations who plan an event together would apply to GAPSA to match the cost of the event. All applications are managed by GAPSA Deputy of IPF.

IDEAL Council

Finance seeks to create an Affinity Partnership Fund, with endorsement from IDEAL Council Chair, in order to promote equity, access, and inclusion of funding for events and programming. To merge the funds, **three finance shifts** would need to occur in the budget:

Before:

6.1	Empowerment Fund	76,040
6.2	IDEAL Council	26,960
Total		103,000

Shift #1: Increase Empowerment Fund to 80k

		Start	Changes	End
6.1	Empowerment Fund	76,040	+3,960	80,000
6.2	IDEAL Council	26,960		23,000
	Affinity Leadership Development Fund	6,913		
	IDEAL Collaboration Fund (ICF)	20,047	-3,960	16,087

Shift #2: Convert funds from ICF into newly created Affinity Partnership Fund (APF)

- Invest 8,000 into the Affinity Partnership Fund, which will match the cost of events where at least two groups sponsor (two affinity groups, or affinity groups and G12+ schools)

		Start	Change	End
6.1	Empowerment Fund	80,000		
6.2	IDEAL Council	23,000		7,000
	Affinity Leadership Development Fund	6,913		
	IDEAL Collaboration Fund (ICF)	16,087	-8,000	8,087
9.3.2	APF GAPSA Match	93,223	+8,000	101,233

Shift #3: Remove excess ICF funds to IDEAL Council

		Start	Change	End
6.1	Empowerment Fund	80,000		
6.2	IDEAL Council	7,000		
	Affinity Leadership Development Fund	6,913	+8,087	15,000
	IDEAL Collaboration Fund (ICF)	8087	-8,087	0
9.3	IPF GAPSA Match	101,223		

After:

6.1	Empowerment Fund	80,000
6.2	IDEAL Council	15,000
Total		95,000

IDEAL Council still has 103k base funding

These funds are still designated for IDEAL council regardless of its position in the budget. If unused funds remain in Affinity Partnership Fund, it will be returned to IDEAL Council chair.

Management of the Funds in APF

Utilization of the new APF would be reported separately to the GA through GAPSA Finance, and made available to all currently participating G12+ student governments as well.

All "Funds" are managed by GAPSA Finance. The APF would have its own internal tracking sheet, managed by our G12+ Accountability Program and finance Deputy of Interschool Partnership Fund.

GAPSA Finance would work closely with IDEAL Council Chair and responsible parties to IDEAL's finances in order to ensure smooth operation of the fund and accurate reporting. GAPSA Finance would invite treasurers of Affinity Groups to join the Finance Advisory Board.

Resolved

GAPSA to amend the FY24 budget to reallocate the funds out of the IDEAL Collaboration Fund by reducing line 6.2 IDEAL Council from 26,960 down to \$15,000 in order to:

1. Increase line 6.1 Empowerment Fund by \$3,960 to be \$80k
2. Add 8k to 9.3.2 for the newly created Affinity Partnership Fund
3. Balance the remaining dollars to IDEAL's Council fund to 15k

Resolved

GAPSA should continue to fund collaboration amongst G12+ and Affinity groups to promote richer events and experiences for the larger group of graduate students, which both organizations serve.

General Assembly
Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
University of Pennsylvania

Amendment to the Affinity Partnership Fund Budget Amendment (Bill 3)
GA/45/BILL/3/Amend.1/Pro.1/R.1

October 6, 2023

Status: Announced, not yet Pending

That GA/45/BILL/3 is amended—

1. by inserting “Resolved,” before each of the last three paragraphs before the Resolved clauses (the three contained under the heading “Management of Funds in APF”);
2. by inserting “as nonvoting members” after “Finance Advisory Board” in the last of these three new Resolved clauses;
3. by adding a fourth Resolved clause (after the three new Resolved clauses) with the text “Resolved, That each participating group shall contribute 10% of their base funding for the year; To access any of the funds, at least two participating groups must present a proposal for use of the funds; GAPSA will match qualifying funds 1-for-1; Notification of open or closed events, sponsoring schools, and dates will be posted on the shared GAPSA/G12+ communication forum; Event promotion materials will include listed sponsors; No participating group may access the contributions of any other without either that group’s co-sponsorship of the event or the express written consent of that group;”;

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Proposed Budget Amendment: Professional and Research Council

Background

- Council development funds were eliminated in the Provisional FY24 budget due to reduction in available budget, and consolidation of expenses
- Reducing the development funds for Councils limits their ability to properly manage the needs of their constituencies and to plan for occurrences that pertain specifically to professional students and research students
- Requiring Councils to go to other groups for budgetary needs puts them at an unnecessary disadvantage to not be able to represent their constituents. Since GAPSA funding in the Logistics and Operations budget is meant to serve all graduate students, regardless of affiliation, it hinders the likelihood of sharing expenses specific to only professional or research students.
- The Council Chairs are the elected representatives of the graduate student professional and research students; as such, they are best qualified to handle the budgetary affairs of their councils.

Professional Council

Finance seeks to add \$5,000 for Council development for FY24. These funds would be useful for annual expenditures such as retreat planning, group projects, and other activities that enrich professional students.

		Start	Changes	End
6.4	Professional Council Development	0	+5000	5,000
8.3	Reserves	12,007	-5000	7,007

Research Council

Finance seeks to add \$5,000 for Council development for FY24. These funds would be useful for annual expenditures such as townhalls, retreat planning, group projects, and other activities that enrich research students.

		Start	Changes	End
6.6	Academic Event Fund	41,200		
6.7	Research Council Development	0	+5000	5,000
8.3	Reserves	7,007	-5000	2,007

All "Funds" are managed by GAPSA Finance and have their own internal tracking sheet. GAPSA Finance would work closely with Research Council Chair and responsible parties to ensure smooth operation of the Academic Event Fund, and accurate reporting.

Bonus Fund

The Bonus Fund (supplementary document) is configured based on a formula of 10% of E9 budgets, including council development funds. The Bonus Fund did not include the Councils in the previous budgets. With these changes the bonus plan would need to increase by \$1691

		Start	Changes	End
8.2	Bonus Fund	41,112	+1,691	42,803
8.3	Reserves	2,007	-1,691	316

Resolved

GAPSA to amend the FY24 budget to reallocate the funds out of the Reserves line 8.3 from 12,007 down to \$316 in order to:

1. Add 5,000 to Professional Council Development
2. Add 5,000 to Research Council Development
3. Add 1,691 to the Bonus Fund

GA/45/BILL/5/R.0

Written by Rene Alvarado, Director of Budget

Notice Date: September 17, 2023

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Proposed Amendment:

1. Reduce the line 7.2 GAPSA Provost award by \$27,000 to reflect the reduction in dollars transferred to GAPSA for Provost Award. This will reduce the overall total budget from 2.342M to 2.315M