Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) Status Report

Below I have highlighted some of the important items that GAPSA has been involved with and working on:

1. **Purchasing of Lactation Equipment** - GAPSA’s Vice Chair for Equity and Access Anthony Pratcher has allied with student governments in the schools of Design, Veterinary Science, Nursing, and Engineering to raise $2500 for the purchase of lactation equipment for the graduate and professional student community. This continues a yearlong campaign to ensure that there is lactation space and equipment easily accessible by graduate and professional students on every end of campus.

2. **G12 Summit** – GAPSA Executive Board Members held a Leadership Summit on Saturday, October 11th at the Law School Conference Center for the graduate and professional student government leaders from Penn’s 12 schools. The Student Leaders had an opportunity to learn more about GAPSA and to network with each other for potential future collaborations.

3. **Ivy+ Summit** – Five Executive Board Members attended the annual summit from November 7th-9th which was hosted at Yale this year. We led a presentation titled “Wellness and Inclusiveness on Campus” which highlighted the wide variety of programs that GAPSA has been providing to promote holistic wellness and a sense of belonging among the graduate and professional students. Some examples of what we highlighted included: GradFest, PennShape, Chillax – A Study Break, and funding opportunities through GAPSA for across school collaborations for social and academic events.

4. **Special Elections** – On the evening of Wednesday, November 19th, the General Assembly voted in a new Vice Chair for International Students, Kevin Wanxin Luan from the Dental School who will fill the position at the end of the year, as the current Vice Chair graduates in December.

Respectfully submitted,
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