Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) Status Report

Below I have highlighted some important announcements from GAPSA:

1. **Special Elections for Vice Chair for Social Activities** – On the evening of Wednesday, **February 4th** at 7pm GAPSA will hold elections for the position of Vice Chair for Social Activities. The term of service will be until May 1st, 2015. Any current graduate/professional student at Penn may make a nomination or be nominated. To learn more about the position, contact David Sun (gapsa.sa@gmail.com) with subject line "Candidate Inquiry." All nominations and/or questions about elections should be sent via e-mail to Vice Chair for Equity and Access, Anthony Pratcher II (gapsa.vcpluralism@gmail.com) by Monday, February 2 at noon.

2. **Travel Grant Cycle Opening** – GAPSA administers travel grants through the professional and research student councils to help eligible professional/graduate students defray the cost of traveling to conferences. The Spring Travel Grant cycle will be opening on **February 1st**. For more information and to fill out an application please visit: [http://gapsa.upenn.edu/academic-funding/](http://gapsa.upenn.edu/academic-funding/)

3. **PennSHAPE Spring 2015** – Registration for the Spring 2015 edition of PennSHAPE for graduate students is now open. The program has changed from the Fall 2014 semester. Please visit the website for more details and to register: [http://gapsasl.wix.com/pennshape2015spring](http://gapsasl.wix.com/pennshape2015spring)

4. **Lactation Space Beautification Campaign** - GAPSA’s Committee for Equity and Access is currently surveying the lactation spaces across campus to assess which spaces are in need of renovations. If you have any suggestions, or are aware of any of the schools that do not having lactation space available to graduate students please contact Anthony Pratcher II at gapsa.vcpluralism@gmail.com

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