

SASgov GB Meeting

Last one of the semester!
December 1st, 2022



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**Word of the day (yes,
it's a number):
2023**

Agenda

- 6:00 - 6:10 pm: Food!
- 6:10 - 6:45 pm: Penn Financial Wellness Presentation
- 6:45 - 7:30 pm: Updates
- 7:30 - 7:45 pm: Open Floor

President's Update

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE THIS SEMESTER!

Semester in review:

- Spoke at the NSO + Activities Fair
- Helped advocate for the stipend increase at the SAS and University levels
- Hosted happy hours, gave out swag & treats, organized meet-ups in Center City
- Hosted a successful Town Hall
- Gave \$\$\$ to grad student projects + professional development

Parents at Penn Wellness Circle

Monday 12/5th 8-9:30pm
over zoom

If the time of the circle does not work for you,
please reach out to us for potential future circles.

The circle aims to offer parents:

- **A confidential space** to talk about challenges, concerns, feelings and needs
- **A community building opportunity** to connect with other parents at Penn
- **A peaceful moment** to breathe, relax, and relieve stress
- **A supportive environment** to share resources with other parents
- **A great chance** to let us know how to better support you!

Learn more and register at
www.familycenter.upenn.edu/events



Finance Update

BUDGET UPDATE

Large grants - DONE

Small grants - Next Tuesday, Dec. 6th

Award letters to go out mid-December

Contingency funding discussion



Social Update

- **Jingle Mingle Party!**
 - Tomorrow (Dec 2nd) 5-8 pm, the Trestle Inn
 - Great news we added 5 more tickets! Grab your tickets if you haven't (3 available)
 - Feel free to circulate the message to your departments as well
- **Gingerbread House Building!**
 - Our last event this year (University doesn't allow more events after Dec 12th)
 - **Dec 9th, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Hall of Flags, Houston Hall**
 - First come, first served
 - Feel free to **bring your friends/guests** to the event to build a gingerbread house together!

Don't forget to grab your Xmas swag - a SASGov branded T-shirt!



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GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATION



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HALL OF FLAGS, HOUSTON HALL

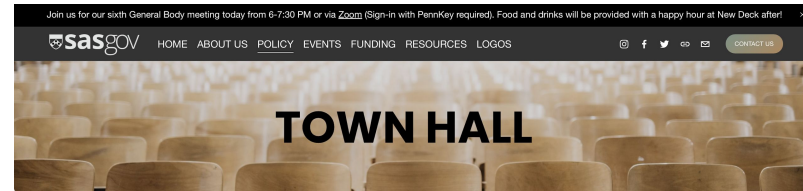
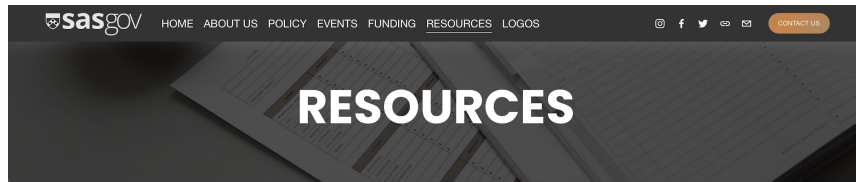
The image is a promotional graphic for a gingerbread house building event. It features the SASGov logo at the top, followed by the text 'PRESENTS' and 'GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATION' in a stylized font. Below this is a detailed illustration of a gingerbread house with a chimney, windows, and two gingerbread figures standing in front. At the bottom, the event details 'DECEMBER 9TH, 3:30 - 4:30' and 'HALL OF FLAGS, HOUSTON HALL' are written in a cursive font.

Policy Update

- Next semester's initiatives following town hall
- Brief policy meeting after GB, please!

Public Affairs Update

- Email your constituents after each meeting with the minutes/slides
- New resources added
- Visit the Town Hall page for town hall related information



Below are resources related to International travel, Taxes, Health and welfare, and policies on campus.

Register your trip

Be Safe. Be Connected. Be Covered.

Registering your Penn-affiliated trip keeps you connected to Penn resources in the event of an emergency and pre-authorizes your medical insurance coverage. It is mandatory for all Penn

Penn Violence Prevention

Penn Violence Prevention (PVP) engages the Penn community in the prevention of sexual violence, relationship violence, and stalking on campus. We foster collaborative relationships across campus to ensure a survivor-centered, multi-faceted approach to support services and training

Mental Health

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is the counseling center for the University of Pennsylvania. CAPS offers free and confidential services to all Penn undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. CAPS helps students adjust to university life, manage personal and situational challenges, develop

The PhD Process

UPenn has developed a guidebook for graduate students where they can learn more about what to expect, prepare for, and how to go about choosing an advisor or mentor for their PhD.

You can also find out more specific information on the PhD process through 1 pagers, which

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Funding

- Is the new stipend increase of \$38,000 across 9, 10, or 12 months? ▾
- Does the increased stipend amount come with new rules about receiving summer funding, or can students still expect to receive departmental summer funding for 3/5 years? ▾
- International students are taxed at rates different from both U.S. citizens and other international students. How can SAS assist international students in reaching funding parity? ▾
- With inflation impacting the cost of travel, does SAS intend to provide students with additional financial support for conference attendance? ▾
- Given that the average time to complete a PhD ranges by discipline, why aren't PhD student stipend award amounts calculated according to the avg. time to complete the PhD by department? ▾



Communications/GAPSA Update

- GAPSA/RC
 - Overall utilization of GAPSA budget so far: 21%
 - New EVP, VP of Finance, VP of Programming elected last night
- GAPSA events coming up (QR code)
 - Drag Brunch, Graduate Wellness Week



Communications/GAPSA Update

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