UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting Agenda
October 27, 2014 - Senate Chambers, Talley Student Union

I. Food Served (6:45 PM)
II. Call to Order (7:00 PM)
III. Roll Call #1
IV. Guest Speakers:
   A. Brooke Bailey – University Housing
      i. Works with undergraduate students, and would like to get graduate student
         panel regarding what it’s like to apply to a school and general information.
      ii. Research/TAs, how to evaluate a funding package
      iii. Some have good mentors, others, not so much
      iv. Goal is 4 panels, have a lot of education, need humanities and stem
         individuals at this point in time.
         Green Sheet for information
         Nov 13 at 8pm, Nov 18 6:30pm, Nov 19, 20 at 7pm
         Bebaile2@ncsu.edu
         Please sign up for only one.
   B. Adam Ward – GLBT Center
      arward@ncsu.edu
      GSYPN – Graduate student Professional Network at NCSU Meetings monthly
      Trying to increase in the region, works with Duke and UNC other groups
      Working on getting networking going. Allies are welcome.
      Listserve – Contact Adam Ward to get on that
      Check the Facebook group
      Online version of survey will be upcoming shortly for people to fill out if they so choose.
      Day/time not specific yet. This will go up on the website for the GLBT center.
      Best way to get involved is to get on the listserve and the newsletter.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
   Min approved.

VI. Advisors’ Update (Dr. Barbi Honeycutt & Dr. Beth Overman)

VII. Executive Officer Updates – No updates at this time
   A. President
      David Fiala
      i. For College of Engineering Students – Task force has been set up to fund
         resources (equipment, TAs, etc). They have found ways to fund things through the state
         budget cut through an increase in STUDENT fees. They are soliciting information on how to
         best use Fee $$. This fee is over the next 3 years, and the only thing they cannot pay for
         currently is an instructor’s salary. (What programs do you think need to be developed, or
         what things did you lose?) Email David/special Actions committee with suggestions.
      ii. Special Action working on resolution regarding the GSSP Pause issue.
         (Eg. All semesters that you are at NCSU count against your eligibility for GSSP – and this is
         a problem.) If you or someone you know has been affected, please let them know! Eg. Self
         funded and then lost GSSP eligibility or Paused and lost eligibility.
   B. Vice-President of Internal Affairs
      Chirag Gajjar
IF WE have NOT Received your LOC Please see us ASAP

C. Vice-President of External Affairs  Veronica Mbaneme
   University Standing Committee – Luncheon survey!

D. Vice-President of Academic Affairs  Milena Bobea
   Research Symposium is coming up! Nominations are due Jan 16th
   Symposium occurs March 25th this year
   Working on getting additional judges, preferably job recruiters!

E. Vice-President of Communication  Barry Peddycord III
   Meeting with Communications group to do Pawprints!
   Get things to Pawprints! – Still accepting submissions
   Link is go.ncsu.edu/pawprints

F. Treasurer  Nithy Poosamani
   Budget is trying to be more transparent
   Still have receipts to go

G. Secretary  Katie Kennedy

H. Public Relations Officer  Veronica Catete

VIII. Internal Committee Breakout Session

IX. UGSA Internal Standing Committees Updates (Chair or Exec Liason)
   (Limit to 3 minutes per committee)

A. Community Service
   Two different events for this semester. The first is within the committee, and the second is a
   food drive, for all the UGSA
   All items are here this evening.
     Food/Hygene drive, this goes to the Feed the pack pantry
     Boxes are outside, and each GSA can get a flyer.
     Put the flyer on the Box and send out. (Your Department goes on the line)
   Collection is at NEXT MEETING – Bring Back YOUR BOXES
   Top two GSAs will receive $$$$$$$
     200$ Visa for first place
     100$ Visa for Second place.
   ekmedloc@ncsu.edu is the contact person for this – Questions, reminders etc.
   All information is on the box!
   Most needed items are on the flyer.
   Ms. Medloc – Please send both fliers to the reps list.

B. Research Recognition
   Travel Award applications are judged 6 currently funded, looking for funding for 7th
   Awards are spread across
     Parks Rec and Tourism
     English
     Civil Construction
     Molecular and Structural Biochem
     Marine Atmospheric sciences
     Biological and Agricultural Engineering
     Forrest and Environmental Resources
   Planning for graduate research symposium

C. Departmental Outreach & Leadership
   Thank you for survey feedback
   Creating guide for the UGSA
Working on top 10 summary for best practices
Awards coming up in Jan. Not live yet!

D. Special Projects & Political Action
   Looking into sponsoring scientific writing conference
   Drafting two resolutions – GSSP and Crosswalk
   Would like to develop graduate student research directory

E. Publicity – Submit for PawPrints

F. Social
   Tailgate on Nov 15th!; Bowling on Dec. 3rd.
   For Tailgate: Please have signage up so that people know where to go.
   Request for non-sports related social groups, or hiking trip, or etc. – Possibly send out a survey for what people are interested.

G. Teaching Effectiveness
   1.) TA Awards ceremony is March 24th noon!
   2.) We will be expanding this! – which means that we will be doing a surplus find request.
   3.) TA SOIREE! Raleigh Times, Nov 19th 7-9pm
      FREE FOOD!
      Possibly RA awards

X. New Business
   A. R02 - Traditions Keeper Accessibility Act
      i. Passed
   B. FB01 - Executive Board Discretionary Funds Act
      Passed
   C. FB02 - Travel Grants Additional Funding Act
      Passed
   D. FB03 - Avent Ferry Road Crosswalk Feasibility Study Act
      UGSA would like safety report, and a commitment from the city/other professional groups, as well as a PE signing off on the research and a commitment to work with Wake up Wake County. (Making sure this is not duplicitous work, as well as a timeline from the country on when it could be done).
      We would also like to see contact with the NCSU transportation office Michael Usdal – email from Nithy.
      Bill was straw polled – There was significant interest, but there are questions we would like answered. Shannon, please see the above and address before re-submitting.
   E. EB01 – Startup Funds Act (First Reading ONLY; Constitutional Amendment)
      Amendment was read.

XI. Open Floor – Comments and Announcements – (Limit to 2 minutes per representative)

XII. Roll Call #2

XIII. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting of the UGSA Council: Monday, November 24 at 6:45 PM (Call to Order at 7PM)