UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting Agenda
November 24, 2014 - Senate Chambers, Talley Student Union

I. Food Served (6:45 PM)
II. Call to Order (7:00 PM)
III. Roll Call #1
IV. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
   A. Approved
V. Advisors’ Update (Dr. Barbi Honeycutt & Dr. Beth Overman)
   A. Thank you Barbi and Beth!
   B. Things will change in the graduate school in the coming months.
   C. Barbi and Beth will still be involved in PFL & Leadership development
VI. Announcement of UGSA Advisor Appointment (Assistant Dean Dr. George Hodge)
   A. There is significant re-structuring in the graduate school at this point in time.
VII. Executive Officer Updates
   A. President David Fiala
      i. Vice Chancellor has stepped down, there is now an opening. Graduate students should be involved in the selection process. If interested – Email David Fiala!
      ii. There will be an email call later on regarding this.
      iii. Second search for Assistant Dean in the next year – Similar to Vice Chancellor search, please email David if interested in participating in the search process
   iv. Transportation Appeals Board is looking to fill graduate seats.
      a. How to handle ticket appeals – email David or Veronica M.
   B. Vice-President of Internal Affairs Chirag Gajjar
      i. December 10th @ noon ALL Chairs will meet
      ii. How is your committee doing, are there any issues that we should be aware of.
   C. Vice-President of External Affairs Veronica Mbaneme
      i. University Standing Committee had luncheon last month
      ii. This will be coming out next week
   D. Vice-President of Academic Affairs Milena Bobea
      i. Recognition of Awardees for Travel award.
      ii. Graduate Research Symposium – GET the word OUT!
   E. Vice-President of Communication Barry Peddycord III
      i. No report at this point in time – if you have questions email!
   F. Treasurer Nithy Poosamani
      i. FORMS are NOW online!
      ii. UGSA website ➔ Administrativa ➔ Forms
         a. This should make things much quicker than previous system would allow
   G. Secretary Katie Kennedy
      i. UGSA TA Award is Alive! Please get the word out. Application materials can be found on the UGSA website!
      ii. Applications are DUE TO YOUR DGP by JAN 10th
H. Public Relations Officer
   Veronica Catete
   i. Send Announcements out to UGSA PR

VIII. Announcements for Upcoming Programs

A. GSOARS Focus Group (Dr. Beth Overman, The Graduate School)
   i. This is a tool from the grad school
   ii. Graduate Student Online Academic Reporting System
      a. As a student you enter things in and get a CV
      b. Your advisor gets a progress report
   iii. Working on making it better – EMAIL THEM!
   iv. Friday December 5th ~ lunch time

B. Avent Ferry Crosswalk Feasibility Study (Shannon Warchol)
   i. Avent Ferry between Varsity Drive and Gorman St
   ii. Lots of houses and bus stops, NO cross walks
   iii. Surplus application and resolution tied together
   iv. Motion to pass as is – Unanimous

IX. Internal Committee Breakout Session

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

A. Research Recognition
   i. No update at this point

B. Departmental Outreach & Leadership
   i. Best practices award is in processing
      a. Have applications ready to go – these will be online
      b. Please Scan and send to DOLC email (on application)
      c. Any department can apply
      d. Is there a mission/vision statement (purpose of award)
   ii. Start-up funds act is on second reading
   iii. Leadership conference in spring is in the works
      a. Either Feb 7 or Feb 21st
   iv. Joint event between DOLC and PFL
      a. Jan 14 Talley 1-230pm
      b. Presentation by student @ Duke regarding stipend investment and financial success.

C. Special Projects & Political Action
   i. No updates beyond current projects

D. Publicity
   i. No updates at this point in time. Do submit for Pawprints!
   ii. Go.ncsu.edu/pawprints ↩ submission form

E. Social
   i. First event was 15th ~80 people showing up
      a. Accounting won Corn-hole, and Zoology won turn-out
   ii. New event in the works possibly Bowling

F. Teaching Effectiveness
   i. TA Social was a success, had ~100 people RSVP
   ii. SEND OUT THE TA AWARD!
   iii. DUE JAN 10th to DGP!!!!!!!

G. Community Service
   i. Food drive was successful
   ii. First and second place are
XI. Old Business
A. CB01 - Startup Funds Act (Second Reading & Vote; Constitutional Amendment)
   i. This would be available for current year programs
   ii. Application online
   iii. Motion to pass as is
       a. 1 nay, 1 abstain all others pass

XII. New Business
A. Scholar Practitioner Symposium (Katie Ratterree)
   i. Requesting to apply from surplus
   ii. Motion to fund at 500$ through surplus
   iii. Unanimous funding

B. Communication Conference (Amanda Liesch)
   i. Link to application: https://scienceandsociety.duke.edu/comscison-triangle-2015/
   ii. Idea is to have NCSU contribute 2000$ (in line with other contributions from other partner universities) for a closing keynote speaker.
   iii. No one is nailed down firmly but possibly due to funding
   iv. Would be refundable if they do not find a keynote speaker.
   v. Closing speaker will be open to the public
   vi. UGSA would go on the website for funding
       a. Straw poll has significant support

C. Avent Ferry Road Crosswalk Feasibility Study (Shannon Warchol)
   i. See above

D. Library Hours Recommendation Resolution (Katie Kennedy, SP&PAC)
   i. Motion to pass as is
       a. The motion to pass as is passes
       b. Motion passes 21 to 18 with 6 abstentions

E. (GSSP) Graduate Clock Resolution (Colin Funaro, SP&PAC)
   i. Graduate students get so many semesters of support under GSSP depending on the degree you are aiming towards and any pre-existing degrees
   ii. UGSA has no teeth, but will recommend to Strategic Resources Management growth of Doctoral Education Team
   iii. What UGSA is attempting to say is that the clock will not start for an individual if they are self payed!
   iv. This will not be retroactive for any students at this point in time.
   v. Called for Consent and passed

F. GSA Best Practices Award (Chirag Gajjar)
   i. Not a bill just a discussion
   ii. UGSA suggests 150 – Veronica M and Katie K, Shannon Warchol
   iii. Nithy – How are you planning on funding
       a. There are currently no funds on a yearly basis, going to request line item budget.
       b. Kennedy against funding line item
       c. Veronica M suggests putting into community service budget – as an NCSU community. Kennedy thinks that is a good idea
       d. This would possibly be recurring. And is this every semester or every year?
       e. Continuous improvement process.
       f. Nithy more open to the idea of a trophy and 50$ amount
1. This gives monetary adjustment and also recognition.
   iv. This is being sent back to committee at this point in time, and will come back in January

XIII. Open Floor – Comments and Announcements – (Limit to 2 minutes per representative)
XIV. Roll Call #2
XV. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting of the UGSA Council: Monday, January 26 at 6:45 PM