

**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 10<sup>th</sup> @ 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 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 Liason)**

*(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 15<sup>th</sup> ~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 10<sup>th</sup> to DGP!!!!!!

G. Community Service

- i. Food drive was successful
- ii. First and second place are

- a. 1511 items delivered

## 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**