

# UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Meeting Agenda

February 23, 2015 - 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. Dr. Maureen Grasso - Dean, Graduate School
    - i. Please email your ideas regarding what you wish you had known at orientation to the UGSA president. These will be combined and sent to Dean Grasso.
    - ii. What are the Visions for the UGSA
      - a. Get the word out regarding the mentoring award
      - b. Ideas about improving peer-to-peer mentoring
      - c. Identify major issues through leadership and get them moving
  - B. Chris Becker - President, Inner-Resident Council
    - i. Running for student body president. Would like us as graduate students to know that he understands the emphasis on graduate student and doctoral student enrollment.
    - ii. If elected, he would like to meet regularly with UGSA president to get things going in good directions that are suitable for both the graduate students and the student body as a whole. The idea is to get things to align. Elections are on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and close March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm.
    - iii. Major platform points
      - a. Work with UGSA
      - b. Re-purpose student government to try and generate a more collective voice. Largest concern is the college councils that are being disassociated from college councils. This means that senators are not directly responsible to constituents.
      - c. Residence and gaining additional experience while at the undergraduate level – get vertically integrated programs.
      - d. How do you fit on the GSSP and research funding. – He is willing to be active with these in partnership with the UGSA president.
      - e. As student body president, what is your problem solving technique. Big picture thinker, and enjoys strategic planning. This has led to a strategic plan being submitted for the inter-resident Council. We lack a large grass-roots program, but there are a few issues that students find and address. For him, this is about how you get students to articulate the problems as well as finding and articulating solutions.
      - f. Would like to develop a strategic plan that will incorporate student government into an aligned vision.
      - g. UGSA will send out an email when voting opens.
  - C. Dr. Beverly Savinsky - Director, Counseling Center
    - i. Would like to get together a graduate ADHD program going
    - ii. Would possibly like to get the QPR training increased.
    - iii. Counseling is on the way for Centennial campus – construction is currently underway.
- V. Advisor Update (Dr. George Hodge)**

- A. **No update this evening.**

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

- A. Meeting Minutes were approved.

**VII. Announcements**

- A. **UGSA Retreat** – this is what we would like to do next year to improve leadership and effectiveness within the UGSA.

- B. **NAGPS** (National association of graduate professional students) meeting is coming up. If you are interested please let David know. You would be representing NCSU and the state of NC at the meeting. We can send students again this year (**March 20-24<sup>th</sup>**)

- C. **Currently in research for vice-chancellor**

- i. This is aiming for IT/Tech-transfer and research.
- ii. There may be an opportunity to meet with this person.
- iii. ~April 13-15<sup>th</sup> is the meeting time of this group.

- D. **There are debates regarding student body presidents Next week**

- i. Tuesday: Diversity debate
- ii. Wed: General debate
- iii. Google NCSU Student body elections debate

**VIII. Executive Officer Updates**

- A. President David Fiala
  - i. See Announcements above
- B. Vice-President of Internal Affairs Chirag Gajjar
- C. Vice-President of External Affairs Veronica Mbaneme
  - i. Update Next month for university standing committees.
- D. Vice-President of Academic Affairs Milena Bobea
  - i. Graduate research symposium is March 25<sup>th</sup> and is getting there. Lots of great ideas for this year and would like to have more input from ya'll as to how well we can organize this for next year.
  - ii. Tell Milena how to improve this for next year
- E. Vice-President of Communication Veronica Catete
  - i. Monday new paw-prints is coming up
  - ii. Go.ncsu.edu
- F. Treasurer Nithy Poosamani
  - i. The Budget is coming.
- G. Secretary Katie Kennedy
  - i. CHAIRS GET ME ATTENDANCE
- H. Public Relations Officer *(vacant)*

**IX. Internal Committee Breakout Session**

**X. UGSA Internal Standing Committees Updates** (Chair or Exec Liason)

*(Limit to 3 minutes per committee)*

- A. Community Service
  - i. Notification from FEED the Pack Pantry. Currently in Harrelson, they would like support from the UGSA to get a new address. There is a small letter that is being sent out with regard to this. Next all council there will be a resolution of support for them to receiving a spot on campus. They do serve both graduate and undergraduate students.
  - ii. Please reach out to the political action committee for help
- B. Research Recognition

- i. Currently judging applications for the spring application award. Currently fewer applicants, would like to advertise harder next year. Need HELP – At the symposium, we need splash pages that are advertising events and organizations.
    - ii. If your organization would like to have someone specifically invited, please email this committee.
    - iii. There will be a table for the graduate school at this event.
  - C. Departmental Outreach & Leadership
    - i. Leadership conference is UPCOMING! Be on the lookout for information
    - ii. Best Practices Award is starting. Trying to increase student and faculty engagement with GSAs.
    - iii. Parks Rec and Tourism – Congrats!
    - iv. Advice: Start EARLY – get to know the GSA members, also, there is an alumni Facebook page for the group which gets them together.
    - v. Would like to form partnerships with other GSAs to encourage growth.
    - vi. **Applications for Spring 2015 will be online shortly – PLEASE apply!**
      - a. Veronica C. Please share application with Dean Grasso.
  - D. Special Projects & Political Action
    - i. Working on a few things
    - ii. Moon-lit movie coming up this spring – If you have input please send this committee your suggestions
    - iii. If you have interesting ways to give back to the graduate student body as a whole, please send ideas. Currently there is a little bit of UGSA swag that could be sent around and get our name out.
    - iv. IF you're good at designing LOGOS, Please contact this committee!
      - a. They will be making t-shirts for reps.
  - E. Publicity
    - i. SUBMIT THINGS TO pawprints. [Go.ncsu.edu/pawprints](http://Go.ncsu.edu/pawprints)
  - F. Social
    - i. Social at the last meeting of the year.
    - ii. Trivia series – if your night was last Monday, you are now on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and final rounds are now the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - G. Teaching Effectiveness
    - i. TA awards are working out and going

## **XI. Old Business**

- A. Closing of Nominations for PR Officer & Voting
  - Note: This vacancy for term of Feb 23 - April 27
  - This position is responsible for getting photographs and social media presence for the UGSA. This officer would serve as an exec member for one month and would be associated with the publicity committee. This special nomination position is remaining open.
- B. Opening of Nominations for 2015-2016 Year (All Officer Positions)
  - Note: This is the annual general elections for UGSA Officers  
(see *Elections Document*)

## **XII. New Business**

- A. FB03 - 2015-2016 UGSA Budget Bill
  - i. Budget passes 31:12
- B. FB04 - Chapter Rebates Process Modification Act
  - i. Motion is tabled

## **XIII. Open Floor – Comments and Announcements – (Limit to 2 minutes per representative)**

A. **If anyone is in the situation where their account is getting charged for low accounts** – go to Capital bank near Cameron Village

B. **REPS** – you will get the information regarding the proposed chapter rebates resolution, it is your responsibility to send it to the treasurer!

**XIV. Roll Call #2**

**XV. Adjournment**

**Next scheduled meeting of the UGSA Council: Monday, March 30 at 6:45 PM**