

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
All-Council Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2015 - Senate Chambers, Talley Student Union

Food Served -6:45 PM-

Call to Order

Roll Call

Read & Approve Minutes

Executive Officer Updates

President – Jacob Majikes

- Everything to be said later!

Vice President of Internal Affairs – Doug Czajka

- Scoldings for reps whose chapters haven't submitted their letters of credentials yet!

Vice President of External Affairs – Tyler Allen

- External committee members, please send me your updates

Vice President of Academic Affairs – Jessica Nash

- Out sick ☹

Vice President of Communication – Veronica Catete

- Working to make sure chapters have access to online portal for letter of credentials

Treasurer – Mohamed Desoky

- Please make sure to submit the budget for your chapter!

Secretary – Susan Rodriguez

- When your committee meets, please take attendance and send it to me so I can give reps credit for committee work

Public Relations Officer – Charlena Wynn

- No update

Committee Chair Updates

Special Projects and Political Action

- We want to create a way for ideas to be sent to this committee about things that affect all grad students. We are making an online form which will be available on the UGSA website soon.
- Ideas for sharing information: a university-wide calendar of speaking events (seminars etc.); a list of equipment owned by various labs
- Looking into how grad students are involved in the faculty hiring process. What are best practices? Want to create best practices document to present at next DGP meeting.

Departmental Outreach and Leadership

- The Best Practices Award will now be given out *once* a year, with a \$300 prize. Applications will be due by the January all-council meeting and the award presented at the February meeting.
- We will distribute a survey during the break.

Community Service

- Later during this meeting we will present a proposal about highway clean-ups.
- There is another outreach opportunity involving computer refurbishment – invitation to go out later, but event will be on November 21 at 9 am.

Research Recognition

- Received 26 applications this semester, a big increase from last semester. Awardees to be decided upon this Friday.

Publicity

- We are blogging about campus events. Please let us know about events you would like us to cover.

Social

- Oktoberfest was successful with lots of departments represented.
- We might do a Carolina Hurricanes game on December 3 – look out for an email on this

Teaching Effectiveness

- The TA Social will be on November 20 – look for an RSVP email.

Diversity Survey Results

Presented by Jacob. UGSA reps correspond pretty well to diversity of NCSU graduate student body, except we have more atheists.

Break

Interfaith Meditation Room

Presented by Veronica. As mentioned in last all-council meeting, this is a proposed room in Talley for people of all faiths. The Student Board of Directors of Talley discussed this, then the University Space Committee; the request passed and the room will be established.

Request from Eric Hawke (University Recreation)

University Recreation wants to improve the number of graduate students who use the gym. Do we have suggestions about what would make grad students more likely to use the gym?

- Gym space on Centennial Campus (note: there are plans for this in about five years)
- Spaces or classes for grad students (maybe also faculty) only
- Improve access over the summer – could we pay a fee to attend the gym even if we aren't enrolled in classes?
- Expand the WolfWheels (bike rental) program

Constitutional Amendment: Student Senate & Internal Standing Committee

Passed by a clear majority on its second reading.

Constitutional Amendment: UGSA Name Change

Passed by a clear majority on its second reading.

Adopt a Highway Resolution

Resolution prepared by the Community Service committee for UGSA to adopt a state highway to maintain. Discussion:

- Will there be enough volunteers? Will there be incentives to attract more volunteers? – Can deal with this if there aren't enough volunteers. Consider this a networking opportunity.
- Could we do Adopt a Stream on campus? – Maybe later
- Rep who did a program like this: Department of Transportation is not great at following up
- Another rep: The first cleanup is the worst if the road hasn't been cleaned recently
- Third rep: Cleaning doesn't take that long. Can break up the road into parts or the day into shifts to make scheduling easier
- We approved the resolution and authorized James (committee chair) to work with DoT

Inter-University Event

The event sponsored by NCSU happened and was fun for all. Nobody came from UNC though. Electrical and Computer Engineering chapter has asked to have ridesharing for the next event.

Open Floor – Comments and Announcements

- Another networking event to happen in the spring
- College of Education Department is having an Egalitarian Lecture which their GSA is helping to sponsor. This will be on November 23, Monday of Thanksgiving week. The speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Ender, president of Harpers College. Will send out a flyer.

Adjournment at 8:17 pm!!!!!!

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