

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting Agenda

September 29, 2014 - Senate Chambers, Talley Student Union

- I. Food Served (6:45 PM)**
- II. Call to Order (7:00 PM)**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Guest Speakers:**
 - A. Monica Osburn - Director and Licensed Professional Counselor (Counseling Center)
 - B. Roger Callanan - Assistant Vice Provost (Student Ombuds Services)
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**
 - A. Minutes were approved
- VI. Advisors' Update (Dr. Barbi Honeycutt & Dr. Beth Overman)**
 - A. **No updates**
- VII. Executive Officer Updates**
 - A. President David Fiala
 - i. Fee advisory committee – Graduate student vote on Fees
 - a. UGSA will have first vote on this pass
 - ii. Master's Premium Tuition
 - a. Long term plan. What this means is that some colleges will pay MORE for their degree than other students. (Premium fee for enrollment) – Eg. Ms. Analytics
 - iii. COE Enhancement Fee
 - a. This affects all students within the college of engineering. Same basic principle as above. (not tied to tuition, but essentially an added student fee.)
 - iv. Graduate Student Research Directory
 - a. New online portal (UGSA will develop or outsource)
If I have a buddy in crop science, how do I find out what their project is.
 - B. Vice-President of Internal Affairs Chirag Gajjar
 - i. Quick announcements:
Letter of Credentials were originally due at the end of today – this is NOT THE CASE. (Breathe). The portal is alive! Online submission due by OCTOBER's meeting. Constitution sill the same (October).
 - ii. Internal committee – IF you are not assigned see Chirag. If you did not see Chirag after the meeting, EMAIL both of us
 - C. Vice-President of External Affairs *Interim Updates: Veronica Mbaneme*
 - i. Strategic Resources Management –Implementing a plan to increase graduate student enrollment. (eg. RE-align the provost's charge 55 NEW students, to a higher number). Also in charge of finding SOME funding. – NOT all, but some. Also, this group makes Recommendations to GSSP altering.

- ii. Current plan is to increase students BEFORE altering GSSP. This is because if they don't know how many students will aim to be enrolled there is less of a point to modifying GSSP. This is something that will likely come up in UGSA in the future. BE Aware.
 - iii. We need 4 more graduate students for university standing committees. If you are interested email Veronica
- D. Vice-President of Academic Affairs Milena Bobea
- E. Vice-President of Communication Barry Peddycord III
 - i. PAWPRINTS is going up
- F. Treasurer Nithy Poosamani
 - i. We have too much surplus! Committee chairs, find ways to spend this
 - ii. DO NOT END UP UNDER BUDGET
 - iii. EVERYBODY – GET YOUR Accountant ON THE LIST! NOT OPTIONAL.
 - iv. Those with funding issues, those are resolved and you should be getting your funds soon.
- G. Secretary Katie Kennedy
 - i. TEC to request surplus funds in future.
 - ii. Chairs: SEND ME YOUR ATTENDANCE from now on.
 - iii.
- H. Public Relations Officer

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

(Limit to 3 minutes per committee)

- A. Community Service
 - i. 7 in attendance, and 1 rep who couldn't attend but rep did attend and that worked WELL.
 - ii. Goals, and Budget were discussed
 - iii. Next meeting Oct 20th
 - iv. Chair: Elizabeth
- B. Research Recognition
 - i. Jessica Nash is Chair
 - ii. Had two meetings thus far
 - a. Rubric reviewed and revised
 - iii. 17 applications in thus far that were complete.
- C. Departmental Outreach & Leadership
 - i. Maryann Tyler is Chair
 - ii. Goals
 - a. Leadership conference in Feb
 - b. Departmental Outreach – support for new groups
 - c. Best Practices
 - 1. This is new award for departments (your GSA)
 - 2. FILL OUT SURVEY!
- D. Special Projects & Political Action
 - i. Mary Sloan is chair.
 - ii. Brief update – this month have been working on student fees
- E. Publicity
 - i. Katherine is Chair (genetics)
 - ii. Pawprints is coming together – SUBMIT by Friday.

- a. Go.ncsu.edu/pawprints
- F. Social
 - i. Almost all members there, nad alternates want to show up regularly
 - ii. Events are coming up. Chair is not yet elected...so may need to be next meeting.
- G. Teaching Effectiveness
 - i. TA AWARD Ceremony is TUESDAY MARCH 24th at NOON.
 - ii. Application for Awards is January 16th, 2015 at 5:00 pm.
 - iii. TA Social in November – working on getting out word of mouth.

IX. New Business

- A. Close Nominations for Vice President of External Affairs, Public Relations Officer
 - i. Nominations are closed
- B. Election of Vice President of External Affairs, Public Relations Officer
 - i. External Affiars – V. Mebame
 - ii. Public Relations officer – V. Catate
- C. Delay of LOC, Budget, Constitution
 - i. All are now due at the end of October
- D. Discussion & Voting on Council Resolution 2014-I (Student Fees Recommendation)
 - i. Students traditionally set the tone for the Fees in the university. This recommendation will go on toward the Chancellor, which goes to the Board of Trustees, which goes toward the Board of Governors. The Board of governors is the group that finalizes the budget. This means that students traditionally have a very strong voice.
 - ii. Problem: UGSA has not had a large role in this, We're fixing that
 - iii. UGSA is trying to set the tone and jump the gun of student senate.
 - iv. Request has been indicated at 4.77%; Chancellor at first indicated that 3% or less would be funded. The request before you has been debated as hard as we can debate them.
 - a. A Motion was made to reduce Sustainability to 50c, and place this to the student center operations – This motion failed.
 - b. A Motion was made to hold fees at 3%; this passed.
 - v. Movement for acceptance as is. – Quashed
 - vi. Motion to keep to 2% instead of 3%
 - a. Motion fails
 - vii. Movement for acceptance as is for both years
 - a. Motion passes
- E. Discussion on UGSA Graduate Fee
 - i. Motion passes

X. Demonstration of Rep Portal

- A. Postponed

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

XII. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting of the UGSA Council: Monday, October 27 at 7:00 PM (Food at 6:45pm)