

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

All-Council Meeting Agenda

November 28th, 2016 - Senate Chambers, Talley Student Union (4th Floor)

- I. **Food Served -6:45 PM-**
- II. **Call to Order**
- III. **Roll Call #1** **5 min 7:00pm**
- IV. **Ombuds Presentation (Mike Giancola)** **5 min 7:20pm**
 - a. Helpful resource for graduate students. Confidentiality! Informal, so can't assist in a formal process. He is an officer of the university, so can provide useful information to the university. Can serve as a mediator, but only when all parties are willing to meet. Can especially help with advisor/grad student relationships. This is only the 5th semester of Ombuds at NCSU, so they are still growing. In order to make a referral, feel free to call and leave a message on secure phone line. Discourage sending sensitive information over email.
 - b. When is it more appropriate to go to a councilor vs Ombuds? Anything therapeutic or clinical, should go directly to the counseling center.
 - c. Appointments: Normally able to accommodate a same-day or next-day appointment for time-sensitive issues.
 - d. Generally, deals with student-student conflict, not student-advisor/faculty conflict. However, can accommodate as needed, although, does not have any authority to hold either party to an agreement.
 - e. Wants to advocate for us as students and a fair process.
- V. **Advisor Updates** **5 min 7:40pm**
 - a. Dr. George Hodge: Assistant Dean Graduate School
 - i. 3 Minute Thesis
 - ii. Will use our management survey data to mentor new faculty members
 - iii. Beginning in January, will return to a full-time faculty and therefore will no longer be our advisor. Thank you Dr. Hodge! (presentation of gift)
- VI. **Executive Officer Updates (2 min each)** **15 min 7:43pm**
 - a. President Tyler Allen
 - i. Nothing major
 - b. Vice-President of Internal Affairs Doug Czajka
 - i. Watch for a survey about food for the Spring semester
 - c. Vice-President of External Affairs Melissa White
 - i. Sid Nambiar will be attending Legislative Action Days
 - d. Vice-President of Academic Affairs Jessica Nash
 - i. Application for travel award will be up Dec 15th
 - e. Vice-President of Communications Chelsea Doub
 - i. Absent: Updates given by Ben
 - f. Vice-President of Public Relations Ben Dictus
 - i. January meeting – Chelsea will organize professional head shots for all reps
 - ii. Rep of the month highlight on the website (Chelsea)
 - iii. Instagram and Facebook are up and running, let Ben know if you want to add any pictures or events to the calendar
 - iv. We have PAWPRINTS!
 - v. Be sure to pass any information disseminated to reps out to your department. You
 - g. Treasurer Federico Scholcover
 - i. Turn in your expense reports ASAP!
 - ii. SGA appropriations help sessions (20 minutes). If your GSA would like to apply for any monies, it is required to attend one of these help sessions. Would like to have one at a more convenient time to grad students. Anyone interested?

iii. Motion to vote: Should we hold help session before, during, after or not at all?

1. Before - 29

2. During - 9

3. After - 0

4. Not at all - 0

h. Secretary

Rachel Atkins

i. No updates

VII. Graduate School Response to Management Survey (Nathan) 10 min 8:00pm

a. Want to see the text responses

b. University is already making a huge investment into diversity training. How do you have a conversation with a superior about a diversity issue? Dean Grasso asked what a diversity training for graduate students should actually look like. Floor is open to discuss this

i. Global Training Initiative (GTI)

ii. Suggestion – This requires some thinking, could there be an email sent around about this for people to submit suggestions? Melissa will set up a google form for this. Is there a preference about whether or not this should be an on-demand resource or preventative training?

iii. Question: Should this training be something for everyone or only available when you anticipate having or are currently having an issue? Suggestion: Could be brought up during orientation. Another comment: Ombuds is an opportunity for the one-offs, however, it would be a good idea to have preventative training.

VIII. GSA Internal Standing Committee Updates (Committee Chair) 40 min 8:10pm

a. Special projects and Political Action

i. Develop resource for incoming students about where to live off-campus. Respond to the survey that was sent out. Would like to add to the “new student survival guide”.

b. Departmental Outreach & Leadership

i. Will send out an updated list of speakers that will be coming this spring very soon.

c. Community Service

i. Toy and school supply drives went really well! More events to come in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

d. Research Recognition

i. Tackling a new project during slow period: How to find more money for the travel fund. Working with Freddy (treasurer) to figure out a rollover fund. Update to come from Freddy.

ii. Development of an endowment fund

e. Publicity

i. After committee meetings, log onto website and submit form with any updates, event announcements, etc.

ii. When PawPrints

f. Social

i. Hockey game – very successful!

ii. Trivia and formal for next semester

iii. Email Kalpit with any suggestions about how

g. Teaching Effectiveness

i. TA Soiree on Friday at Raleigh Brewing Company – deadline extended to 30th!

1. Missing civil engineering department

2. Ideally limited to TA's, however, open to all grad students

ii. 2-3 workshops for TA's to talk about specific issues that they face

h. Graduate Student Representation Ad hoc Committee

i. How do we increase our representation and voice as grad students? Decision: We should work with our current system (rather than depart from). How to do this: Invite

representatives to our meetings to that they can see what we do. Also need to fill the graduate student senate seats (want to increase number to 10 in order to represent each of the 10 colleges – as a suggestion). If you would like to fill any seats today, let us know!

ii. Working on a document that explains what this commitment would entail.

iii. Dr. Hodge's recommendation: Get involved with student elections in the spring!

IX. GSA Group Photo (Ben) 10 min 8:43pm

X. Stretch Break/Meet your Neighbor (Everyone) 5 min

XI. Budget Discussion (Federico) 10 min 8:52pm

a. Motivations: We don't have enough Travel Award \$\$, RR committee is the only committee that does not know how much is allocated to them at the end of the year

b. What happens now: \$\$ that is not claimed at the end of the year (i.e. If someone doesn't spend as much as they requested) goes into surplus. Proposed change: create a rollover fund. Once rewards are claimed, funds taken from the overall rollover fund. Remaining funds can then be used as part of the regular travel awards. Unclaimed rollover returns to surplus at the end of the year. Rollover fund cap: Cannot exceed \$3000

XII. Communication to Departments/Programs (Tyler) 5 min 9:00pm

a. It has been brought to our attention that some grad students are not aware of who we are, what we do or events we hold. How do your departments disseminate information? Listserv?

i. Sent to a departmental secretary (or central person), vetted, then sent to the department

ii. Sent to a president of their GSA, circulated to grad students in a weekly newsletter

iii. Social media

iv. Word of mouth (smaller departments)

v. Voluntary listserv

vi. Department head (or DGP) weekly email

vii. Forward to DGP, but censored because their department wanted more information before disseminating info. Are we responsible

b. Is anyone not getting rep emails?

XIII. Open Floor – Comments and Announcements 5 min 9:22pm

Limit to 2 minutes per representative

a. DOLC – tries to recruit departments who aren't currently involved in GSA to ensure all students are as informed as possible

XIV. Adjournment 9:24pm

Next scheduled meeting of the GSA Council: Monday, January 30th at 6:45 PM