

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
All-Council Meeting Agenda

October 31st, 2016 - Senate Chambers, Talley Student Union (4th Floor)

- I. Food Served – 6:45 PM –
- II. Call to order 7:00pm
- III. Roll call #1
- IV. Advisor Updates
 - a. Dr. George Hodge: Assistant Deal Graduate School
- V. Executive officer updates (2 min each)
 - a. President Tyler Allen
 - i. No major updates
 - b. Vice-President of Internal Affairs Doug Czajka
 - i. Most letters of credentials in! Thank you! If you're one of the 3 that has not turned in, please do that ASAP
 - ii. Register with student involvement (most of you have)
 - iii. Every GSA needs to serve on an internal standing committee, s if you are not assigned to one, please let Doug know
 - c. Vice-President of External Affairs Melissa White
 - i. Legislative action days – we will open applications soon (deadline Nov 16th)
 - ii. Student senate board of directors – need a grad student rep. Meetings are twice a month 5-6:30pm. Please let Melissa know if you'd like to serve on it. Email to follow.
 - d. Vice-President of Academic Affairs Jessica Nash
 - i. No major updates
 - e. Vice-President of Communications Chelsea Doub
 - i. No major updates
 - f. Vice-President of Public Relations Ben Dictus
 - i. Connected to all social media (Instagram: ncsu_GSA) along with Facebook and Twitter
 - ii. Feel free to send pictures from any event that you would like to Ben to post.
 - g. Treasurer Federico Scholocover
 - i. Spent \$2,000 last month – this is lower than projected, but not problematic
 - ii. Expense reports – form is online, please submit ASAP. Any questions about this, ask Freddy
 - h. Secretary Rachel Atkins
 - i. No major updates
- VI. Healthcare impact on graduate students (Tyler) 7:15pm
 - a. Affordable Care Act (ACA) on grad students update – regardless of decisions made in DC, Administrators in the graduate school have assured Tyler that we will not be negatively affected. University can't definitively say what they will do as nothing has been officially decided yet.
- VII. Management survey results (Jacob) 7:18pm
 - a. Last year conducted an exploratory study about management at NCSU
 - b. Publicly administered survey (15% student body responded in 15 days) (3,373 students)
 - c. Overarching themes:
 - i. Overall positive place to work
 - d. Notable negative responses:
 - i. ~2% of students at NC State experience destructive supervisor behavior
 - 1. These students go out and represent NC State in the workforce
 - ii. Supervisor diversity bias – overall pretty positive, however, there were a few negative responses. Worthy of more investigation

- e. Didn't see a significant difference between departments, but we may not have enough data to see these differences if they do exist
- f. While the overall results were pretty positive, the cases of concern still exist and should be investigated further for a better understanding of how and why they exist in order to address them in the future.
- g. Questions/comments:
 - i. From the cases of concern, is there anything concrete that we can bring back to professors and tell them "this works, this doesn't"?
 - 1. Training programs may be effective, but only if the trainee completely "buys in". Many times admin doesn't
 - ii. Clarification: There is a direct correlation between quality of life and work environment
 - iii. Some departments have gotten together and discussed specific problems from the past and were addressed by a moderator (office of diversity?)
 - iv. Provides the opportunity to discuss with graduate students how to have productive conversations with their advisors about clear expectations
 - v. Will we be doing this again?
 - 1. Possibly doing it with Duke. Currently coordinating with their GSA Pres
 - vi. Is there a way to address past TA's?
 - 1. Self-selection bias, positive and/or negative. Also assessed good or bad but not negligence.
 - vii. Wish there was a way to comment on interactions with other professors, not just advisors

VIII. GSA Internal standing committee updates (committee chair) *Limit 5 minutes per committee 7:47pm*

- a. Special Projects and Political Action
 - i. Healthcare – reaching out to Duke, NAGPS
 - ii. Create a best practices document for how domestic students can obtain residency. Maybe hand out at the new student orientation in the fall?
- b. Departmental Outreach and Leadership
 - i. Event in spring – bring speakers to campus. In past has been a conference (single day event). This year would like to make this more a speaker series.
 - 1. Looking for board leadership-type speakers
 - ii. Best practices award – link on the GSA website
- c. Community Service
 - i. Toy and supply drive going on for the next 2 weeks
 - ii. Adopt-a-highway – waiting for more updates
- d. Research Recognition
 - i. Very competitive – awarded 5! This year was much more broad than just engineering! This year was much more fair across the board. Letters have not yet been sent out but should be sent out later in the week
- e. Publicity
 - i. First meeting this past week (got a late start). If you have anything for us to publicize, please let us know.
- f. Social
 - i. Clouds social last week – success! Great mixture of students from different departments
 - ii. Upcoming event: Hockey game: Friday, Nov 18th \$10 tickets
 - 1. Non-student tickets will not be subsidized
- g. Teaching Effectiveness
 - i. TA soiree – Dec 2nd, location TBA. Mark your calendars!
 - ii. Professional development for TA's

IX. Stretch break/meet your neighbor

7:57pm

- X. Fee review committee conclusion (Doug) 8:06pm
- a. Accepted all fees except student center operations
 - b. First movement of the meeting was to just accept recommendations from student senate, other members pushed back so they went through line-by-line. Mentioned that they usually just vote in what was recommended by student senate.
 - c. In the future, need to make sure our voice is just as important as the undergrad voice. Not sure how to address this, but we may need to operate more like student senate??
 - d. Questions/comments from the floor
 - i. We don't fill our seats and there was something that only passed by one vote, so we have the opportunity to change this
 - ii. We have 8 seats on student senate (3-5 are currently filled)
 - iii. Might be possible to give our input (as grad students) to student senate (undergrads) before they make their decisions as they
 - iv. Issue: unaware of how to fill the seat. Email [Student Senate](#) president
 - v. We (as reps) need to do a better job of advertising the availability of these seats to the larger grad student body.
 - vi. Proposal: form an internal committee to address these issues
 - e. *Motion to move this discussion to an ad hoc committee to deal with the issue of grad student voice and being heard equal to the representation we want to have on campus*
 - i. *Majority vote: YES*
- XI. Tuition review committee conclusion (Melissa) 8:30pm
- a. [Meeting minutes](#) – summary of the meeting
- XII. Open floor – comments and announcements *Limit to 2 minutes per rep* 8:34pm
- a. Update from senate: application for social justice mini-grant (\$50, \$100, \$150, \$200)
- XIII. Adjournment 8:37pm

Next scheduled meeting of the GSA Council: Monday, November 28th at 6:45 PM