# All-Council Meeting Agenda

NC State Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Senate Chambers - Talley Student Union 4th floor

October 30th, 2017 – 7:00 pm

## Food Served - 7:00pm

## Call to order - 7:15pm

## Roll call

## Approve minutes from last meeting - 7:20pm

All approved

**Dr. Mike Mullen, Vice Chancellor and Dean of DASA - 7:25pm**

* Division of Academic and Student Affairs (see attached slides)
  + A fee-supported organization that oversees multiple organizations

Feel free to email him with questions ([academic-student-affairs@ncsu.edu](mailto:academic-student-affairs@ncsu.edu))

**Advisor Updates (Dr. Peter Harries) - 7:40pm**

* Congratulations to Dr. Harries on becoming Interim Dean of the Graduate School!
* Tomorrow is our 3MT competition! Come support your fellow graduate students presenting their research in 3 minutes with 1 slide.
* Since we are fee-based and have an advisor supporting us, GSA has the opportunity to upgrade its status to a Recognized (as opposed to registered) Student Organization.
* Main goals:
  + Each program to reflect on what they are trying to accomplish (prelims, etc.)
  + Determine requirements for each degree program
  + Increase funding for graduate student travel to conferences
  + Increasing graduate student representation as part of the student body

**Executive officer updates - 7:50pm**

President (Tyler)

* No updates

Vice-President of Internal Affairs (Doug)

* Get your letter of credentials in (if you haven’t already)

Vice-President of External Affairs (Nathan)

* [See update document](https://docs.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/document/d/1Sv6eExJdHsJEjFP4PFzK16aChRpvpeSSI7HsEwlPmkw/edit?usp=sharing)

Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Desiree)

* [See update document](https://docs.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/document/d/1Sv6eExJdHsJEjFP4PFzK16aChRpvpeSSI7HsEwlPmkw/edit?usp=sharing)

Vice-President of Communication (Ben)

* Pawprints coming out tomorrow! If you have contributions from your committee or department, send them their way!
* We will be taking a group photo later tonight

Vice-President of Student Government Relations (Meredith)

* Bi-weekly student events newsletter vote – would you like Meredith to create a smaller, succinct list of events? Yes – 33 No – 15 Abstain – 4 Passed!
* Campus childcare – working on this for graduate students as it is already available for faculty and staff. Could this be paired with an education or psychology department?
* If you’re interested in events on campus, there is a campus-wide calendar available [here](https://www.ncsu.edu/calendars) and [here](https://getinvolved.ncsu.edu/events).
* [See update document](https://docs.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/document/d/1Sv6eExJdHsJEjFP4PFzK16aChRpvpeSSI7HsEwlPmkw/edit?usp=sharing)

Treasurer (Freddy)

* Apply for a block grant!
* [See update document](https://docs.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/document/d/1Sv6eExJdHsJEjFP4PFzK16aChRpvpeSSI7HsEwlPmkw/edit?usp=sharing)

Secretary (Rachel)

* No updates

**Tuition Review Advisory Committee (Meredith) - 8:25pm**

* GSA has a seat on the Tuition Review Advisory Committee, which votes on Campus Initiated Tuition Increase (CITI) recommendations. CITI funds go to the university, unlike legislative tuition increases, which act as an offset to state appropriations and so do not generate revenue for the university. CITI funds can be used in 4 ways: financial aid (capped at 15% of CITI funds toward this, which is what NC State does), faculty promotional increases, GSSP, and enhanced institutional opportunities (mostly undergrad things, like extra seats in existing class sections, extra sections of classes, and more academic advisors for undergrads). This year, the General Assembly froze tuition increases for in-state undergrads, so all tuition increases had to come from the remaining groups of students. The committee voted to increase out-of-state undergrad tuition by 4%, in-state grad by 5%, and out-of-state grad by 6%. The tiered system was decided on because out-of-state undergrads currently pay more in tuition than out-of-state grads, so they are trying to adjust that to where grads pay more, like with in-state students. As for apportionment of funds after the 15% that goes toward financial aid, $750,000 (~8%) is going to faculty promotional increases, $5.5 million is going to enhanced institutional opportunities, and the remainder (~27%) is going toward the GSSP. This increase in the GSSP is to "hold it harmless," meaning that the increased funds toward the GSSP will only act to offset the approved tuition increases for grad students.

**Legislative Action Day Discussion (Judith/Drew) - 8:35pm**

* Recap of the meeting can be found [here](https://docs.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/document/d/1SMXYXfR-bVwnfL90CWP-gc6zH6H35oKkQoBr4zUD8CU/edit?usp=sharing).
* Sexual violence and awareness discussed at length
* Advocacy 101 training – knowing what and when to advocate
* DACA and student visa discussed – be on the lookout for updates on these
* Federal/Perkins loans program
  + Perkins loan not available any more, but seeking alternatives
  + Loan forgiveness program
* College transparency act – holds colleges accountable to graduation rates, demographics, etc.

**GSA Group Photo - 8:45pm**

**Stretch Break/Meet your Neighbor (Everyone) - 8:45pm**

**Internal Standing Committee Updates (Chair) - 9:00pm**

1. Special Projects and Political Action
   1. Subcommittee: Primary concern is the graduate student survey
   2. Subcommittee: overhaul of GSA constitution to address concerns with our current constitution
   3. In the spring, victims of sexual violence vigil
   4. Subcommittees open to any graduate student (not just reps)
2. Professional and Organizational Development
   1. Climate survey going out in the Pawprints this year
   2. What professional development events would you like to see?
3. Community Service
   1. Operation Christmas Child – working on the details for locations for collection boxes. Suggestion – have a collection box at the next meeting
4. Research Recognition
   1. 7 GSA award for conference winners! There is normally 6 winners, but 2 people didn’t request the full amount, so we were able to award 7.
5. Publicity
   1. Pawprints – send us events by tonight in order to be included in the October issue
   2. Working on the ‘New to Raleigh’ Guide, emphasis on international students
   3. Social media – we would like to highlight and celebrate graduate students
6. Social
   1. Boos and Brews was a hit!
   2. November event coming soon!
   3. Working on formal plans
7. Teaching effectiveness
   1. TA Soiree November 16th at RBC!
   2. Subcommittee: Review of requirements of TA award and evaluation process
8. Graduate Representation
   1. Welcome Biomath GSA!

**New Business**

1. **A Bill to Amend the GSA Legislative Process – First read -9:20pm**
   1. Second reading in November
2. **A Potential Hindrance of Student’s Rights Discussion -9:34pm**

**Jackie Gonzalez (Student Body President)**

* 1. [Free expression, free speech policy](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PctiQ_iYXuJSngi2A4Hxs06UMLm4fj12IIECuAOws4k/edit)
     1. 3 strike policy – 3 violations = expulsion from Institution (and other NC State schools)
     2. Student government does not have voting rights, but has expressed opinions in meetings
     3. This bill has already passed, but if you do have thoughts or questions, send them to [Jackie](http://sbp@ncsu.edu) and she can help guide you to the correct avenues.
     4. The newest version (revised as of 10/25) can be found [here](http://www.northcarolina.edu/apps/bog/doc.php?id=58320&code=bog).

**Open floor - 9:54pm**

* The Student’s Rights discussion – this could fall under the Political Action Committee, consensus?
* [Student Chief Justice](http://scj@ncsu.edu) is interested in getting graduate students involved on the Student Conduct board so that graduate students would have a board of their peers as opposed to undergraduates.

**Adjournment - 10:03pm**

-------------- Next meeting scheduled for: Monday, November 27th at 7pm --------------