# All-Council Meeting Agenda

NC State Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Senate Chambers - Talley Student Union 4th floor

September 25th, 2017 – 7:00 pm

## Food Served - 7:00pm

## Call to order - 7:15pm

## Roll call

## Approve minutes from last meeting - 7:19pm

* All approved

**Advisor Updates (Dr. Peter Harries) - 7:20pm**

* RA health coverage over summer – this should be in place for Spring 2018. This means that anyone on an RA (regardless of summer enrollment) in the spring semester would have health coverage during summer 2018, unless you graduate in Spring 2018. This is now congruent with TA support.
* If anyone has any ideas of programs that are not currently covered by the graduate school that should be, please let Dr. Harries know. The current programs they are developing include:
  + Teacher training
  + Professional development for industry-bound graduate students

**Executive officer updates - 7:26pm**

President (Tyler)

* In order for us to get to know each other, please introduce yourselves when contributing to conversations.
* Rep listerv - [group-gsa-reps@ncsu.edu](mailto:group-gsa-reps@ncsu.edu). This is used to communicate important information to all reps. Everyone should have access to this and can be used to disseminate important information to just reps and/or to departments. When sending to this listserv, be sure to CLEARLY indicate whether emails are intended for reps only or all graduate students (these should be forwarded by reps to departments).

Vice-President of Internal Affairs (Doug)

* Letter of credentials (LOC) – deadline is October 1st! Send these to Doug.
* Register/update your chapters information with student involvement – deadline Friday 9/29 at 5pm
* If you have not yet been assigned an internal committee or have questions about this, email Doug.
* Dining committee feedback – please fill out the survey sent to assess RAVE catering meals

Vice-President of External Affairs (Nathan)

* All but one university standing committees have been filled!
  + Student center board of directors has an opening for a graduate student. If you’re interested, please let Nathan know.
* The university is looking at adding a service designation to some degree programs. Stay tuned for more details about this.
* 56% of graduate students use Recreation facilities

Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Desiree)

* Endowment - beginning last year we were interested in developing an endowment in order to have more money for travel awards. This has been a difficult process, but we are currently working with The Graduate School to fundraise. If you are interested in helping The Graduate School with this, let Desiree know. More details about this will be available in the coming months.

Vice-President of Communication (Ben)

* Thanks for website feedback!
* We need YOUR chapters contact information, please sent this to Ben so he can update it on our website.
* Calendar on the website is up to date, feel free to send Ben any events that your chapters are hosting
* Group photo next meeting

Vice-President of Student Government Relations (Meredith)

* SG – evening with the mayoral candidates Tuesday, September 26th 7:30pm Witherspoon 126
* Campout – October 20th on Miller field and Talley. Free!!! Registration is opening in a few days.
* The GSA has a new office – 5261D. Meredith still has same office hours.
* Student senate seats – we currently have 2 people waiting to be appointed, but if you’re interested in stepping in in the event that there is an opening let Meredith know.
* Fee updates – the fee committee has met several times and reviewed potential fee increases. Meredith will make recommendations to the board on Wednesday Sept 27th at 7:30 in Student Governance Chambers. Meredith will send to the reps: the packet of fee requests, their rationale, the fee committee recommendations and rationale

Treasurer (Freddy)

* Before your committee decides to spend any money, contact Freddy to determine what information you need to collect during events you might

Secretary (Rachel)

* No updates

**GSA Attendance Policy (Doug) - 7:47pm**

* See PowerPoint
* 50% of Chapter rebate based on 2 factors:
  + Attendance at all-council meetings (50%)
    - 2 or more missed meetings equates to losing half of your rebate
  + Internal committee participation (50%)
    - Effort is evaluated by committee chair. Each rep must contribute significantly to the goals of the committee.
* The other 50%...
  + 50% - Equal distribution of leftover money
  + 50% - Complicated equation, rebate based on specifics of your department (number of students, missed meetings, etc.). This formula can be found in our constitution.
* If chapters fall out of good standing, the money that they don’t receive goes back into the pool distributed to all departments.
* The number of students in each department is the number reported by your DGP in your Letters of Credentials.

**Legislative Action Day Discussion (Nathan) - 7:58pm**

* Judith and Drew are our representatives this year!
* Based on the survey sent out, important issues you’d like to be addressed:
  1. Increase funding for scientific research
  2. Graduate health insurance
  3. Student visa protection and accessibility (travel ban, etc.)
* If you have any specific stories about people have been directly affected by these things, please send them to Judith or Drew.
* Please reach out to Nathan ([gsa-vpexternal@ncsu.edu](mailto:gsa-vpexternal@ncsu.edu)) Judith ([jnrivera@ncsu.edu)](mailto:jnrivera@ncsu.edu)) or Drew ([nabaker3@ncsu.edu)](mailto:nabaker3@ncsu.edu))

**Stretch Break/Meet your Neighbor (Everyone) - 8:11pm**

**Internal Standing Committee Updates (Chair) - 8:24pm**

1. Special Projects and Political Action
   1. Currently brainstorming big action items for this year. If you have any big items for us, please let Judith know.
2. Professional and Organizational Development
   1. Currently brainstorming professional development opportunities, if you have recommendations for us, please email Drew.
3. Community Service
   1. Would like to continue events we did last year as well as brainstorming new things
4. Research Recognition
   1. We have 50 applications for this round of travel awards
5. Publicity
   1. Pawprints is in search of things you’d like to advertise! Send events or recognitions to the committee. We will eventually have a google form and list of publications dates for PawPrints.
6. Social
   1. October 28th 2-8pm– Boo’s and Brews Brewery tour! It’s free! Stay tuned for more information.
   2. Stay tuned for more information
7. Teaching effectiveness
   1. TA soiree, later this semester
   2. TA awards may be revamped this year, stay tuned for that.
8. Graduate Representation
   1. We are new here, hi! Our general goals are to reach out to departments who don’t have representation and determine how we can represent them and determine how to better represent graduate student issues.

**Discussion on how to Improve GSA Meetings - 8:39pm**

* Could execs and internal committees send a newsletter before all-council meetings instead of doing their updates during meetings? This way reps will have the opportunity to read through updates and there can be more discussion at all-council meetings.
* Ice for all-council meeting beverages? -
* Basic document summarizing facts about graduate students at NC State. [The Graduate School has this information.](https://www.ncsu.edu/about/stats-and-strengths/)
* Accessibility of our GSA meetings

**Open floor - 8:53pm**

* Appropriations have been discussed and you will be notified shortly. If you don’t receive money and you requested it, let Zac know and we could submit an amendment.

**Adjournment - 8:55pm**

-------------- Next meeting scheduled for: Monday, October 30th at 7pm --------------