**All-Council Meeting Agenda**

**NC State Graduate Student Association (GSA)**

Senate Chambers - Talley Student Union 4th floor

24 September 2018 – 7:00 pm

**Food Served - Review** [**Written Reports**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZBukIjtIwT9yMQQoBzFSRezyO-lJ9W_du_praypRFfU/edit?pli=1) **- 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order - 7:10 PM**

Roll Call

**Invited Guests - 7:13 PM**

Christine Brugh, Joint Division for Research and Advocacy on Grad Stipends (csbrugh@ncsu.edu)

* Data collection about stipends and fees and how these differ across the University. Trying to determine what the minimum is that graduate students are being paid. Compared to the cost of living in Raleigh and how that changes over time
* Parking, exemption from benefits
* Advocacy – discussions began with Dr. Harries, will have a meeting with administration in the spring to
* So far there is not much push-back, so our goal is to work on pushing this up the priority list.
* What can you do? Talk to your GSAs and departments to see what they need. Send information about what your departmental stipend is and any concerns to Christine.
* Their next meeting is Oct 8th at 6pm, if you are interested in attending, send Christine an email.

**Approval of the Minutes:** [**27 August 2018**](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1pmzRr5UeMKPhxR6AZin2JjivJcE6bEJ8) **- 7:24 PM**

* Approved!

**Advisor Updates (Dr. Peter Harries) - 7:25 PM**

* Stipends do frequently come up in discussions within the university. For departments that are grant-funded, this may be a faster process than for other departments who are more TA-funded. This is an important issue when it comes to attracting graduate students to our university.
* Graduate Student mental health – this is an ongoing discussion being had with The Graduate School, Dr. Harries, the exec board, the health center and others.
* New hires in The Graduate School to focus on writing improvement, international student writing, both of which play a role in overall graduate student mental health
* NC State has sent help to the coastal communities that have been affected by Hurricane Florence

[**Executive Officer Updates**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZBukIjtIwT9yMQQoBzFSRezyO-lJ9W_du_praypRFfU/edit?usp=sharing) **- 7:32 PM**

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[**Internal Standing Committee Introduction and Updates (Chairs)**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZBukIjtIwT9yMQQoBzFSRezyO-lJ9W_du_praypRFfU/edit?usp=sharing) **- 7:50 PM**

Finance (Raj Waghela)

Graduate Representation (Laura Minnema)

Judicial Committee (Jocelyn Rosario)

Legislative Affairs and Student Advocacy (Ryan Dudek)

Research Recognition (Erin Peterson)

Community and Social Engagement (Carolyn Rauch)

Special Projects (Kimberly Nellenbach)

Teaching Effectiveness (Becky Poole & Victoria Ream)

**Stretch Break/Meet your Neighbor (Everyone) - 8:00 PM**

**New Business - 8:10 PM**

Discuss [grad student concern survey](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RcV_odNClpygeKoGAOmcaEPpDYT5f8DWOx_MaM-sufo/edit?ts=5ba97b1d&pli=1#gid=0)

* Several of the concerns identified in this survey are being addressed by graduate students on University Standing Committees
* Expand upon the student safe ride, might need to collect data about where graduate students live. Currently they need funds for this, but it is being investigated in Student Government
* LASA committee – will work on compiling this survey for distribution to all graduate students

What do you want GSA to work on?

**Open floor - 8:23 PM**

* Attend the new library hire
* Financial insecurity survey among graduate student. Purpose: gather qualitative data about graduate student experiences as they relate to their financial insecurities
* One of the missions of GSA this year is to increase transparency, if you have meetings that are open to graduate students, please send the GSA an email
* General concern/question about the graduate Plan of Work – is this standardized for other departments?
	+ Dr. Harries – The Graduate School is working on changing the POW to introduce more flexibility and use it as a plan rather than a history, which means taking it early on in graduate careers. Build into the plan of work will also be a graduate student assessment.
	+ Maybe this could also include an informal POW during a graduate students first year to ensure it is a plan rather than a history
	+ College of Textiles has an event in the beginning of the year and ask program directors to come present example plan of works to new (and current) students
* Courses being offered in departments differ significantly from what is on the books.
* The College of Engineering has classes

**Adjournment - 8:37 PM**

-------------- Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, 29 October 2018,** 7pm --------------