MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREENSBORO

 GRADUTE STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

November 8, 2017

1. Call to Order: The Graduate Student Association Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by the GSA Vice President, Derick Jones.
2. Attendance: The following programs were represented: Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Communication Studies, Community and Therapeutic Recreation, Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies, Counseling Education Development, Economics, Education Leadership and Cultural Foundations, Education Research Methodology, English, Geography, Genetic Counseling, Gerontology, History, Human Development and Family Studies, Interior Architecture, Kinesiology, Library and Information Studies, Mathematics and Statistics, Music, Nutrition, School of Nursing, Public Health Education, Psychology, Sociology, Specialized Education Services, Teacher Ed/Higher Ed, and Women and Gender Studies.
3. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes for the October 11, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Special Order Reports:

Oliver Thomas, Preparing Future Leaders Coordinator:

Thomas, the PFL Coordinator (and a senator), explained the purpose of the Preparing Future Leaders program, a joint program with UNCG and NC A&T State. This program provides students with two tracks, faculty and professional. PFL equips students with resources to take into a job interview. Thomas encouraged students to enroll at the PFL website,. https://grs.uncg.edu/pfl/. He emphasized that PFL is a complement to your degree, rather than extra work. Thomas can be contacted at pfl@uncg.edu.

1. Executive Committee Reports
	1. President, Brian Cone

Cone thanked the senators for their assistance in passing the constitution and electing new members of the executive board. He encouraged senators to offer amendments to the constitution. Cone also discussed two challenges facing graduate students. First, recent legislation in Congress threatens to classify graduate student tuition waivers as taxable income. Second, the Board of Governors has passed a resolution to freeze tuition of undergraduate in-state students, while still allowing tuition to increase for graduate and out-of-state students. Cone emphasized the need to make our voices heard, and told the senators that he would be working on ways for GSA to make its concerns known.

Cone also informed the senators that both the Library and the Graduate School have expressed interest in developing spaces for graduate students.

* 1. Vice President, Derick Jones

Jones thanked everyone for electing him to this position. He announced that he was forming a program committee.

* 1. Treasurer, Timothy Reagin

Reagan announced that he was working to reopen funding, hopefully by Monday, 11/13 at the latest. He encouraged senators to join the finance committee, since he needs committee in place in order to award RTF funds.

* 1. Marketing/Public Relations Chairperson, Anderson Rouse

Rouse discussed upcoming website updates, and announced that he was working on putting together a GSA social event.

1. University Committee Reports:

none

1. Old Business: None
2. New Business: None
3. Adjournment: Vice President, Derick Jones, adjourned the meeting at 3:57 pm.