

# MINUTES General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2023 NSCI 101 4:00-5:00 pm

## **Agenda Overview and Attendance**

## **Welcome Message from our President**

- Faculty Senate: Tensions among the faculty about leading and communicating regarding APR
- Graduate Council policy update on School of Ed about visiting teachers bringing in other licensures

## **Committee Reports**

*Programming:* Friendsgiving event, more info to follow, aiming for Monday, Nov. 20

**Description:** The GSA Vice President will serve as the chair of the Programming Committee. Programming committee:

- Shall consist of 3-5 Senators
- Shall create events for all graduate students to attend
- Shall poll and collect student preferences on social events and professional development
- Shall coordinate graduate student calendar with the Graduate School
- Shall create events intended for Senators to get to know each other

*Finance:* Funding window closes next Friday (11/10)

Description: The GSA Treasurer will serve as the chair of the Finance Committee.

#### Finance Committee:

- Shall consist of 3-5 Senators
- Shall focus on the proper allocation and distribution of the budget
- Shall decide on the percentage of each PDF and RCF each year to best utilize funds

Student Engagement: Increasing communication and networks with different platforms and looking at mentor/mentee program; first generation group has a robust network and might be interested in partnership

**Description:** The GSA Student Relations Chairperson will serve as the chair of the Student Engagement Committee.

## Student Engagement Committee:

- Shall consist of 3-5 Senators
- Shall focus on the following areas:
- Healthcare and insurance
- Graduate student compensation and funding
- Parking, transportation, and housing
- Online student representation and involvement
- Finding suitable meeting times for all students involved
- All other areas in which the Chair and the President agree the committee should focus.

## Video on the Academic Program Review

- Video from the teach-in hosted by UNCG Association for Retired Faculty (ARF), Association of American University Professors (AAUP), and Concerned Graduate Students
- Teach in talked about the current Academic Program Review
- Provost did confirm a list at the 10/30 forum. The list is still changing; just because your program is listed DOES NOT mean your program is being cut, but rather at risk. If your program is cut, you will still be allowed to finish your degree in what's called a "teach-out," however, any prospective students WILL NOT be able to enroll in the program. Final decision will be made in January/February.
- Another forum with Chancellor Gilliam on **November 28 from 2-3:30 pm** discussing the APR. There is also a "Chancellor Chat" on **November 6 from 12-1 pm**.
- rpk Group is the consulting firm doing the current APR; they recently did the review for Kansas (Emporium University) and West Virginia University
- For more information about the APR, see <a href="https://innovation.uncg.edu/initiatives/academic-data-dashboards-admin-services-review/">https://innovation.uncg.edu/initiatives/academic-data-dashboards-admin-services-review/</a>
- Find the full video here: <a href="https://youtu.be/VbaucKn2NT0">https://youtu.be/VbaucKn2NT0</a>

## Forum Debriefs and Q&A

Please reach out to SGA representatives as well since they sit on University-wide committees

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