



MINUTES
General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, February 1, 2024
School of Education 120
4:00-5:00 pm

Agenda Overview and Attendance

Welcome Message from our President

- Graduate Council update: delaying the APR process was declined; GC felt comfortable with some cuts; some departments joined the GC meeting pleading their case; what does this process look like at the end of the day for graduate students?; no real answer given

Guest Speaker: Dean Bell

- Spring Research and Creativity Showcase; learn more and register [here](#)
- Caring faculty and individuals at the Graduate Council meeting; the APR has been painful; Dean Bell helped build the PhD in Computational Mathematics
- Funding will be guaranteed for those who are already receiving funding and are still in good-standing; question—Can this guarantee be in writing? How will funding be affected for those students who work outside of the department and in other offices? (I.e. Not a GA in math department, but a math tutor for student success); Will funding remain the same? Funding will be increased (at least for 2 years and then departments will need to find more); is it possible that the deans/departments won't increase the funding? There is a penalty if departments don't pay grad students more to get closer to meeting the national average; trying to increase funding; when will programs be sun-setted? Admissions will stop for those programs; could take 5-7 years depending on the program; how does this affect joint programs? Students will become A&T students

Vote on implementing [First Day Complete](#) for Graduate Students

- Receive your books for your registered classes; costs \$20 a credit hour; would require students to opt-out if you don't want to participate in the program every semester; if the book is digital then it would be delivered through Canvas
- Results: 29 responses--5 in-favor; 10 oppose; 11 would prefer opt-in; 3 undecided

Committee Reports

- Programming; self-care kit in around spring break—more info to come; GSAW during the first week of April; possible headshots in the spring
- Student Engagement; no real updates

- Finance: will open on the first day of spring break (March 1-15); be sure to include all information and that it's complete; send questions to Brooks at gsavpfin@uncg.edu; follow directions from this link: <https://graduatestudentassociation.uncg.edu/funding/>

Meeting Adjourned