

**Graduate Student Association  
General Assembly Meeting  
November 10, 2016  
SOE Building, Room 118  
3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

GSA Minutes 11/10/16

Call to order: 3:06pm

Unanimous pass of agenda 3:06pm

**I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Tuition & Fees Committee:

- Increase in tuition & fees for future students. Increase will not affect current students.

Vice Chancellor Leadership Meeting:

- Adding a psychiatric nurse position has been proposed
- A 24/7 psychiatric hotline will be added for next school year
- There will be a new conduct officer position
- A student activities person will be hired
- There was a discussion of adding more statues to campus
- There was also discussion about adding a chalkboard wall where students can have a place to express themselves

Academic Regulations committee:

- spoke about instituting policy where all faculty members have set office hours.

**II. VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- We received 14 responses for the GSA Interest Qualtrics survey. We will review and discuss next semester.
- There is a career fair at UNC-Chapel Hill on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Career Center will host a prep session for those who would like to attend.

**III. VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING**

- Final Fridays went well last month. GSA received positive reviews from the wait staff at Old Town. The owner is appreciative of our support. Due to the holiday season, the next Final Friday will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup> (6-9pm)
- The self-defense courses were a success. The Greensboro Martial Arts Academy enjoyed having us as their guest and they said they look forward to future courses with UNCG graduate students. We received all positive feedback from students who attended the courses.
- In order to make sure as many graduate students as possible have the opportunity to take advantage of future self-defense courses, a survey will be sent out next semester to find out the days/times most people are free to attend events.
- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week runs from November 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

A list and description of all the events students may still participate in are attached to this email. For more information contact Allison Heisel ([a\\_heisel@uncg.edu](mailto:a_heisel@uncg.edu)) in the Office of Leadership and Service-Learning.

- If any graduate student is interested in helping to organize a service project or another event please contact the VP of Programming at [gsavppgm@uncg.edu](mailto:gsavppgm@uncg.edu) for more information.

#### **IV. VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**

- Professional Development Fund and Research Travel Grant reimbursement forms should be accompanied with proof of purchase. Best way to show proof is to submit credit card statement. Students may black out personal information except name, address and related purchase(s).

- There was a motion to change language regarding the grants in order to allow graduate students to be eligible to receive both the PDF and RTG in the same semester. Motion passed.

- There was a presentation by Thomas Patterson who is PhD candidate in the Geography Department. He shared with everyone an overview of his research which was enabled by his RTG. He presented an overview of tree ring science and how it related to his study. Mr. Patterson focused his study of the longleaf pine and bringing back the species to make it stronger.

- There was also a presentation by Radmila Petric who is a PhD candidate in the Biology Department. She her grant to help her study in North Carolina's Nantahala National Forest this past summer. She studied the effects of a broadband anthropogenic noise on deer mice.

#### **V. Closing presentation**

- Sheryl Lieb PhD, a UNCG alum came to offer her services to what she believes is a growing number of students. Her personal consultations are for anyone who feels they could use support in their writing process. Her website and email address are below.

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