

**Graduate Student Association  
General Assembly Meeting  
October 13, 2016  
SOE Building, Room 118  
3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

GSA Minutes 10/13/16  
Call to order: 3:00pm  
Unanimous pass of agenda 3:00pm

Kelly Burke (Vice Provost of Graduate Studies) spoke to GSA briefly to beginning the meeting.

Vice Provost Burke let us know her office is here to help, support and let us know she will keep us informed if/when opportunities arise which may be of interest to GSA.

**-Use graduate school as a resource and go to the Graduate's School website for information on the following:**

- Consider taking advantage of the '3-minute thesis'
- PFL (Preparing Future Leaders) helps with résumés
- Monday & Tuesday of Fall Break there is a writing workshop
- Grant writing workshops
- Dissertation boot camp

**I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Minutes from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Leadership meeting:**

- The Provost was at our second meeting.
- The Division of Student Affairs went under a review.
  - Need to take a look at campus culture as it moves to a residential campus.
  - Director of Housing will be chairing this committee.
  - What are the needs of our students?
- We talked about parking and bus issues, especially the bus going past 8pm.
- Talked about the concern about clowns around campus.
- Want to have more blue and gold around campus. They want more school spirit and more pride.
- Want to look at putting UNCG decals on street signs. More pride around Rec center.
- The issue of parking around the Wellness Center.
- Non-emergency student escort: If you feel unsafe, someone will walk with you. (336) 334-5963
- Can start using UNCG mobile app and Live Safe to get escorted.
  - If there are lights out, you can report that.
- They are going to have a safety walk around campus.
- There were various Black Lives Matter events that went on, around campus.
- They are going to have a police advisory forum on campus, and you can find that group on Facebook, called "Police Advisory Forum"
- Cops in the café is going to be continuing on.
- Talked about: Is the city more of a college town or a place of employment?
- Opportunity Greensboro is a place for internships that will host over 500 internships.
- Will be starting Collegiate Link, where you can put your resume online and everything is online.
- Looking into more help for GRE.
- Want to paint College Avenue Blue and Gold.

- Want to get more items of UNCG apparel
- Want to have free feminine products around campus.
- Robert Walker got a big award for the mail room being completed.
- Spartan Village is being opened in the future: 330 beds, a grocery stores and 5 restaurants inside.

We are still looking for senators for the following committees:

- Grievance committee
- Green Fund committee
- Reps needed for alumni teaching awards committee which will only last from November-December and convene December 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

## II. VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Make sure you let VPofPR know if you want word to go out to entire GSA regarding your program.
- It was suggested a survey is distributed to poll graduate students about parking issues and other concerns.

## III. VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

- Will be updating GSA website with new forms & information <https://graduatestudentassociation.uncg.edu/funding-forms/>
- If interested in committee let him know
- Service initiative information will be forthcoming
- Top 3 service hours will receive 1 PDF

-PDF vs. RTG: Students may only accept one of the two. There is a conflict with the due dates which will be addressed by the Finance Board. They will inform GSA at the November meeting of the resolution.

- North Carolina community engagement grant information will be on GSA website
- Waitlisted students will be contacted

## IV. VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING

Informed everyone that the results of the 'Program Ideas' survey resulted in high interest in 2 events:

- Massage sessions from therapist who would visit campus
- Self-defense workshop

The massage sessions are forthcoming.

Three workshops have been scheduled to take place at the Greensboro Martial Arts Academy located at 719 W. Gate City Blvd. All three workshops will take place on the Thursdays of **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm**. See flyer attached to the email for more information. You may RSVP by clicking the link in this email. Cost of workshop is free for all UNCG graduate students.

There also seems to be an interest in community service so the VPofP will look into service opportunities for GSA. Anyone willing to help serve on the Programming Committee please contact [gsavppgm@uncg.edu](mailto:gsavppgm@uncg.edu).

Final Fridays went well last month. Old Town Tavern was a very hospitable host and they made sure to have Spartan Specials on the menu. The next Final Fridays will take place on October 28<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm. There will be a portion of the establishment sectioned off just for GSA. Come out and unwind and grab a bite to eat!