

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREENSBORO
GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
September 13, 2017

1. Call to Order: The Graduate Student Association Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Vice President for Public Relations, Anderson Rouse.
2. Attendance: The following programs and departments were represented: Accounting and Finance, Biology, Community and Therapeutic Recreation, Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies, Counseling Education Development, Dance, Economics, Education Leadership and Cultural Foundations, Educational Research Methodology, English, Geography, Genetic Counseling, Gerontology, History, Human Development and Family Services, Kinesiology, Library and Information Studies, Mathematics and Statistics, School of Nursing, Public Health Education, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Teacher Education/Higher Education, Theater, and Women & Gender Studies.
3. Approval of the Minutes: As this meeting was the first meeting of the year, there were no minutes to approve.
4. Special Order Reports: None
5. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President's Report (Brian Cone)

Cone emphasized that the 2017-18 academic year would be a rebuilding year for GSA. GSA's VP of Finance and VP of Programs both resigned before the first GSA meetings. He announced that GSA funding was temporarily frozen, since GSA cannot disburse funds without a treasurer or a VP of Finance. Cone explained that GSA was reorganizing the funding process, to ensure that GSA funds for PDFs and RTFs were not unspent, that the process was fair and equitable, and that the process would be streamlined and less complicated. Senators raised concerns with how the funds would be disbursed, when a VP of Finance or a treasurer would be elected, the maximum amount of funding available, and the policy regarding funds awarded but not used.

Cone then proposed the formation of a Constitution Committee to evaluate and rewrite the GSA constitution. He also announced that six (6) students were needed to serve two (2) year terms on the Grievance Committee, one (1) representative was needed for the tuition and fees committee, and that representatives may be needed for the academic regulations and policies committee and the graduate studies committee.

Finally, Cone announced that GSA needed a representative on a student panel discussing graduate student life at UNCG on October 2nd from 6-7:30 p.m, and a representative for a meeting on September 15 discussing UNCG's rebranding efforts. He also informed the senators of a Career Fair for graduate students held on November 14 from 12-4 p.m. at

the Friday Center on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. Cone also encouraged students to vote in the upcoming SGA elections next week.

- b. Vice President of Public Relations (Anderson Rouse)
Rouse announced that GSA would be using the Spartan Connect platform as the central “hub” for communicating with senators. He encouraged senators to accept invitations to join Spartan Connect, or request to be invited. Roll call and GSA elections will be held through Spartan Connect. He also invited senators to take advantage of the GSA Facebook page and events calendar.
6. University Committee Reports: None
 7. Old Business: None
 8. New Business:
 - a. Constitution Committee: Anderson Rouse introduced the motion to form a constitution committee, composed of GSA members and presided over by the GSA president as a non-voting chair. The motion was approved unanimously by the senate.
 - b. GSA Programs Committee: Anderson Rouse introduced the motion to form a GSA programs committee, to plan events at least until GSA elected a new VP of Programs. The committee will be composed of GSA members with the GSA VP of Public Relations as a non-voting chair. The motion was approved unanimously by the senate.
 9. Adjournment: VP of Public Relations Anderson Rouse adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.