AGENDA
New Senator Meeting

Thursday, August 25, 2022
4:00-5:00 pm
Join Virtually: https://go.uncg.edu/gsameeting

4:00 - 4:05 pm  Agenda Overview and Attendance

4:05 - 4:10 pm  Welcome Message from our President

4:10 - 4:15 pm  Brief Introductions from the Executive Board
- Alexander Grindstaff, President, Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering
- Amanada Weller, Vice President, Environmental Health Sciences, Biology
- Krista Meder, Treasurer, Kinesiology
- Ashley Loper-Nowak, Student Relations

4:15 - 4:25 pm  Review Structure of the GSA and the Constitution

4:25 - 4:35 pm  Review Responsibilities of Senators
- Must be present for all general assembly meetings
- Disseminate info back to your department
- Bring complainants and concerns back to GSA
  - The GSA can advocate on behalf of you all
  - The Assembly Meetings is where you voice concerns
- Can serve on committees–will address in more detail at the first general assembly meeting
- GSA senators are the first line of “defense” sort of speak
  - Need to bring issues to GSA and need to relay info back to your department

4:35 - 5:00  Answer Questions
- Asking those on zoom to include pronouns
- There will be two funding window opportunities
- More information will come in later meetings, but in general there are two types of funds—PDFs and RCFs
- Can find some information on the website: https://graduatestudentassociation.uncg.edu/funding
- Local grad students not having the option to purchase university insurance due to having an online program despite having an on campus assistantship
  - Can you pay the fee to access the resource?
- How much money can be given for conferences?
  - Typically it’s been $500 but could be less depending on number applicants; has typically been given to those who present at conferences
- If multiple students are going to the same conference, then they will have to apply individually for funding—one person cannot apply for everyone for PDFs
- Fiscal year starts July 1; you can apply for reimbursement if you attended a conference in July
- Fostering a grad student community on campus: https://graduatestudentassociation.uncg.edu/graduate-student-shoutout/
  - Student engagement and programming committees
    - Connecting students online and in person
    - Programming committee
    - Student engagement committee
    - Grad Student shoutouts
- Two funding windows—one in October and one in November; application windows will be announced next meeting
  - Generally it is first come, first serve
  - Approx. turnaround time is 1-2 weeks
  - The applications that are usually rejected are not completely filled out
- If any graduate student is passionate about certain committees, send them our way