



Minutes  
**General Assembly Meeting**

Thursday, February 2, 2023

4:00-5:00 pm

Room: NSCI 101

[Recording](#)

- 4:00 - 4:05 pm**      **Agenda Overview and [Attendance](#)**
- 4:05 - 4:10 pm**      **Welcome Message from our President**
- *Reminder: Please share information to your department graduate students; we rely on senators to disseminate information*
  - *Elections*
    - *Nominations will open before March meeting; two week nomination window at the end of February; elections in March; co-lead meeting in April with current and next Eboard*
- 4:10 - 4:25 pm**      **Guest Speaker: Dr. Greg Bell, Dean, and Mary Early, Director, Graduate School**
- *Mary Early is the director of enrolled students*
  - *University is changing graduation; there will be two commencements– a graduate and undergraduate ceremony; chancellor office wants feedback on speakers and process; feedback on alumni speakers; graduate speakers; one or other or both;*
  - *Graduate commencement is the 4th for this semester;*
  - *They are thinking that grad student will receive 4 tickets, but that number might change*
  - *Information about QPR training will be sent out*
  - *Researching different options for health insurance to talk about different options; been in contact with Shelley Queen ([slqueen@uncg.edu](mailto:slqueen@uncg.edu))–unsure if that includes online students*
  - *Mental Health First Aid (another psychoeducational program offered at the University)*
  - *Connecting with the graduate school early if encountering any challenges/problems–easier to proactive rather than reactive*
  - *The graduate school is here to help and be an advocate for grad students*
  - *Mary knows the policy–go to her first*
  - *Make initial contact as soon as possible*

- *There are three people who work with enrolled students*

**4: 25 - 4:40 pm**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Megan Walters, Associate Director of Career Development**

- *Next to Chick-fil-a in the EUC*
- *Offers mock interviews, headshots, review of cover letters; CVs, resumes*
- *Offers programming around teaching statements, research statements, equity statements*
- *Platform called Big Interviews to prepare for an interview; Platform called Handshake to find jobs/practica/postdocs, etc.*
- *Career fairs*
  - *Next one is Feb. 21; a list will be sent out*
- *Consortium of grad students career fair; happens every Nov.*
- *Always the right time to head over to Career Services*

**4:40 - 4:55 pm**

**Guest Speaker: Laura Drew, Program Coordinator, Graduate School**

- *Writing boot camps, working groups 3MT, Showcase Poster Competition*
- *Hosting a career and professional development workshop prior to the career fair in Feb.*
- *Writing boot camps: one in the fall and one in the spring after graduation—three days of working*
- *Peer working support group: a support/accountability group*
- *Writing bashes: writing/working during the breaks*
- *Partners/works with writing center—Advanced Writer Program*
- *Tips/tricks are offered in the writing camps*

**4:55 - 5:00 pm**

**Committee Reports**

- *Programming*
  - *Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) will be the first full week of April*
- *Student Engagement*
  - *Collecting graduate student info to put on the website.*  
<https://graduatestudentassociation.uncg.edu/graduate-student-research-and-profiles/>
- *Finance*
  - *If you received funds last semester, then you cannot receive funds this semester*
  - *RCF is a request **NOT** a reimbursement*
  - *Window is 3/6-3/17*

**5:00 pm**

**Meeting Adjourned**