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)—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://graduatetstudentassociation.uncg.edu/graduate-student-research-and-profiles/](https://graduatetstudentassociation.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**