

**Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting**  
**2.7.2021**

**Presidents Updates - Kacie:**

1. Covid
  - a. Tests
    - i. Testing more often
    - ii. Conducting new antibody tests
    - iii. Different tiers of testing- certain people get tested at different amounts - depending on attendance frequency on campus
  - b. Housing
    - i. Dogwood is being cleared out for a quarantine
2. Karen Olstead Meeting - Discussion
  - a. Joining us on March 7th @8pm
  - b. Physical Space
    - i. Dr. Foust and her talking about getting GSC office space
    - ii. If office space becomes a reality, we will look into starting office hours
3. SUSRC
  - a. Poster and oral presentations, Open to grads, April 23rd
    - i. Grad students are eligible for this!
    - ii. <https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/academic-affairs/graduate-studies-and-research/ourca/conferences/susrc/>
4. Graduation News
  - a. Council for next year
    - i. If interested start reaching out to current members for details!
5. Events for this Spring
  - a. Council Sponsored Workshops (At least once a month for each event)
    - i. Fellowships - feb 17th (tentatively)
      1. Inform grad students what opportunities are out there
      2. For students who are already grad students
    - ii. Writing Center - march
      1. Cover letters, resume, job materials, etc.
    - iii. Finance - april??
      1. Kacie and VP of Finance met
      2. Discussed more transparency to students
    - iv. Meet the Grads w/ Honors - april??
      1. For undergrads who are interested in going to grad school
  - b. Gala
    - i. Brainstorm venue ideas!
      1. Drive in movie gala
      2. Tailgala
    - ii. Held in top floor of library
    - iii. Cash bar, finger food, raffle, games, etc.

- iv. Brainstorm goody ideas!
  - 1. (Would send our ideas to publications)
  - 2. Tote bag, hand sanitizer, beer glass, cute note
- v. Need to know headcount ahead of time. Registration
  - 1. Will they have to pay?
  - 2. Open to all graduate students
- vi. GSC would have to cover food and gifts
- vii. Brainstorm activity ideas!
  - 1. Scavenger hunt, place for photos, corn hole, cap and gown photos, **any other ideas??**
- 6. Homework discussion - University Review
  - a. Review at least one school for interesting school events that could have potential at SU - **postponed till March 7th**
- 7. Council Bonding:)
  - a. Funded by grad council (drinks on yourself) at Hoppers.
    - i. Friday, Feb. 19th @ 6
- 8. Check out the calendar on the shared Google drive!

#### **Vice President - Cameron**

- 1. Honors Ideas
  - a. [Alpha Epsilon Lambda - Graduate Students Honor Society \(gradschools.org\)](http://gradschools.org)
    - i. Honors society for grad students
    - ii. This will give graduate students an opportunity of distinction
    - iii. VP could take lead of this
    - iv. Is this a good idea or should we implement another method of distinction?
- 2. Subcommittees
  - a. Examples: planning Gala
- 3. Honor's Society Ideas
  - a. Will meet up with Jessica to discuss further
  - b. Have some sort of honors distinction for 10% (subject to change) of the grad class.
    - i. Must meet certain criteria. GSC can create this criteria

#### **Secretary - Summer**

#### **Treasurer- Cam -**

- 1. We have a budget and can pay for most things the GSC would like to do.

#### **Social Chair - Mea**

- 1. Stress Management Zoom Workshop (series?) with Anna (30 min. sessions)
  - a. Fitness/stretching, mindfulness, healthy living, etc.
  - b. Want to get an idea of what grad students want before making concrete plans
    - i. One person leading group and opening up forum style at the end
- 2. Black History Month Zoom Movie Night
  - a. Movie Suggestions from Assembly

- i. Hidden Figures, The Help, Black Panther, Just Mercy
- 3. Employee Appreciation Day -- March 6
  - a. Thank-you notes and poster for SU's custodial staff
    - i. Type up personal thank you notes to thank custodial staff
    - ii. Make a poster?
    - iii. Fill out the link!! SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.gle/BsUjWkJhQNrxkaudA>
- 4. April?
  - a. Disability Awareness w/ Cody Drinkwater
- 5. Service project?
  - a. Service project ideas for the spring
    - i. Humane Society-monthly walks? Resource drive? 27th @11am
      - 1. Will need to contact the humane society!
    - ii. Collect/buy food for food banks
      - 1. Can look into how Wicomico County operated food donations

#### **Sustainability/Diversity - Malik**

- 1. Spoke with SGA Diversity position: Have not spoken with the SGA Sustainability Representative
  - a. SGA is hosting Black Excellence program 2/10th-24th: can put the flyer in the chat - Khadijah to share info
  - b. Secondly, spoke about the possibility of cosponsoring a paint night with them in early March. Evening time of the event
    - i. **Looking into this collaboration**
  - c. Working on getting the resolution to its implementation stage
    - i. Wanting our support to spread the word via social media
  - d. Possible idea for gala? Outdoor drive in movie: covid friendly lol

#### **Public Relations - Khadijah**

- 1. Winter graduate letters will be done by 2/ 8
  - a. Send out 2/8
- 2. First SPA meeting 2/9
- 3. Have a great week !
- 4. If any members have upcoming events, text her

#### **Assembly Member Updates:**

- 1. Can look into assembly members forming subcommittees in the future

#### **Next Assembly meeting March 7th!!!!**

#### **Attendance:**

Kacie Cassar  
 Summer Bingaman  
 Mea Agazio  
 Anna Hornstein  
 Malik Howard

Amanda Taylor  
Courtney Feeney  
Cameron Ward  
Matthew Bernor