10/26/2020 - Assembly Agenda

Welcome - Kacie

Introduction - Dr. Clifton Griffin

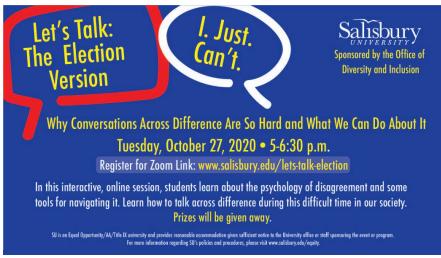
- Thank you for your efforts!
- Excited about SU because of the impact it can make on students and community
- Noted that the current enrollment graduate class is the largest in SU history
- Going to have a virtual commencement in December for those who graduate in December and have already graduated in May 2020
- If students ever need to talk to him about anything concerning grad school life at SU, let him know!
- Apx 950+ graduate Students

Intros of the Assembly Members - 13 new assembly members! Is anyone graduating this winter?

No

Presidents Report - Kacie

1) Office of Multicultural Affairs - Event



- a) Encouraging a lot of students to turn out. There will be gifts to give out!
- b) President's office has given us maroon and gold "vote" shirts if a student wants one to contact us
- 2) Campus Climate Survey

Will need all hands on deck to promote this -

https://salisbury.co1.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ePYNcHKGD6CAe1L

- (a) We need good numbers for this
- (b) Khadijah will make social media posts about the survey

- 3) Graduate Handbook
 - a) https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/academic-affairs/graduate-studies-and-research/_files/graduate-student-handbook/2020-21/Grad_Handbook2020-2021.pdf
 - b) Look through policy on your own for anything we would like to add, edit, change
 - i) Want to make sure there are any formal updates that students would like to contribute to the handbook.
- 4) Survey results -Events, workshop ideas, resources, etc.
 - This survey asks students what they would like to see on campus life.
 - This link is shareable to anyone
 - 50 responses received out of 900 grad students-We need more numbers!
 - Nothing in particular given, but can choose one or two ideas to move forward
 - o Excel Report -
 - Random winner picked 11/1 gift card
- 5) Thesis Writing Workshops
 - a) Offering a fall/spring workshop via Zoom writing center
 - i) Will cover how to work with peers, set up citation guides, more of an overview of thesis writing
 - ii) Thesis Workshop Mid-Nov
 - (1) Thoughts on times during the week -
 - (a) Cody Drinkwater: Multiple times during the week of possible.
 - (b) Maureen: Mentions if you locate the writing center page, they have openings everyday making it accessible for various student schedules. She has great reviews about
 - (c) Shaneka: Day or maybe weekend
 - b) Are able to schedule appointments.
 - i) Khadijah will post on social media pages for updates
 - 6) Cohorts how do you all stay in touch within each of your programs?
 - Cody: Wanted to join his program to stay connected and emails his professor and advisor often, but does not feel connected.
 - Mason: Feels connected because of in person classes.
 - 7) Things that could work to connect the grad council to grad students more?
 - Shaneka: Thinks GSC is doing well so far. It is just hard for students in this time to really search for activities
 - Courtney: Newsletter would be helpful to keep students in touch
 - Cody: Mentioned an idea for a Facebook page (We have this: Salisbury University Graduate Students!) and an open forum!
- 8) a Graduate Council Office?

- Students currently only have a lounge, but do not have any other spaces for studies
- Willing to fight for an office?
 - CeCe: Good idea, but try to find designated times in the grad lounge in the meantime. Jessica Scott would definitely help with the idea of an office.

Vice President - Cece

Treasurer - Cameron

- a) Decision being made soon on final VPF candidate
- b) If there is anything we want to do, we can fund it.

Secretary - Summer

a) Safety Task Force Debrief

Questions:

- b) Shaneka: Is there any talk of taking away spring break?
 - i) Kacie: There has been nothing decided but concerns from students about taking it away or cutting it short
 - ii) Are students coming back after thanksgiving?
 - RA's are prepared for students to come back on campus, but no in person classes

Social Chair - Mea

- Halloween Costume Contest
 - o This week, a Halloween photo costume contest. Pet costumes invited
 - Send in a photo to a graduate student email (Must be appropriate!!)
 - Thinking Amazon Gift Card prize
 - Created a flyer to send out on 10/27 for grad students and social media
 - Wants to post winners on social media
- Volunteer Opportunities/Grad Volunteer Event
 - Possibly volunteer at a food bank
 - Any suggestions for volunteer activities, email Mea.
 - Shaneka: Some schools are packing PPE bags and handing them out to students since some students don't have access to that.
- Wants to plan for future events when in person events are possible
 - Make theme drinking nights: break out rooms with drink of choice
 - Time of week? Friday

Sustainability - Malik

- Green Fund Committee Meeting
 - Currently, it's a poor time for the green fund
 - Budget is plentiful
 - Had a meeting on 10/26
 - Discussed certain projects
 - Green roof on building

- New way for electric tools to be used
- Clean up in Ocean City

Public Affairs - Khadijah

- Discovered an app to schedule posting dates
- Have templates like GSC Bingo
- Kacie: Saw an increase in followers because of the letters sent out

To Assembly Members-

Kacie - wants to create a sense of transparency for assembly members

Assembly Member questions/concerns/comments:

- 1. Cody: Has GSC been involved with the current political nationwide unrest?
 - Kacie: GSC would like to stay away from political unrest, but is all for activism regarding anything with graduate students at SU
 - Malik: Feel free to reach out to GSC if students ever want to plan something of this nature.
- 2. CeCe: Wants to have activities like the finance week to prepare grad students after graduation

Attendance:

Kacie Cassar

Cece Pyles

Marianna Agazio

Malik Howard

Khadijah Greene

Shaneka Victor

Mason Cervantes

Amanda Taylor

Courtney Feeny

Cody Drinkwater

Clifton Griffin

Maureen Gallagher Reese