

## 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

Let's Talk:  
The Election  
Version

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Can't.

Salisbury  
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Sponsored by the Office of  
Diversity and Inclusion

Why Conversations Across Difference Are So Hard and What We Can Do About It  
Tuesday, October 27, 2020 • 5-6:30 p.m.

Register for Zoom Link: [www.salisbury.edu/lets-talk-election](http://www.salisbury.edu/lets-talk-election)

In this interactive, online session, students learn about the psychology of disagreement and some tools for navigating it. Learn how to talk across difference during this difficult time in our society.  
Prizes will be given away.

SU is an Equal Opportunity/AA/Title IX university and provides reasonable accommodation given sufficient notice to the University office or staff sponsoring the event or program.  
For more information regarding SU's policies and procedures, please visit [www.salisbury.edu/equity](http://www.salisbury.edu/equity).

- 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.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ePYNcHKGD6CAe1L](https://salisbury.co1.qualtrics.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\\_Handbook\\_2020-2021.pdf](https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/academic-affairs/graduate-studies-and-research/_files/graduate-student-handbook/2020-21/Grad_Handbook_2020-2021.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
  - 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?
    - 1) RA's are prepared for students to come back on campus, but no in person classes

Social Chair - Mea

- Halloween Costume Contest
  - 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