

GSC Assembly Meeting

Held on Zoom

October 6, 2024

- I. Members in Attendance:
 - A. Abigail Isaacson, President
 - B. Abbey Murphy, Vice President
 - C. Gabriella Grigsby, Chief of Staff
 - D. Dani Jensen, Treasurer
 - E. Jenna Estok, Coordinator of Public Relations
 - F. Kennedy Corley, Coordinator of Social Events and Outreach
 - G. AC, attendee
- II. Organization Updates:
 - A. General
 1. Meet and Greet with Graduate Student Council
 - a) Introduction of the new Executive Board
 2. Organization Updates
 - a) Fall Assembly Schedule
 - (1) Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, at 7PM on Zoom
 - (2) Sunday, December 1st, 2024, at 7PM on Zoom
 - b) Office Hours: Dogwood Building H, Room 1
 - (1) To schedule a meeting and ensure access, please email GSC@gulls.salisbury.edu
 - c) Green Fund Student Committee
 - (1) University Green Board is seeking a graduate student position beginning spring semester 2025
 - d) Surveys for programs and events for the Spring!
 - (1) We would appreciate as much feedback and suggestions as possible
 3. Introductions of GSC Faculty/Staff
 - a) Dr. Clifton Griffin – Dean of Graduate Studies and Research
 - (1) Office Location: Holloway Hall 262A
 - (2) Email: cpgriffin@salisbury.edu
 - b) Jessica Scott – Graduate Program Manager
 - (1) Office Location: Holloway Hall 267
 - (2) Email: jlscott@salisbury.edu
 - B. President – Abigail Isaacson
 1. Academic Policies Committee
 - a) GSC Voting Member
 - b) Meetings are once a month
 2. Consortium Meetings

- a) Governance Leadership Updates and Exchanges
- b) Parking on Campus
- c) Workday
- 3. Self-Study Meetings
 - a) SU Accreditation Process
- 4. Commencement Meetings
 - a) This semester will be the last December commencement for SU
 - b) Students will be invited to participate in spring ceremonies
 - c) This is also SU's 100th graduating class, so if anyone has ideas/suggestions on regalia to be given out please let me know and I can pass along the suggestions.
- 5. Grad Night in the Box
 - a) The event was hosted this past week, and it went well. Thank you to everyone who attended.
 - b) If you were one of the first to RSVP and did NOT receive your shirt or GSC mug, please reach out to Kennedy.
- 6. Emails and Feedback
 - a) Over the past couple of weeks, I've chatted with some grad students and got feedback on event timelines and preparation.
 - b) People have pointed out that many people aren't aware of our advertising and social media.
 - (1) The executive board will be meeting soon to brainstorm ways to better support grad students, and we hope to tackle these issues by Spring 2025.

C. VP – Abbey Murphy

- 1. Academic Policies Committee (APC)
 - a) Academic Misconduct Policy
 - (1) Current SU Policy is noncompliant with the updated USM policy
 - (2) Highest priority on APC agenda
 - (3) Do students know what counts as academic misconduct? How can we better inform them?
 - (4) Goal: Create a culture of integrity here at SU and increase focus on the SU Promise
 - b) Religious Exemption Policy
 - (1) Student Policy vs. Staff Policy vs. Faculty Policy
 - (2) Looking for students to help find an effective solution
 - c) Emergency Absence Policy
 - (1) Current absence policy is confusing, doesn't seem to work for students and faculty
- 2. Professional Development Workshop Series
 - a) Collaboration with SGA and Career Services
 - (1) LinkedIn Crash Course, Resume Building Workshop, Practice Networking Night, etc.

(2) The Director of Career Services just returned, so this will be in the works soon!

3. Tailgating Initiative

- a) SGA and athletics are attempting to increase attendance at SU sporting events. We plan to collaborate with them on this effort and encourage all students to attend campus and athletic events as often as possible.

D. Chief of Staff – Gabby Grigsby

1. Email being sent out this week with information on how to become involved as an assembly member.
2. The main form of communication for our council is GSC@gulls.salisbury.edu email. If you have feedback or suggestions, please submit an email!
3. A main GSC Zoom Link is in the works. Once this is created, it will be put in the GSC Instagram Linktree for all students to have access to meet with us in our hours when needed.
 - a) For now, Email GSC@gulls.salisbury.edu to have access to meet with us in our hours when needed.

E. Treasurer – Dani Jensen

1. Revisiting giveaways and promotional items purchases

F. Public Relations – Jenna Estok

1. USM Meeting Updates

- a) New grant to offer free Google certificates through the end of 2025 (recently received – program is not running yet, but should have updates soon)
- b) Maryland Youth Advisory Council
 - (1) Opening for one member (must be age 14-22)
 - (2) Serve as the liaison between youth and state government
 - (3) Contact: christina.drushel@maryland.gov
- c) Other USM student governments are focusing on parking issues and campus gym hours/accessibility
- d) The possibility of a full USM wide research conference across ALL departments (STEM, Humanities, etc.)
 - (1) Considering pulling outstanding student research from existing university conferences (EX: SUSRC) and putting all nominated students together to share and celebrate research at our universities.

2. PR Update

- a) Spotlights are coming soon

G. Social Events and Outreach- Kennedy Corley

1. Grad Night in the Box

- a) Thank you all for coming!
- b) Survey will be going out this week to gather feedback and suggestions for future events, so be on the lookout for this.

2. Future Events

- a) A list has been started of event ideas (EX: Grad Study Nights in the Lounge) to help strengthen the grad student community!
- b) If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me!

H. Assembly/Campus Reports

1. Looking into group transportation for in-person events in the future to accommodate those traveling long distances or from over the bridge.

III. Upcoming Events

- A. Homecoming & Family Weekend Tabling and Giveaways
- B. Professional Development Workshop Series with Career Services & SGA
- C. IRB & Thesis/Dissertation 101 Presentations
 1. Dr. Margaret Sebastian in October & November
- D. Holiday/End of the Semester Gathering

IV. Questions: N/A

V. Action Items: N/A