

SU Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2017 - 4:30 p.m., Purdue Hall 156

In Attendance

Brittany Kesteven, President
Aliyah Gibson, Vice President
Eric Spangler, Secretary
Siena Manoogian, Treasurer
Erik Gaskill, Sustainability Coordinator
Abigail Hastings, Social Coordinator
Knute Kraus, Public Relations Coordinator

Cody Wehlan, Assembly Member
Jeremy Gencavage, Assembly Member
Amelia Lawrence, Assembly Member
Kacie Hart, Assembly Member
Merveille Akoumany, Assembly Member

Absent

Caitlin Curry, Assembly Member
Jessica Molnar, Assembly Member
Noah Krach, Assembly Member

I. Call to Order: 4:33 p.m.

II. President's Updates [Brittany Kesteven]

a. Welcome Siena Manoogian, GSC's newly elected Treasurer

- i. After a unanimous vote from the executive board and the assembly, Renee Smith - effective immediately - has been replaced as treasurer by Siena Manoogian.

b. SU Presidential Search Committee Announcement

- i. Brittany Kesteven has been selected to serve on the search committee for the next Salisbury University president
- ii. Brittany will be one of two students who will sit on the presidential search committee. The other student representative will be Cearrah Sherman, the president of SGA. There are 15 people on the search committee total.
- iii. Please begin to consider characteristics you would like to see in our new university president. Thoughts and ideas can be submitted by email to gsc@gulls.salisbury.edu

- c. Update on Graduate Open House for Education Programs*
 - i. Moving forward academic departments would like to begin having a Graduate Open House for all graduate programs
- d. GRE Information Session – Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Henson 103*
 - i. A representative from Kaplan will be present on campus and holding a workshop for students interested in applying for Masters or PhD programs that require that you take the GRE
- e. Update on Diversity & Inclusion Graduate Survey*
 - i. Moving forward as you continue to brainstorm different types of questions you would like to ask please keep in mind that the survey must be comprehensive. Questions should provide us broad feedback on the effectiveness of all departments that affect graduate student life. (ex. Cultural Affairs, Career Services, Writing Center, etc.)
 - ii. The executive board will continue organizing and outlining the survey, we will continue to provide the assembly with updates as they come.
 - iii. All survey questions, thoughts and/or ideas can be submitted by email to gsc@gulls.salisbury.edu

III. Vice President's Notes [Aliyah Gibson]

- a. SGA Forum – Sunday, October 29, 2017 @ 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Perdue 156*
 - i. Attended by Aliyah Gibson
- b. Unity Through Diversity Week – Monday, November 6 – Friday, November 10*
 - i. Events will be taking place every day this week Monday-Friday
 - ii. All event dates, time and locations can be found within the CSIL daily emails
- c. I Love Salisbury – Saturday, November 18, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. in Red Square*
 - i. The sign-up period has ended however students are still welcome to participate

- ii. If you registered to participate in *I Love Salisbury* prior to November 4 you will receive an *I Love Salisbury* t-shirt on the day of the event

d. Tailgating vs. Lack of Game Attendance

- i. If the level of game attendance (football, lacrosse, etc.) does not increase in the coming months there is a possibility that tailgating will be discontinued.

IV. Sustainability Coordinator's Notes [Erik Gaskill]

a. Green Fund Proposal Voting

- i. The sustainability committee members will be voting on 19 student applications for potential grant funding
- ii. Erik will provide us with updates as they continue to move forward with voting decisions

b. Recycle Madness Update

- i. GSC had the highest number of pounds of recycled materials (2,904 Lbs. total) but we may be ineligible to collect the prize money
- ii. Reason: Graduate students currently do not contribute student fees to the CSIL (Center for Student Involvement and Leadership)
- iii. Tricia Garvey-Smith and the SGA are currently reviewing their decision as to whether GSC should receive the money or not, Erik will keep us updated on the final decision

V. Social Coordinator's Notes [Abigail Hasting]

a. Halloween Social Hour

- i. Extremely successful! There were 28 graduate students in attendance and we had 3 costume contest winners

b. Bagel & Coffee Hour

- i. A possible social event idea for the end of this semester and next semester
- ii. Abby will send out a doodle to receive feedback from assembly members on possible dates, times, locations and food options

c. Holiday/End of the Semester Social Event

- i. As we continue to plan for our Holiday Social Hour at Evo Craft Brewery please be on the lookout for our RSVP invitation.

VI. Treasurer's Notes [Siena Manoogian]

a. Diversity and Inclusion Graduate Survey Giveaway Items

- i. We are currently brainstorming giveaway prize ideas to encourage students to participate in the survey
- ii. There will be multiple prizes given away so please submit all prize item ideas by email to gsc@gulls.salisbury.edu
- iii. Prize ideas discussed during the duration of this assembly meeting include: Yeti Cooler, Yeti Tumbler, Amazon Fire Stick, iPad, Keurig Coffee Set

b. Career Services Resume Workshop

- i. Siena (also the graduate assistant for Career Services) will be hosting a Career Services resume workshop for graduate students, she will be conducting 3 sessions during the week of November 27 – December 3
- ii. PLEASE COMPLETE THE DOODLE SO THAT WE CAN PROPERLY CHOOSE WORKSHOP DATES (the doodle will be resent for the final time on Wednesday 11//8/2017)

VII. Upcoming Events

- a.* Off Campus Housing Fair – Wednesday, November 15 & Tuesday, December 5 @ 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the GSU Wicomico Room
- b.* I Love Salisbury – Saturday, November 18 @ 10:00 a.m. in Red Square
- c.* GRE Information Session – Tuesday, December 5 @ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Henson 103

VIII. Next Meeting (TENTATIVE)

- a.* **Next GSC Assembly Meeting** – Monday, November 20, 2017 @ 4:30-5:30pm in Perdue 156

- b.* This meeting date falls on the same week as the Thanksgiving holiday and is currently tentative. A doodle will be sent out to determine who is available to attend this meeting.

IX. Meeting Adjourned: 5:13 p.m.