

SU Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 4:15pm-5:00pm, Henson 103

In Attendance

Brittany Kesteven, President
Aliyah Gibson, Vice President
Amelia Lawrence, Secretary
Siena Manoogian, Treasurer
Abigail Hastings, Social Coordinator
Erik Gaskill, Sustainability Coordinator
Knut Kraus, Public Relations Coordinator
Cody Wehlan, Assembly Member
Jessica Molnar, Assembly Member
Caitlin Curry, Assembly Member
Noah Krach, Assembly Member
Genga Mchavey, Assembly Member
DJ McHugh, Assembly Member

Absent

Alexis Roskovich, Assembly Member
Catherine Raley, Assembly Member
Ken Forest, Assembly Member

- I. Call to Order: 4:15 p.m.
- II. **President's Update (Brittany Kesteven)**
 - a) **Graduate Council Meeting Update**
 - i. Melissa Bugdal director of SU writing center is working on getting graduate resources including a full-time staff person to work with graduate students on assignments, including thesis help at all stages of writing. Also, uses peer-to-peer model for overviewing doctoral and graduate student work.
 - b) **Traffic, Safety, Buildings & Grounds Update**
 - ii. Parking at SU is a major issue among students, faculty, and staff. There are not enough parking spaces for everyone on campus.
 - iii. Crime has decreased dramatically at SU and within the community
 - iv. Salisbury has 21 police officers, but only two police officers per shift. By next semester there will be four police per shifts.
 - c) **Graduate Student Appreciation Week**
 - v. April 2- April 7th
- III. **Vice President's Notes (Aliyah Gibson)**
 - a) Graduate Student fee % to be allocated to SGA student fee pool to account for all graduate students to be involved in all activities on campus.

- b) Aliyah and Brittany met with Tricia Garvey-Smith (Director for the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership) and Clifton Griffin (Dean of the Graduate Studies and Research Office) regarding student fees. It has been recommended that GSC contribute a percentage of the graduate student activity fee to the SGA/CSIL account.
- c) Currently, \$6 per credit hour graduate student fee
 - a. Need to re-allocate a percentage of this money to the SGA account
 - b. What percentage of the total graduate student activity fee does the assembly deem appropriate?
 - c. “I, Aliyah Gibson, put forward a motion to reallocate graduate student fees to contribute 5% of the total graduate student fee to the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership/Student Government Association budget”
 - d. “I Siena Manoogian (Treasurer) second the motion. She then asks, “Does everyone have a consensus?” 6 of 6 GSC assembly members agree.
 - e. Motion sustained
- d) Update** -- The Graduate Studies and Research Office will budget \$5K for FY 2019 to be transferred from the graduate student activities fees account into the primary student activities fees account managed by Student Affairs. This amount could be adjusted in future years, as needed and appropriate. Dr. Griffin has spoken with the budget office about the logistics of the transfer. Teri Herberger, Director of Sponsored Programs, will make sure transfer happens. With this plan, we assume that interest graduate students will be allowed to fully participate in RSO – related activities beginning fall 2018.

IV. Treasurer Notes (Siena Manoogian)

- a) **Relay for Life 4/28/18, 6:00pm-6:00am**
 - i. Minimum of 8 people to participate
 - ii. The executive board is reaching out to any graduate student to form a team
 - iii. Theme: Zenon
 - iv. Discount Code: LIVELOVERELAY
 - v. Relay for life: SU Graduate Student
- b) **Graduate Assistant Evaluations Review Update**
 - vi. Evaluations of all graduate assistantships to give feedback to incoming individuals who wish to apply for graduate assistantship positions.
 - vii. This survey is a climate survey that evaluates the entirety of graduate assistants, research assistants, and teacher assistant’s experiences as a whole. It is completely optional to say what department you are in. The point of this survey is to get feedback of

the climate of the graduate assistant community. If you have any questions to put on the survey, please let us know.

- viii. Please email Siena if you have any feedback or questions at smanoogian1@gulls.salisbury.edu

V. Sustainability Coordinator Notes (Erik Gaskill)

a) Bee City Update

- i. We meet the qualifications for pollinators that help bee populations come back and to thrive!

VI. Social Coordinator (Abigail Hastings)

a) March Social Hour Friday 3/30 3-7pm @ Hoppers Tap House

b) Graduate Gala Doodle Update May 4th @ Academic Commons, Assembly Hall (Time is TBD)

- i. RSVP event, no tickets needed to be purchased
- ii. This event is open to faculty, graduate students & future graduate students.
- iii. Entertainment: Chris English w/ band
- iv. Silent Auction: If anyone has any ideas for items for the silent auction: email Abby at ahastings3@gulls.salisbury.edu
- a. Looking into where money from silent auction can be donated
- b. Idea of starting a graduate student scholarship fund – for books, parking pass, graduate fees
- v. Photo back drop
- vi. Cash bar (beer& wine)
- vii. Research presentation boards from graduate students across different departments displayed
- a. If interested in displaying your research please email GSC@gulls.salisbury.edu

VII. Public Relations Coordinator Notes (Knute Kraus)

VIII. Next Meeting

- a) Next GSC Assembly meeting- April 11th, 4:15pm-5:00pm, Henson 103
- b) Interest meeting for GSC Exec board positions, same time as Assembly meeting – April 11th

IX. Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 pm

Important Dates:

- **Relay for Life- Friday 4/27 6pm-6am**
- **Graduate Gala- Friday 5/4 @ Assembly Hall (Academic Commons 4th floor)**