

SU Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 11th, 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
Genya Mchavey, Assembly Member
DJ McHugh, Assembly Member
Catherine Raley, Assembly Member
Rosalind Ludovici, Assembly Member

Absent

Cody Wehlan, Assembly Member
Jessica Molnar, Assembly Member
Caitlin Curry, Assembly Member
Alexis Roskovich, Assembly Member
Noah Krach, Assembly Member

- I.** Call to Order: 4:15 p.m.
- II. President's Update (Brittany Kesteven)**
 - a) Graduate Student Appreciation Week**
 - i. Graduate student appreciation week was a great success. All the free movie tickets and shorebird tickets were sold out. We got a lot of feedback from other graduate students who liked the professional head shots that were offered. Overall, it was a fantastic turn out!
 - ii. Let the GSC know if you would like to add different events for next year's graduate student appreciation week.
 - b) Newly Appointed SU President**
 - iii. Dr. Charles Wight has been selected as the next president of Salisbury University, beginning July 1, 2018.
 - iv. Brittany mentions that she (along with every person on the search committee) gives two thumbs up!!
- III. Vice President's Notes (Aliyah Gibson)**
 - a) SU Bereavement Policy Update**
 - i. Still working on editing with SGA; meeting with Academic Policy Committee to finalize drafts
- IV. Treasurer Notes (Siena Manoogian)**
 - a) Relay for Life 4/27/18 6:00pm-6:00am**

b) Graduate Assistant Evaluations Review Update

- i. Evaluations of all graduate assistantships to give feedback to incoming individuals who wish to apply for graduate assistantship positions.
- ii. This survey is a climate survey that evaluates the entirety of graduate assistants, research assistants, and teacher aid experiences. 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.
- iii. Please email Siena if you have any feedback or questions at smanoogian1@gulls.salisbury.edu

V. Sustainability Coordinator Notes (Erik Gaskill)

a) Shred day/ Earth Day

- i. As part of its annual Earth Week celebration, SU hosts Shred Day noon-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in Red Square. Cost is \$1 per pound, benefiting the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore. Those bringing materials will be able to watch them being shredded on site.
- ii. Shred Day is sponsored by SU's Student United Way chapter. The weight of paper shredded will count toward the organization's total in that day's Recycle Madness program, sponsored by the SU Student Government Association!
- iii. Through that event, student organizations compete to see which can bring in the most recyclables by pound. Winners receive cash prizes and bragging rights.

VI. Social Coordinator (Abigail Hastings)

a) Graduate Gala

May 4th 6:00pm-9:00pm @ Academic Commons, Assembly Hall 4th floor

- i. **RSVP @** www.salisbury.edu/gsr/gradstudies
- ii. Event is open to graduate students, faculty, staff & matriculated graduate students
 - a. Each SU constituent may bring 1 guest
- iii. **Entertainment:** Chris English w/ band & a few special guests!
- iv. **Silent Auction:** If anyone has any connections for local items for the silent auction please email Abby:
ahastings3@gulls.salisbury.edu
 - a. The money from the silent auction will support graduate studies research. We will be paying it forward to future graduate students, so that they can be successful in graduate education, research, and scholarly activities. The donation will provide much needed funding for student

research support as well as events and workshops dedicated to assisting students in finding needed funding.

b. More info can be found at:

<https://salisburyu.givecorps.com/projects/10325-graduate-studies-graduate-studies-research>

v. Cash bar (beer& wine)

a. bring CASH!

b. MUST bring valid ID to be served

vi. Graduate research posters will be displayed around the Gala from various departments.

a. If you're interested in showcasing research via poster board, please email gsc@gulls.salisbury.edu by April 27th

VII. Public Relations Coordinator Notes (Knute Kraus)

a) Check out the graduate student council on Instagram and Facebook.

VIII. Next Meeting

a) Next GSC Assembly meeting -- April 25th, 4:15pm-5:00pm, Henson 103

IX. Meeting Adjourned: 5:11 pm

Important Dates:

- ***Relay for Life- Friday 4/27 6pm-6am***
- ***Graduate Gala- Friday 5/4 6pm-9pm @ Assembly Hall (Academic Commons 4th floor)***