

**Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting
3.7.2021**

Special Guest: Dr. Karen Olmstead

1. Introduction around the “zoom box” for each assembly and GSC member
2. Plan for May graduation
 - a. Hybrid Activity
 - i. Pre-recording virtual events by school.
 - ii. Live component weather and COVID permitting- “Grad Walk”
 1. Allows graduates to walk across the stage in cap and gown (No formal program that allows a lot of people to come at one time)
Venue TBD
 - b. Fall Semester
 - i. Hoping it looks “normal” like Fall 2019.
 - ii. Hoping normal density WITH masks
 - c. Testing
 - i. Rapid testing.
 - ii. Please reach out to covid testing email at SU.
 - iii. **FILL OUT CONSENT FORM ALONG WITH TESTING APPLICATION**
 - d. First Priority Vaccinations
 - i. Those students in clinicals, face-to-face teaching, etc. are first priority for vaccinations at SU
 - e. GSC Assembly Private Space
 - i. GSU should have space opening up.
 - ii. Hoping to have it figured out by next Fall
 - f. Gala
 - i. Look into outside options with music and pre-packaged food
 - g. Questions
 - i. Do you see students having to be vaccinated to live/go on campus?
 1. Currently under MD law, students will not be required to be vaccinated. A change is possible in the law in the future.

Presidents Updates - Kacie:

1. Covid
 - a. Tests - weekly scheduled date, vaccine release form and consent form (on gullnet)
2. SUSRC
 - a. Poster and oral presentations, Open to grads, April 23rd
 - i. Grad students are eligible for this!
 - ii. <https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/academic-affairs/graduate-studies-and-research/ourca/conferences/susrc/>
3. Graduation News

- a. Council for next year
 - i. If you aren't graduating this year please start reaching out to current members for details about running for GSC next year!
- 4. Events for this Spring
 - a. Council Sponsored Workshops (At least once a month for each event)
 - i. Fellowships - Feb 17th (4 people)
 - ii. Writing Center - March 6th (2 people)
 - 1. Please show up more!!!****
 - iii. Finance - April??
 - 1. Kacie and VP of Finance met
 - 2. Discussed more transparency to students
 - iv. Meet the Grads w/ Honors - april (in the works)
 - 1. For undergrads who are interested in going to grad school. Hosted by the GSC
 - 2. Please consider being a volunteer when the time comes.
 - b. Gala
 - i. Brainstorm venue ideas!
 - 1. Drive in movie gala - red square (picnic)
 - ii. Cash bar, finger food, raffle, games, etc.
 - iii. Brainstorm goody ideas!
 - 1. (Would send our ideas to publications)
 - 2. Tote bag, hand sanitizer, beer glass, cute note
 - iv. Need to know headcount ahead of time. Registration
 - 1. Will they have to pay?
 - 2. Open to all graduate students
 - v. GSC would have to cover food and gifts
 - vi. Brainstorm activity ideas!
 - 1. Scavenger hunt, place for photos, corn hole, cap and gown photos, **any other ideas??**
 - 2. Something for graduating students for completing most of their program and continuing their education through a pandemic and online (video message from professors, keychain or magnet, etc)... or something for every student this spring for showing up academically and making it through this crazy year
- 5. Homework discussion - University Review
 - a. Review at least one school for interesting school events that could have potential at SU - **postponed till March 7th**
- 6. Council Bonding:)
 - a. Funded by grad council (drinks on yourself) at Hoppers.
 - i. Other one? Maybe outside in Mid or end of April
- 7. Check out the calendar on the shared Google drive! Agenda and minutes are also included in shared Google Drive.

Vice President - Cameron

1. Honors Ideas
 - a. [Alpha Epsilon Lambda - Graduate Students Honor Society \(gradschools.org\)](http://gradschools.org)
 - i. Honors society for grad students
 1. It is a slow process so far and may not happen this semester.
 - ii. This will give graduate students an opportunity of distinction
 - iii. VP could take lead of this
 - iv. Is this a good idea or should we implement another method of distinction?

Secretary - Summer

Treasurer- Cam -

1. We have a budget and can pay for most things the GSC would like to do!!!
 - a. Gala gifts are going to take up a lot of that money.

Social Chair - Mea

1. Employee Appreciation Day -- 3/6
 - a. Poster is made, will be dropping off tomorrow at the maintenance building
 - b. Thanks to all who submitted!
 - c. Success!
2. Food Pantry Drive — **March 1-April 30** Wicomico High School
 - a. Collecting non-perishables and canned food items, also toiletries, personal care
 - b. Drop-off box located outside grad lounge in library on the second floor
 - c. Give butter online fundraiser:
 - i. **PLEASE SHARE** even if that's all you can contribute
 - d. Official flyer: [GSC Food Pantry Drive Flyer.pdf](#)
3. Women's History Month Jeopardy— This Thursday, March 11 @ 8:30pm
 - a. Winner gets SU Bookstore gift card
 - b. Registration form: <https://forms.gle/7qVXYyxWKz8HX8Wk6>
 - c. Official flyer: [GSC Women's History Flyer.pdf](#)
4. FIRST Dog Walking Volunteer Event— This Saturday, March 13 @ 12pm at the Wicomico Humane Society. Second saturday for each month through May
 - a. Registration form: <https://forms.gle/w4sF87PMfEF5pUeU6> for attendance ideas
 - b. Official flyer: [GSC Dog Walking Series Flyer.pdf](#)
5. April Events (still in the works) -- Autism Awareness event, virtual game night
 - a. Guest speaker possibility
 - b. More ideas to come
6. Gala Committee
 - a. Need volunteers to form committee
7. **Members of Assembly and Exec Board to share or attend events**

Sustainability/Diversity - Malik

1. Spoke with SGA Diversity position: Have not spoken with the SGA Sustainability Representative

- a. **Paint Night TOMORROW @7 (March 8) WICOMICO ROOM GSU**
- 2. Sustainability
 - a. Green Fund projects at SU Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit their ideas for projects to help make the campus more sustainable for a chance to receive a grant from the SU Green Fund. (Students must be part of every proposing team.)
 - b. Money for this student-led initiative comes from some \$150,000 SU has collected in sustainability fees. Projects can be small or large, whatever you think might make a positive impact on the environment.
 - c. The due date for submissions has been extended until Friday, March 12th, end of business.
 - d. Budget is huge! Submit!!**
- 3. Strategic planning and budgeting meeting
 - a. Revenue down 4.8 million
 - b. Housing and dining down 6.2 million
 - c. Applications are down 13%
 - i. New admits down 300
 - d. Discussion in break out group
 - i. Talked about faculty support/ coaches
 - 1. Be mindful of your faculty with the transition to online learning.
 - ii. The transition help for new incoming students being around students again
 - iii. Next meeting is March 18th
- 4. Faculty/Staff program
 - a. The ability to pronounce roster names to decrease name pronunciation issues.

Public Relations - Khadijah

- 1. Winter graduate letters - mailed
- 2. If any members have upcoming events, text her
 - a. Assistant ?
- 3. Posting schedule will be Mon/Wed/Fri (calendar will be updated on Sunday nights)
 - a. 3/7 - 3/13
 - i. Monday - Virtual Game night post (International Women's day in story)
 - ii. Wednesday - Dog Walking Post (If you have a dog you rescued, please send them to me)
 - iii. Friday - grad student IG bingo template (screenshot and tag it this friday that would be great)
- 4. March 9 SPA meeting canceled (Reaching out to Belinda Poole)
- 5. Hope everyone has a great week !

Assembly Member Updates:

Cody Drinkwater:

1. SU planning to propose a modification in Gen Ed plans. Current one has not changed in decades
 - a. Want more choice and to redefine student learning outcomes based off of their wants and needs

Malik:

1. Podcast Recommendation

Next Assembly meeting April 4th!!!!

Attendance:

Mea Agazio
Malik Howard
Cody Drinkwater
Jesci Strange
Kacie Cassar
Mason Cervantes
Cameron Ward
Anna Horstein
Matthew Bernor
Amanda Taylor
Dr. Olmstead