

GSC Assembly Meeting

Held on Zoom

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

- I. Members in Attendance:
 - A. Nick Plummer, President
 - B. Tia Epps, Vice President
 - C. Sam Hicks, Chief of Staff
 - D. Cameron Heard, Treasurer
 - E. Dom Farrace, Coordinator of Public Affairs
 - F. Shelly Zaid- Kunz, Coordinator of Social Events and Outreach
 - G. AM, Assembly Member
 - H. NB, Assembly Member
 - I. Dr. Laurie Couch, Provost & Senior VP of Academic Affairs
 - J. Dr. Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies & Research
- II. Organization Updates
 - A. General:
 1. Graduate Council-Graduate Boot Camp Interest Survey
 - a) Survey design nearing completion
 - b) Release expected soon
 2. USMSC-International Student Concerns
 - a) Resolution design in-progress
 - b) Nick presented progress to full-USMSC this morning
 3. USMSC-Hybrid Learning Concerns
 4. GSC Constitution Revisions
 - a) Position reclassifications (titles and descriptions) to be updated
 - b) Recruit protocols to be updated as needed
 - c) Revision process will adhere to the voting process, as detailed in Constitution
 5. USM Board of Regents Student Excellence Scholarship
 - a) Aimed at recognizing exceptionally talented students who are making contributions in various ways to their campus and community.
 - b) Categories: Academics, Scholarship & Research, Outreach & Engagement, Leadership & Advocacy and Innovation & Creative Activity
 - c) Eligibility requirements:
 - (1) Current undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at a USM institution
 - (2) Be in good academic standing
 - (3) Be in good conduct/disciplinary standing
 - (4) Apply based on work/service that is not part of course or internship requirements or a job

B. President – Nick Plummer

1. Will be leading the constitution revisions efforts. This will be a team effort and he will need full team support. There is a running draft in Teams.
2. Looking ahead: Executive and Assembly recruitment for next year
3. Will be attending SGA Forum to talk about grad school to undergraduate student leaders

C. VP – Tia Epps

D. Chief of Staff – Sam Hicks

1. Powerful Connections happened the week before school started and was a huge success. ODI created some fun marketing materials that got over 3,000 views on Instagram.
2. Black History Month
 - a) Kick off
(1) 12/1/24, 7:30 pm, Hollaway
 - b) The Harriet Tubman Living History Performance
(1) 2/3/24, 11am-1:30pm, Black Box Theater
 - c) Black History Month Trivia
(1) 2/4/24, 7pm, Wicomico Room
 - d) Black History Month Keynote Address with Prof. Melanee Harvey
(1) 2/8/24, 6:30pm, Wicomico Room
 - e) Soul Food Dinner
(1) 2/9/24, 4:30pm-7:30pm, Bistro
 - f) Screening and Discussions: Summer of Soul- Directed by Quest Love
(1) 2/15/24, 6pm, Wicomico Room
 - g) Lecture with Prof. Sarah Rudewalker
(1) 2/19/24, 6:30pm, Great Hall
 - h) 3rd Annual Multicultural Gala- “Masquerade”
(1) 2/24/24, 7-10pm, Assembly Hall
 - i) Poetry Reading: 6th Annual African Read-in – Dr. Ernie Bond
(1) 2/28/24, 6pm, CRC in TETC
 - j) Panel: “Celebrating and Saving Black History in Schools and Communities”
(1) 2/29/24, 4pm, Wicomico Room

E. Treasurer – Cameron Heard

1. Work on getting grad students in the box for a mens lacross game
 - a) Get Robby to be Sammy

F. Public Relations – Domanique Farrace

1. She will continue to do takeovers on the Instagram

G. Social Events and Outreach- Shelly Zaid- Kunz

H. Assembly/Campus Reports- AM

1. Working with Fulton Associations to do pop up advising.

I. Assembly/Campus Reports- NB

1. Will be working with Cam to do events in the box
2. He is in charge of scheduling Sammy

J. Dr. Laurie Couch and Dr. Clifton Griffin

1. How can we recruit more graduate students?
 - a) If we look into the retention from undergraduate to graduate school there might be a trend from the graduate assistants.
 - b) There are open house programs for general graduate school and specific programs—we need to increase awareness amongst students of these informational sessions.
 - c) How to contact people that might be interested: social media, emails, signs and posters on campus, pannels
 - d) Big things that impact decisions: cost, benefit, purpose, students do not see themselves in grad school
 - e) Clarity on what a graduate assistanship is
2. There was interest in Social Work doctorate programs or Education
3. If there are specific development workshops that would be beneficial, let Dr. Griffin know

III. Upcoming Events:

- A. Posters on the Bay—2/6, 6-7:30PM @Governor Calvert House, Annapolis, MD
- B. Grad Nights @ Sea Gull Stadium – Spring Semester
- C. Grad Gala/Spring Social
 1. What kind of event do we want this to be? What will it look like? More planning to come.
- D. Spring Graduate Commencement Ceremony—May 22nd @6PM

IV. Concerns

V. Questions

- A. How can we recruit more students?
- B. Are there any specific workshops that can benefit graduate students?

VI. Action Items:

- A. Nick & Sam: Get some flyers created for executive board
- B. Sam: reach out to Linsdsey to partner with Career Services
- C. Create an event that graduate students can get in the stadium box