

GSC Assembly Meeting

Held on Zoom

Sunday, May 5th, 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. Shelly Zaid- Kunz, Coordinator of Social Events and Outreach
 - F. Nate Braun, Assembly Member
 - G. Abby Murphy, Assembly Member, GSC Vice President-Elect
 - H. Dr. Carolyn Ringer Lepre, President of Salisbury University
 - I. Eli Modlin, Chief of Staff and VP for Public Affairs and Strategic Initiatives
 - J. Abigail Isacson, GSC President-Elect
 - K. Dr. Clifton Griffin, Dean of the Graduate School
 - L. Danielle Jenson, GSC Treasurer-Elect
- II. Organization Updates
 - A. General:
 - B. President Lepre
 1. She loves that we are such a diverse group
 2. She really enjoyed the Grad night in the box. She feels like it was positive space for graduate students to meet
 3. She wants to see current initiatives continue for next year. Find ways to connect with each other. Do more activities that bring people together. Think about support systems that are needed and needed in place to support students.
 4. She wants GSC to be a partner with her. She wants to be a part of the communication
 5. They started with a proseminar (intro to grad studies class). This was a time for everyone to come together. Informal, schedule time with different seminars
 6. Help admin brainstorm and keep asking. “Yes, if...” Campaign
 7. GA/TA Pay
 - a) There is a minimum stipend rate. Then each department has its own pay
 - b) Past 30 there need to benefits
 - c) They have talked about compensations but gets tricky while navigating because the “compensation” still has a price
 8. Online/ Hybrid Style
 - a) How can we incorporate off campus, online students
 - b) It’s harder to connect to these program s
 - c) Some programs are better fit on online format
 - d) Those professors, that can make a good connection with their students, need to share with others

- e) Is there a want for 5-year programs? - President Lepre
 - (1) Idea to add a member in GSC that has a job in retention and recruitment for online programs

C. Dr. Clifton Griffin

1. Thank you! For the first time during elections, every position had people running for it
2. To incoming staff: You're in the "Now What?"
 - a) What do you want to see in your graduate school?
 - b) What does this position mean to me?
3. To those that leaving:
 - a) Email Griffon on
4. GSC elections have concluded
 - a) President, Vice President, Chief of Staff and Treasurer elected
 - b) Coordinator of Public Relations and Coordinator of Social Events and Outreach to be appointed in the future
5. Spring 2024 Joint Session Successful
 - a) Remarks by President Lepre
 - b) Reports from 5 shared governance organizations
 - c) Productive discussion on sub-committees
6. Resolution on International Student Housing Concerns voted on Sunday 5/5 USMSC meeting and passed
7. GSC conducting ongoing work to address GA/TA and graduate student specific financial concerns (both at the university and system level)
 - a) Spoke with Dr. Lepre, Provost, and are still looking for different approaches

D. President – Nick Plummer

1. Nick Plummer, President:
 - a) Year in review, reflection on term as president
 - (1) Organization changes
 - (a) Updated some of the roles
 - (2) Initiatives
 - (3) Events and outreach
 - (a) Engaged in more tabling events
 - (4) What's to come
 - (a) Looking forward to the new team coming in
 - b) Adding proclamation to the Grad Lounge in future

E. Vice President – Tia Epps

1. Staff from Administration & Finance attended the 4/17 Executive Board meeting
2. Addressing DV Office Access
 - a) Working with Michelle Milligan and CSIL
 - b) Eli Modlin requested that GSC email him in getting access

F. Chief of Staff – Sam Hicks

1. Will be following up with OGS on securing the Graduate Lounge

G. Treasurer – Cameron Heard

1. Budget update

- a) We are in a good place, budget-wise. We are under the \$3,000
 - 2. Grad Night in the Box was a success
 - 3. Hopes to make this a Grad Night tradition
 - H. Public Relations – Domanique Farrace
 - 1. Instagram content is up to date, and have had a good amount of interaction with our account
 - I. Social Events and Outreach- Shelly Zaid- Kunz
 - 1. GSC Cookout event May 8th, 5-7pm: free food, alcoholic drinks to buy, and fun activities!
 - 2. We tabled and had a ton of student interaction at Multicultural Fest!
 - J. Assembly/Campus Reports- AM
 - 1. Hiring process for 7 new Fulton Student Ambassadors is underway
 - 2. The Wicomico County Public Library will be moving to SU's Schumaker Pond property. The current library site in DTS will become a performing arts center.
 - 3. Open meeting on Tuesday, 5/7 at 8am in TETC 152
 - K. Assembly/Campus Reports- NB
 - 1. Free Admission to all Post Season NCAA events in May
 - a) Men's & Women's Lacrosse selection this weekend
 - b) Softball & Baseball selection the following week
- III. Upcoming Events:
- A. Grad Gala/Spring Social: May 8th from 5-7pm, Seagull Square lawn and Pavillion
 - B. Spring Graduate Commencement—May 22nd @6PM
 - C. Join session
- IV. Concerns
- V. Questions
- VI. Action Items:
- A. Email Eli – GSC office in DV access issues
 - B. Start ordering GSC supplies for next year proactively to account for shipping time