

GSC Assembly Meeting
Held on Zoom
Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

- 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. AM, Student
- II. Organization Updates
 - A. President – Nick Plummer
 1. As we progress towards the social, Nick has reached out to Catering for our food order, and facilities reservations. We have not yet heard from Catering, but we have confirmed a room for the event.
 2. Office Hours are only open while the University is in session for the Fall and Spring semesters. The week of December 4th will be the last week of office hours for the fall semester. Nick will send out an email to all graduate students.
 3. The GSC is a part of a subcommittee of the Graduate Council, made up of GSC, faculty and staff. Our goal is to take a look at our Graduate Boot camp offerings and brainstorm new professional development offerings that we will be able to provide graduate students in the future. Currently, we are designing a survey to go out to all graduate students to elicit their feedback for what they would be interested in. After review from the Grad Council as a whole, we will prepare for release.
 4. The GSC has been engaging in discussions with the USMSC for how USM institutions can best meet the needs of international students. More to come regarding these efforts.
 5. Reminder: this is the final Assembly Meeting of the semester!
 - a) The next Assembly Meeting will take place in February.
 6. Nick is part of a subcommittee of faculty, staff and students who are developing a survey to be sent out to grad students to gain feedback on what types of professional development opportunities grads would like as part of Grad Boot Camp and other opportunities.
 - a) Ideas: Safe Space Training
 7. Nick will be attending upcoming PAT and USMSC meetings this coming month. In December, Nick will be helping to process USM Student Regent applicants, of which the finalists are recommended to the chancellor and then the governor.
 8. Nick will be meeting with Dr. Lepre next week. He is looking for us to send him any information that we would like for him to discuss with Dr. Lepre.
 - B. VP – Tia Epps
 1. Tia will be meeting with Shelly & Dominique to Discuss the RA in service presentation happening on December 8th at 1:30pm in Fulton Hall 111.
 - C. Chief of Staff – Sam Hicks
 1. The t-shirts have arrived, and we're coordinating a pickup time from Jessica Scott's office this week.
 2. GSC is interested in teaming up with the First-Generation Program for a Trivia Night.

3. GSC is seeking to boost its assembly participation. To enhance involvement, we're:
 - a) Exploring the purchase of "swag" to make joining the job as assembly more appealing.
 - b) Investigating various recruitment strategies, including incorporating a blurb in professors' syllabi.
 - c) Enabling "on-site interviews" during tabling events.

D. Treasurer – Cameron Heard

1. Cameron has been networking with the Athletics department to arrange for graduate students to access one of the Sea Gull Stadium's press box for spring sports events. Additionally, he's exploring the idea of hosting a post-game "after party" in collaboration with The Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
2. Next Saturday is a home game for the basketball (teams) and the game will feature/representing greek life and clubs.
3. We are interested in doing volunteer work and partnering with SGA. We would like to create an annual partnership where we do a large volunteer project with SGA.
 - a) Tia will get in contact with Dave from Housing & Residence Life about doing a ramp build during the spring semester.

E. Public Relations – Domanique Farrace

1. Dom will be meeting with Shelly & Tia to discuss the RA in-service presentation happening on December 8th at 1:30pm in Fulton Hall 111.

F. Social Events and Outreach- Shelly Zaid- Kunz

1. Winter Gathering, date December 14th, from 5-7pm
 - a) Fun activities: sugar cookie decorating and snowflake making.
 - b) Free food! Try our hot chocolate bar, pepperoni roll, and a variety of chips and dip!
 - c) Raffle- enter to win!
2. Shelly will be meeting with Dom& Tia to discuss the RA in service presentation happening on December 8th at 1:30pm in Fulton Hall 111.

G. Assembly/Campus Reports- Abbey Murphy

1. Fulton is hoping to improve attendance for their resume workshops.
2. Best Buddies is having their December event next week on Friday, 12/8 in GSU where Squawkapella will be doing a guest performance.

III. Upcoming Events:

- A. GSC Winter Social – Thursday, December 14th, 2023 from, 5-7pm
- B. December Commencement – Wednesday, December 20th
- C. In-service for Housing - December 14th, from 5-7pm

IV. Concerns

V. Questions

VI. Action Items

- A. Nick will send out an email that the last day of office hours will be Friday, December 8th.
- B. Creating a budget for next semester in a spread sheet. This would include some of our giveaways.