

GPSG Minutes: September 10, 2009

Group Attendance:

Present:	ACGS, MASS, Grad Rep, HPGSA, ABGS, MGSA, EGSA, ASPE, SPO, GPHA, ECEGA, CSGSA, GHA, GSWA, CHESO, AHGSC(new), GTU, CCI Grads, OSGA, IOPGA, SPIE, ANGS, UEC, MPASG, ED-Lead
Absent:	GPPA, SMBAA

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:40PM

Ashley announced that attendance is taken via sign-in sheet. You must fill out the sheet with your name, email address, organization name/position.

No minutes were available from the previous meeting

II. Officer & Committee Reports

a. President's report

- i. Officers were introduced (see website for names/email addresses)
- ii. Josh polled the senate on what day/time would be good for meeting dates. Only 3 groups said they would not be able to get representation on Thursdays at 5:30PM. For now meetings will remain during this time. Meeting dates are posted on the website. Room numbers will be posted this week.

1. Future fall semester dates:

9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3

- iii. Report on activities-Josh described his recent meeting with Provost Lorden and Vice Chancellor Jackson.

1. They discussed ways to make GPSG more visible on campus and increase our representation on campus.
2. We have over 5,000 graduate students=20% of the student population. They both seemed supportive of helping us advance.
3. They also agreed to play roles in the research fair.
4. GASP funding is secure for this year.
5. Josh polled the senate on other issues that we should bring to the upper level administration
 - a. Journal subscriptions (Mahnaz and Pilar)-need to get more/library sharing system could be a possibility
6. Big Announcement Next Week!
7. Josh discussed ways to get involved. Committee descriptions will be available later. Other boards on campus need graduate representation.

- a. Faculty Academic Policy and Services Committee representative. Senate unanimously decided to reappoint Andrew Bessmer
 - b. Student Union Activities Board. Senate unanimously decided to reappoint Sarah Birdsong
 - c. Volunteer Services need a rep
 - d. Student Conduct need a rep
 - e. If you are interested in serving on volunteer services or student conduct please contact Ashley at gpsgsecretary@uncc.edu
8. The Grad Council Representative Mahnaz gave a brief description of the council and their purpose. The council, among other things, decides criteria for graduate faculty.
- b. Vice President's Report
1. Justin introduced the process of re-registering and re-chartering.
 2. By September 30th you must register with SGA:
Registration for SGA: <https://studentorgs.uncc.edu/user>
 3. By September 24th you must charter with GPSG forms can be turned in to mailbox #117 in Student Union
 4. CSGSA has not gotten emails from Justin
 5. Justin will be emailing everyone again to let them know which groups are not updated. Email him with questions gpsgvicepresident@uncc.edu
 6. Justin talked about the research fair. He described the purpose along with the different tasks associated with being on the committee (Marketing/Advertising, Logistics, Fundraising, etc) If you are interested in gaining volunteer points/serving on the committee Justin is looking for members. Email him if you're interested.
 7. Date for the research fair March 20th
 8. The 2 week rule for registration of new groups was suspended
- c. Treasurer's Report
- i. Sarah recapped last year's and this year's budget
 - Last Fiscal Year
 1. Total Allocated: \$104, + \$3500
 2. Total Spent: Travel: \$47, (\$58,000)
 3. Events: \$18, (\$11,334)
 4. Operational: ~ \$5000 (\$8400)
 5. Admin: \$30, 57.56 (\$26, + \$3500)
 6. Total Reverted: ~ \$8500
 - This Fiscal Year
 7. Total Allocated: \$109,539 (4.5%)

8. Travel:	\$50,000	(14%)
9. Events:	\$15,500	(37%)
10. Operational:	\$8400	(0%)
11. Admin:	\$35,639	(32%)

- ii. Sarah announced the Treasurers' Orientation Workshop. A treasurer/rep from each group must attend. Your organization treasurer needs to pick a date. Sarah will email with final date/time of workshop.
 - 1. Sept 17th at 5pm OR
 - 2. Sept 16th at 4pm
- iii. Finance Committee-before we can spend any money/approve any spending/travel the finance committee needs to be established. Sarah polled the senate to see if there were any nominations and the following attendees were nominated:
 - 1. Andrew Bessmer
 - 2. Jennifer McGee
 - 3. Yigit Ozan Yilmaz
 - 4. Pilar Zuber
 - 5. If you know anyone else from your organization that would like to be on the committee please send Sarah this information. We will vote on these committee members at the next meeting. All nominees need to send a brief bio to Sarah at gpsgtreasurer@uncc.edu

d. Secretary's Report

- i. Ashley explained the importance of relaying the senate minutes to your groups
- ii. She asked if anyone had not been getting her emails/who had not updated contact information
 - 1. SPIE, SPO, CCI Grads, ANGS are all having elections soon so their information will need updating
- iii. The volunteer points system was explained
 - 1. A total of 8 points is required/year of each group to maintain good standing and be eligible for all GPSG support/benefits. There are three existing categories of volunteer categories: GPSG related events, community benefit, and those that benefit UNCC. Under the new system, all organizations would volunteer at least 2 of the 8 points for GPSG, and would also be required to fulfill points in another area. This would ensure that groups hosting their own activities (like mentoring programs or academic conferences) and would still contribute something to GPSG, and organizations whose volunteer points have traditionally been fulfilled by GPSG officers would still contribute to the campus or community.

Overall, there would be increased graduate student participation. Please see the online constitution and by-laws for the full description of requirements

2. Each organization needs to submit a written proposal of the volunteer event and have it approved by the executive board to have the event qualify for volunteer points.
 3. For questions regarding volunteer points please contact Ashley Lakner @ gpsgsecretary@uncc.edu
 4. The exec board will determine if abroad events will count towards community benefit points
- iv. The attendance policy was explained. Proxying is allowed. The exec board will check on the number of times that you can be a rep for more than one group.
1. Attendance is mandatory
 - a. 1 absence=warning
 - b. 2 absences=50 dollar deduction from your groups funding
 - c. 3 absences=150 dollars deduction from your group funding
 - d. If you're having issues with meeting times please contact Ashley ASAP.
- e. Outreach Officer Report
- i. Javaid explained the vision for the year
 1. Promote the interests of Graduate students
 2. Increase membership
 3. Help graduate student groups
 4. Social events
 5. Building culture on campus for graduate students
 6. Operating expenses
 - ii. Javaid explained goals for the year
 1. Targeted Graduate student orientation.
 2. (Aug 22nd)
 3. Work with student groups to help graduate students.
 4. Membership drives
 5. Bulletin boards
 6. Social events (Ice cream social?)
 7. Work closely with the graduate school and faculty
 8. International coffee hour
 9. Work with your group!

III. Unfinished Business

- a. The amendment to the SGA Article that changes our constitution is being brought before the SGA tonight.

- b. This amendment was supposed to be on the ballot in the spring. However, this was overlooked by SGA so we're getting this issue on the fall ballot.
- c. This change will give us more control over GPSG and we can begin to accommodate other student groups.
- d. When we have the election date we must get out and vote!!!!

IV. New Business

a. T-Shirt Design Contest

Categories/Types:

- i. Formal (i.e.: name & logo, etc)
- ii. Fun (i.e.: quirky sayings/pictures/comics for grads)
- iii. Research Fair (i.e.: free advertisement for the RF)
- iv. First Times (i.e.: for grads who're just entering school)
- v. Prize for Grand Winner: \$50
- vi. Deadline for submissions: November 5th

V. Announcements and Questions

a. Josh announced the following

- i. Third Annual Graduate Student Poster Competition - Charlotte Biotechnology Conference
Deadline: Sept 18, 2009
Cash Prizes from \$250-1000
<http://www.charlotterearchinstitute.com/default.asp?id=130>
- ii. Eighth Annual OPT-ED Alliance Day
Friday, October 2, 2009 at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex
Deadline to register is September 22, 2009
http://www.unc.edu/opt-ed/events/alliance_day/09/index.html
- iii. Graduate Life Fellows Events
uncgraduatelifefellows.blogspot.com
 - Third-Thursday Caffeine Fix
 - Sept 17 from 4-6 PM
 - Graduate student mixer at Fretwell Ritazza
 - Second Harvest Warehouse Volunteer Day
 - Oct. 10 from 9-12
 - Meet on Campus
 - Ashley commented on this event. We organized a volunteer event with SH last semester. It was a great way to volunteer and give back to the community.
 - Habitat for Humanity Build
 - Oct. 31 from 7-4

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48PM