

Minutes

Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016

Time: 8:15 pm - 9:10 pm

Location: Clemson University Student Senate Chambers

Attendees: Senators and general public

I. Call to Order

II. Special Guests

A. Tyrese Bryant, Graduate Student Body President

1. Welcome. Thank you.
2. A bit about me: Master's student in City and Regional Planning. From Rochester, NY. I have B.S. in Political Science.
3. Charged with ... and ensuring visions and goals are accomplished. Have met with many leaders on campus. I meet weekly with Undergrad Student Body President.
4. New Initiatives. Guided by Clemson Forward Plan. One Community – One Clemson – our organization's theme.
5. End of Spring 2016 – GSG worked with community, leaders to bring constructive solutions to racial tensions. Sikes Sit In. Coming year, continue work on campus and support admin
6. Community wants and needs – research, educating community (outreach).
7. 2016-2017 goals – guided by two basic points:
 - a. Create stronger grad presence on campus – assist and recruit more diverse study body.
 - b. Enhance the grad student experience – promote cross-org interaction and collaboration between students, faculty, staff and admin.
 - Diverse students recruitment
 - Health Awareness Programming and Health Ed Workshops
 - Outreach – engage grad students with community with initiatives.
 - Promote awareness of interdisciplinary research
 - Dedicated parking





- Focus on satellite campuses – expand services, create sense of Clemson Pride. In Charleston and Greenville.
- New website – GSGCU.com. Please go on, we've worked hard.
- Successful welcome back event last week at Esso Club. Over 340 grad students in attendance.
- Have ensured football tickets will be free in years to come.

B. Benardo Dargan, GSG Advisor

1. Hello. This is my 6th group of grad students. Have been at Clemson since 2011.
2. Let me explain my role as GSG advisor – to advise cabinet and steering committees, and to you as general body. To ensure GSG is compliant with state and federal regulations. Ensure we are successful in advocating our cause.
3. One important cause – GSG focused largely on being recognized on campus in previous years. Now we're recognized. Now our goal is to be a solutions-oriented org. As grad students, you're researchers and brains of the institution. That comes with high expectations. We look forward to a great and exciting year.
4. New GSG Center (including offices) – 602 Union. Great opportunity for us. Hope to have ribbon-cutting in first week in October. Funding is in place. To include a lounge in front part of space, with different seating options. Cable TV with monitor, can display programs and activities of grad student organizations. Will have several conference rooms, including a large one (seats 12 to 15) – can connect wirelessly. Open to grad student orgs. Times will be blocked out for some scheduled meetings, but very minimal. One additional space – to be determined by grad students on function. A survey will be sent out soon.
5. We hope you fill out the grad student survey. It's long because we think grad students have a lot to say. I think we had 1,500 responses out of about 4,000. Exciting.
6. My larger role at the university – my official title is Special Assistant to Senior Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs. Formerly director of student development. When we re-ordered, we knew we had a need to engage grad students at a higher level. I focus now on strategic planning and engaging grad students. Ensure our student affairs goals, connected to University Strategic Plan, are met. Build better support programs in Greenville and Charleston. Have submitted a robust proposal that directly links to the plan – additional staff for grad student programming. Also have an additional staff to support intl student programming. Clemson will now be focusing on recruiting undergraduate intl students.





7. My office is located in 214 Hendrix Student Center. Will also be spending time in new graduate student center. Feel free to contact me – I can provide support and guidance. I'm your direct professional staff contact, outside of the academic space.
8. One more thing. GSG is part of the division of grad student affairs. Student affairs assists with out-of-the-classroom issues. We differ from academic services offered by the Graduate School.
9. Thank you. Looking forward to great year.

III. Cabinet Reports

A. Aury Kangelos– Co-Director of Research Initiatives

1. Put together annual 3MT and GRADS Programs.
2. 3MT event will be moved to the Fall. Great way to highlight grad research. And do it in 3 minutes. Moving to Fall to send someone to regional competition in March in MD. Aury and Sherli to set up a committee to set up 3 total 3MT events this year (1 in Fall, 2 in Spring). Asking for 5 people to sign-up to help put up this event.
3. Surya: Question – Is that an Alabama t-shirt? Aury: You're not from the South, are you? (laughter)

B. Jeff Barnhill – Assistant Director of Student Services

1. Announcement – we get two weeks ahead to order tickets. There's a video on Facebook page that runs through all major changes. Also, instead of having paper tickets, will be loaded on TigerOne Card.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Caroline Richards – Activities Chair

1. We plan to hold activities throughout the semester. We're trying to expand breadth of activities committee to include diverse events. We're looking for activities committee members - planning to meet once a month. Click on Activities tab of GSG website – will see my face and email.

B. Tori Kleinbort – Organizations Committee Chair

1. Organizations is different this year – please let your orgs know that your org leadership needs to sign-in to new platform. Questions – direct to me. I need people on our committee – to meet twice a semester. We're trying to get an orgs fair started specifically for grad students – new initiative. Please see/email me if interested in serving on committee.





C. Amber Mann – PEGAS Awards Chair

1. PEGAS is a mess, I apologize. Have had problems with every aspect with it. Now everything is pretty much fixed – it's up and running. New deadline has been extended to tomorrow (midnight). Then have a week from tomorrow to have reviews done. PEGs should be determined after the first week in September.

V. Overview of Parliamentary Law, Robert's Rules, and Grad Student Senate

- A. Parliamentary Authority of Grad Student Senate. All of this is online – check it out. Newly-revised RONR (2011). Why Rules of Order? Creates a civil environment.
- B. Fundamentals of Parliamentary Law – orderliness, listed rights.
- C. Formality and Customs.
- D. How to Perform Business. Business is brought before an assembly by the use of a motion. Six steps.
- E. How Tos:
 1. How to introduce an item of legislation.
 2. How to debate an item of business.
 3. How to change the wording of something that we are considering.
 4. How to request information to help decide what to do.
 5. How to postpone items if not ready to consider an item of business.
 6. If you have an urgent request that doesn't pertain to the business at hand.
 7. If you're tired of debating – motion to limit or extend a debate.
 8. If you think we're doing something wrong.
 9. If you want to do something, but the rules won't let you.
 10. If you want to be done with this meeting.
- F. Reminder – all information is on the GSG website.
- G. No questions.

VI. Swearing In of New Senators

- A. The Oath – all repeat after me.

VII. New Business





A. Present GR63 – Resolution to Approve Executive Committee Appointments

1. Surya Sharma – some positions vacant.
 - a. Surya Sharma – motion to vote.
 - b. Caroline Richards – seconded.
2. Shawn Nanney – all in favor, say yea (Yea!). Any opposed? (None.)

VIII. Announcements

- A. None.

IX. Open Speech

- A. Surya Sharma: Is position for clerk open? Shawn Nanney: Yes. Email me if you're interested in the position.
- B. Smriti Bhargava: If you're interested in joining committees, please write down your information.
- C. Mytrede Alfred: Our community outreach director is looking for people to join the committee. Find her info on the website or come talk to me. Trying to expand community outreach among graduate students
- D. Amber Mann: Email PEGAS (pegas@clemson.edu) with any concerns or issues.
- E. Mohan Valluri: Question for Finance Committee – How does funding work for undergrad organizations that grad students take part in as well.
 1. Smriti Bhargava: We encourage you to go to undergrad student govt.
 2. Blair Durkee: Only student orgs recognized by GSG can apply for grad funding.
 3. Tori Kleinbort: Co-recognition, to get funding from both sources, is in the works.
- F. Chad Mansfield: Last semester, we discussed fees used to spruce up the library. When university gets grants, some money goes into indirect funds. Who do we contact about using the grant monies to cover library fees?
 1. Tyrese: Library fees actually were not implemented. Raise in tuition will contribute to the money the library was seeking. Questions can be directed to me regarding these types of questions.
- G. Surya Sharma: Show your nametag so Natasha can see. Let me know if you need your nametag changed. Take the extra food home. Thank you.

X. Meeting adjourned.





Appendix B: Attachments

- “Overview of Parliamentary Law, Robert’s Rules, and Grad Student Senate” presentation by Shawn Nanney, President of the Senate.

