Minutes
Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016
Time: 8:00 pm – 8:45 pm
Location: Clemson University Student Senate Chambers
Attendees: Senators and general public

I. Call to Order
   A. 26 registered as present via clickers. However, more are present whose clickers do not seem to be working.
      1. Announcement by Surya Sharma – drop off clickers at the front after meeting that do not show an indicator light

II. Special Guests
   A. Kathy Horner, M. Ed. Assistant Director for Graduate Programs and Off-Campus Internships - Graduate Career and Development Opportunities Presentation
      1. Thank you for having me. This is the 2nd time tonight giving this presentation. I’ll take 10 to 15 minutes. Thank you for swiping in tonight.
      2. I am the graduate program outreach person within the Center for Career and Professional Development.
      3. CCPD – Our mission is to teach you the skills to make you successful in your experiential learning opportunities and career development. If you’re going to change jobs, you can’t come back to the CCPD. So our goal is to empower you to develop those skills.
      4. Fall competency series: Thursday Oct 6th from 5 to 6pm in the CCPD Boardroom. Also Wednesday, November 2nd from 5 to 6pm. Excellent networking opportunities.
      5. Our contacts: We have over 20 counselors. You do not have to wait for an appointment to speak to one of the two of us with experience specifically in the graduate field. We want to assist you and act as a coach – give advice and guidance. Direct you down certain paths – but you need to be the one in the driver’s seat.
6. I will email you our graduate career plan. It is in phases, and gives lots of examples for how you can develop the 9 core competencies that we encourage.

7. We are located in the 3rd floor of Hendrix Student Center. No direct stairwell – take the elevator by PNC Bank.

8. On our website, we have a section specifically for graduate students – check it out.

9. We’re available to help you during drop-in hours from 1:30 to 4pm M-F. All levels of grad students. We’ll talk to you for 10 to 15 minutes. If you need more time, we suggest you make a longer appointment. Our most under-utilized resources we offer is mock interviews – 60 minutes. Take advantage of this opportunity. Employers can tell who has practiced and who hasn’t.

10. If you need help outside of our office hours, go to our website. Has links to many other resources.

11. Versatile PhD – meant to help those of you not wanting to go into academic careers, but are enrolled in programs that lead you in that direction. Covers social sciences and STEM sides. Virtual panels with PhD graduates in different career fields.

12. We offer graduate-specific career development workshops – about 13 to 15 every semester. This Fall, on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm, we hold an in-person workshop. On Fridays at 3pm is an online version of the workshop through Adobe Connect – please register through our events page on our website.

13. September and October offerings are listed here.

14. If you need us to come to your class (if you’re a TA, etc.) – we can do this. Here’s an example list of presentations we can do. We worked with GSG to do a dining etiquette workshop – well-attended.

15. Resources that we point students to – some of the ones listed here on the slide. The newest one is the Training at Clemson link. The library is now a one-stop shop for all campus training events.

16. Career Fairs coming up – dates listed here. Includes Engineering Computing and Sciences one, also Business, Government and Non-profit, also Construction Science Fair. We also have an education fair during Spring Break. Clemson JobLink will tell you who’s coming. There are 303 employers that will be here for our Fall Career Fairs.

17. There are 4,500 of you – we tend to see a significant portion of that. You, as senators, are the resource to people in your program. We will send you information (email retrieved when you swiped) – spread this info to people in your program.
III. Cabinet Reports

A. Aury Kangelos—Co-Director of Research Initiatives

1. One thing that Shirley and I are doing this year is bumping 3MT up to October 27th. One of the reasons we’re moving up is because we want to make sure Clemson can be represented at the 3MT competition in Maryland. We’re doing 3 3MT competitions. One in Fall. Then a Tournament of Champions in January. Then another in Spring – this will include faculty and grads. We have a sign-up sheet – we need more help (got 2 signed up last week). We’re getting down to crunch time – already having to make concrete decisions. We also want to put a workshop/bootcamp together as well to give you an idea of how you can put your 3-minute thesis together. Please find me after the meeting if you’d like to help us.

B. Jason Coral — Director for Development and Alumni Relations

1. Capital Improvement Fund announcement – To improve quality of student experience for all students. It’s an open application fund. If you have an idea that will improve the campus, we’d like to hear it. We’ve got a lot of money set aside for that. Last year we funded 3 water-bottle filling stations. WE have plans to improve handicap accessibility on campus. We’d be happy to hear about anything! We’ll be sending out information

2. Part of my role is to get our research out to the Clemson community and beyond – especially staying in touch with our alumni. We’d like to hear your research stories – in 500 words or less, describe your research and impacts on greater good – can get published in ClemsonWorld or ClemsonEcho. If you’re interested, you will get information soon on how to do that.

3. To make all of these things happen, I need a committee of 3 people. I already have an assistant, Andy Wu (not here). If I could get no more than 3 people, that would be helpful. If you’re interested, please email me at jcoral@clemson.edu. It would be a big help – can really help to improve what we’re doing for future progress of Clemson.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Caroline Richardson – Activities Chair
1. Tailgate – Saturday from 10am to 12pm outside the entrance to Fike. There will be food and music – will be fun! Come mingle.
2. Next Thursday – Trivia at Backstreets Overtime. Starting at 8pm.
3. We’re having a corn maize event at Denver Downs – we will provide transportation. Likely have a sign-up of about 40-50 students – keep an eye out for an email.
4. Can go to our website to check out our events.
5. October 3rd – we will have a coffee break for midterms. Will get back to you on the location.
6. Feel free to email me – my email is on the website under the Steering Committee.

B. Tori Kleinbort – Organizations Committee Chair
1. We have our recognition meeting on September 20th at 6:30pm in Poole 174. We’re requesting all treasurers and either President/VP attend. Spread the word. If they can’t be there, they should email me. I sent an email to all of them – they should know. Thank you.

C. Amber Mann – PEGAS Awards Chair
1. We’re finished with reviews now, finished up a few days ago. Went well. There was some confusion about when disbursement will be – that will be over the weekend. Because of issues with application submission, the schedule was pushed back a bit.

D. Ryan Grove – Financial Committee Chair
1. If you would like to join us, and have a voice in the financial process, please let us know.

V. New Business
   1. Shawn Nanney: An act showing support for what the undergrads are doing.

B. G.R. 293 GSG Budget Approval FY2017 – sponsored by Surya Sharma, co-sponsor Tori Kleinbort.
1. Shawn Nanney: The President and I have already looked over and approve of the budget. Does anyone see anything to discuss? (None).


VI. Announcements and Open Remarks
   A. Surya Sharma: I want to test your keypads. Behind your pad, there’s an address and channel number. Make sure your number behind the clicker matches the number on the screen. If your remote isn’t working, please leave it and we’ll figure it out by the next meeting.

VII. Open Speech
   A. Shawn Nanney: The purpose of your job as Senator is to convey information to and collect information from your constituency. Please check the website for all updates and information. You can see when events will be held, as well as the Senate meetings. Cancellations as well. There’s a specific Senate calendar.

   B. Shawn Nanney: If you don’t have a nametag or haven’t gotten an email from me, be sure to come see me so we can get your name down.

   C. Surya Sharma: We need a clerk – just press next on the PowerPoint presentation.
      1. Shawn Nanney: Who would like to do this?
      2. Tori Kleinbort: I’ll do it if I’m allowed.

   D. Hakeem Jones: The email we got on August 31st, the bills were mentioned, but were not attached.
      1. Shawn Nanney: Bills are on the website. We do not want to clog space on the email server.
      2. Victoria Willis: Where on the website?
      3. Robin Eng: Can you make it clear which one refers to which bill?
      4. Shawn Nanney: We’ll be sure it is clear if it isn’t. On the website, all names are there when you click on the bill subject. It’s a new website. We have one webmaster – our webmaster is currently overloaded.

   E. Jonathan Ernest: Do we have someone here who works with Athletics? If grad students get a ticket online, you get a random seat assignment. Can we do anything about this? Perhaps we can work with undergraduates.
F. Hakeem Jones: Recently in the news, grads at UPenn have fought for the right to unionize — they actually won that court case. Can we, as senators, gauge the interest of the student body about unionizing, on issues like parking, working hours, etc. I think unionizing will be a trend. However, that case was based on private colleges, not public.

G. Dan Odenwelder: My understanding is that only applies to private schools because they fall under different laws. We have to follow what our state mandates. Private schools fall under federal law.

H. Sreenath Chalil: Are there links to connect the event dates with a Google Calendar?
   1. Shawn Nanney: It’s been forwarded to Ross. Great idea.

I. Surya Sharma: We have a meeting for Emagine this Wednesday at 5pm in Freeman 138. If you’re interested in teaching STEM. We do Artisphere. Emagine is a similar program. Will be roadtripping to Charleston where we meet 100-150 middle and high school students and do experiments to show them what science and engineering is all about. If you’re interested in STEMoutreach, it’s a very cool program.

J. Shawn Nanney: Reminder – Please come up here if clickers don’t work, and if you need a nameplate.

VIII. Meeting adjourned
Attachments

- “Graduate Career and Development Opportunities Presentation” by Kathy Horner, M. Ed.