1. **Bring the Meeting to Session - POGSS**
Meeting called to session at 4:00 p.m.

2. **(4:00 – 4:30) Remarks by and questions to provost**
- Wayne Jones, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs spoke to the GSS. He explained the office and discussed things that they had worked on. The floor was then opened up for questions from the Senators.
- Shuaib asked about the new housing and said that while the planned building was good for a long-term solution, what plans were there for a short-term solution? Provost Jones said they were working on partnerships with off-campus places such that they could take care of houses at a subsidized rate. Furthermore, they’re working on temporary housing for people who would be in Durham looking housing. Additionally, Shuaib was encouraged to get connected with Ken Holmes, who could explain it further.
- Acacia asked about a decrease in funding that Provost Jones had mentioned; specifically, she asked how it was calculated. Provost Jones clarified that it was a net amount calculated after last semester’s numbers - both enrolled students and miscellaneous categories (e.g., tickets to sporting events).
- Caroline followed up with a related question, asking about how we can ensure that faculty that are left behind filling the gap of a retiree aren’t overstressed? Provost Jones brought up a couple of strategies they were considering.
- Karla asked how many students were affected by the COLSA allegations and if there were any things done to support those students. Provost Jones said that they have had a listening day for the students and have several more planned. Additionally, students that worked with the professor on papers are being supported in terms of making sure their intellectual property is supported.
- Griffin asked if the aforementioned retirement plan would affect things at the law school, where a professor retired early and the clinic program subsequently lost a couple courses. Provost Jones said he has been working to get replacements.

3. **(4:30 - 4:35) Roll Call - COGSS**

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4. (4:35 – 4:40) Approval of the 10/22/21 Meeting Minutes - POGSS & COGSS

Karla clarified that students on assistantships, in addition to their stipend, receive $500 per year. The meeting minutes were amended to reflect as such.

Taylor B. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with amended changes. Griffin seconded. Chandra, Christian J., and Diana abstained. Motion passed with 15 votes in favor.

5. (4:40 – 4:55) Committee Updates – Committee Chairs & Grad Reps

-Sreelekha said there is a meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Monday for information on the fee review process.

-Acacia let us know that the dates for the 2026-2027 academic school year have been decided and approved.

-Eileen met with the Campus Planning Committee and reported several updates. Firstly, they're the committee from the faculty senate that would be helping out with the graduate student housing. Eileen commented that there was not good communication with everyone involved in the process and said that they should be more informed about housing needs.
In response, Caroline suggested that it would be useful to have everyone involved on an issue in one room to discuss the issues. Shuaib agreed and said some coordinated efforts would be helpful. He then asked how possible it would be for Karla and Caroline to organize some group meeting.

   a. Updates from Town Hall
      i. There was a lot of focus on health insurance, dental/health insurance, and mental health programs.
      ii. It was suggested that we have a coffee hour, so there are coffee hours on Wednesdays at the Nest from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
      iii. Dovev and Caroline hosted a mentoring program to further the Dean’s goal of standardizing certain things *(double check).*
   b. Health & Wellness Task Force information request – Christian J.
      i. Caroline asked if the task force covers health and wellness specifically on campus or health and wellness holistically. Caroline questioned why CAPS was unable to see students within three weeks, and Karla said she would bring it up to Christian J.
   c. Mandated reporter updates
      i. Karla met with the Dean of Undergraduate Students and asked how the mandated reporter provisions affect us and how the changed language would affect us. It was requested that it only affect GSS executive leadership - i.e., only people on the executive committee.
      ii. Caroline commented that her and Karla want to have a session at the beginning of future GSS seasons that is just purely a training session. This session would cover things such as mandated reporter requirements.

   a. Voting on senator and officer removal - VPOGSS
      i. Community Coordinator – Harini Bairy
         1. Eileen asked if Harini was resigning from the GSS or just the position. Karla clarified that it was from the GSS.
         2. Griffin made a motion to vote. Sreelekha seconded. Chandra abstained from voting. Motion passed with 17 in favor.
      ii. Paul – Kerry Winfrey
         1. Sreelekha made a motion to vote. Janie seconded. Chandra abstained from voting. Motion passed with 17 in favor.
   b. Voting on new senators – POGSS


iii. CHHS – Md Mohiuddin. Caroline mentioned that as a member of the governance committee, she was uncomfortable with confirming a Senator who was not present. The motion was tabled for the next meeting.


c. Resolution regarding advocating for support for students affected by COLSA sexual harassment allegations – VPOGSS


ii. Caroline clarified that she hasn’t written the full resolution yet because she wanted to hear from other Senators before text was committed to paper. The GSS was encouraged to reach out to Caroline with any suggestions or questions.

iii. Chelsea asked if it was posted on the USS Instagram. Caroline said it was and that it was not posted to their website yet.

d. New charge: Purchase meal swipes in bulk that don’t expire at the end of the academic year - POGSS

i. Karla explained the situation. Meals in bulk expire at the end of the academic year. The minimum for this is 50 meals, which is $500. For many students, this is unreasonable. If it were not to expire, however, it would be much more reasonable. This is actually what the faculty already has. Karla said we should look into this.

e. Constituency Updates

i. Eileen said that she tried making a list serve for her constituents, but the IT department said they don’t do that for students.

f. Upcoming Events

i. Wednesday morning Coffee Hours – 9-10 AM @ The Nest

ii. GSS Lunch with Assistant Dean Dovev Levine on 11/12/21 at 12:30 in the HRC Demo Kitchen

8. (5:25 – 5:30) Open Forum - POGSS
-Caroline mentioned that since the Community Coordinator role is open. If Senators are interested, they should get in contact with the executive committee.

9. **Adjournment**

Janie motioned to adjourn. Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.