1. **Bring the Meeting to Session - POGSS**
   Meeting called to session at 4:03.

2. **Roll Call - COGSS**

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   Quorum met.

3. **Approval of the 9/10/21 Meeting Minutes - POGSS & COGSS**
   Caroline brought up whether or not Acacia was at last meeting; Acacia confirmed she wasn’t and Caroline told her it was fine because she wasn’t confirmed as a Senator yet.

   Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/10/21 meeting. Diana seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. **New Senator Orientation & Review – VPOGSS & COGSS**
   a. Presentation
i. Caroline inquired as to whether USS has a virtual option to attend; Karla mentioned it was unclear.

ii. Griffin brought up that last academic year one person was elected to attend USS meetings and suggested that we continue this practice (preferably with someone on the Durham campus who is familiar with the USS’ issues/goals).

b. Expectations & Best Practices

i. Karla asked how we want to communicate things to constituents. Christian J. brought up that yesterday he sat on the Transportation committee, and they discussed allocating transportation fees for campus transportation. Karla said that this is a great example of what to share and it’ll be circled back on later in the meeting.

ii. Griffin mentioned that it would be helpful to have Senators in Committees write short memos detailing what they want sent out to constituents. These memos would then be relayed to Karla, for example.

iii. Caroline said it would be of value to send out surveys to constituents to gather information on what issues they think are important.

5. Review of GSS Yearly Plan - POGSS

a. Karla outlined the traditional yearly plan and how our plan this semester differs. For example, the GSS typically has a meeting at the beginning of the semester at a local restaurant; with many people still uncomfortable with public gatherings, this has been tabled and alternatives are being considered.

b. The yearly plan also lists the actions traditionally taken during the semester by the GSS. Senators were encouraged to review the action plan, find actions they find compelling, and undertake them.

c. Eileen asked when we would consider when and where meetings took place. Karla responded by saying it would take place sometime late September/early October.

d. Chelsea said that it might make sense to have events on different campuses/in different cities (e.g., Durham, Concord, or Manchester). Griffin offered to communicate with the law school and set something up.

e. Caroline commented that there isn’t a need to stick to the yearly plan if it doesn’t make sense for our schedule this year. I.e., some events stipulate that they are to take place on the first Thursday of a month, which might not make sense for this semester.

f. Griffin asked what our budget is and how definite it is. Karla pulled up a spreadsheet listing our finances.
6. **Internal Committee Updates – Committee Chairs**  
a. Caroline detailed the updates from the Governance committee: NS orientation was given and members from the Governance committee were sent an email detailing their duties and how the Governance committee operates.  
b. Karla asked if the programming committee has any updates. The members of the programming committee were away from Zoom at the time.  
c. No one from the financial committee was present to give an update.  

7. **External Committee Updates – Grad Representative**  
a. Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Update – Christian J.  
   i. Main street sidewalk was resurfaced.  
   ii. Parking lot by the HSSC is getting worked on.  
   iii. A lot of traffic signs are getting stolen; Christian J. suggested we potentially message constituents.  
   iv. Campus bus transportation usage is doubling but there is a staff shortage.  
   v. New bike sharing program is being introduced around June. Students would end up paying around $3 per person per year. However, that fee may be covered by current tuition. Christian will email and clarify at a later date.  
   vi. Additional Zip car might be added.  
   vii. Chandra commented that both her and Christian J. were at the transportation committee meeting. Christian had said there was some miscommunication, but it was clarified that both can attend it if they want.  
   viii. Karla and Christian J. shared the email they received talking about the transportation fee so the entire GSS could read it.  
   ix. Caroline asked if a vote should be called to support the measure. Karla said that we should talk to our constituents first. Christian J. said that at the meeting, data was given that showed students were overwhelmingly in support of it. Out of 229 responses from faculty and staff, 94% said they supported the idea, 85% said they would support it financially, 74% said they supported paying $10 per year (more than what it is expected to cost) 44% said they would participate, 30% said they would pay the fee even if they weren’t participating, and 8% said they were opposed.  
   x. Karla asked if this would increase student fees on other campuses. Griffin responded that the law school doesn’t pay a transportation fee and he doesn’t believe the Manchester campus does either, so he thinks it would not increase fees for those students.
xi. Karla said Christian J. should clarify remaining points and then get back to the GSS.
b. Student Board & Board of Trustees – Christian M.
   i. First meeting is October, Alumni Association won’t have its first meeting until after homecoming. Student Board had a meeting that got canceled. Besides these, no further updates from Christian.
c. CEPS Graduate Student Advisory Board – Diana & Liz.
   i. Diana and Liz are working on communicating with CEPS re: the graduate student housing survey.
d. Caroline was reached out to about a health and wellness task force. As there is currently no health and wellness committee, Caroline suggested we make one and get members. Christian J. and Kerry said they were interested, and Caroline said she would get them in contact with the people that reached out to her.
e. Karla and Caroline were reached out to with an update regarding graduate student housing in Durham. After a series of events, the town is working with the University on building graduate student housing.

8. Old Business - POGSS
   a. Committee Representatives
      i. Academic Program Committee is looking for representatives. Karla mentioned that if anyone is interested, they should reach out.
      ii. Karla reiterated that everyone needs to be a part of one committee at least; Senators were advised to review which committees are interesting to them and ask to be added to them.
      iii. Griffin asked how often the Health Insurance Advisory committee meets. Karla mentioned that last semester, she was unable to get a good answer.
      iv. Griffin offered to sit on the Faculty Senate Academic Program.
      v. Christian J. offered to sit on the Graduate Council Master’s Committee.
   b. Voting on new senators (VP, CHHS, Paul)

9. New Business - POGSS
   a. Appointment of new senators
      i. CHHS – Eileen Murphy
      ii. CHHS – Christian Jefferson
      iii. Housing – Shuaib Ismail
      iv. Paul – Kerry Winfrey
      v. Each Senator gave a brief statement about who they are and why they were interested in the positions they were appointed to.
   b. Voting on new senators (VP, CHHS, Paul)
i. Vice President - Caroline Kanaskie  
ii. CHHS - Sydney Olson  
iii. Paul - Acacia Giberson  

   c. Griffin made a motion to appoint all three Senators. Diana seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

10. Open Forum - POGSS
   a. Christian J., Kerry, and Chandra signed up for the Internal Health and Wellness committee.
   b. Caroline returned to the one-USS-meeting-attendance requirement and asked us if this format would work. Griffin elaborated that it was useful to follow what USS was doing. Again, it was unclear if the USS has an online component or if it’s exclusively in-person.
   c. Shuaib asked if there was a restriction on being in an organization outside the GSS. Karla clarified that there wouldn’t be so long as he can still fulfill his duties to his constituents.

11. Adjournment
    Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Caroline seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote and meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.