

GSS General Session minutes 5.Sept.2017 (recorded by Communication Officer)

I. Present/Introductions (11:34am):

Jovana (President), Jin (VP), Nate (External Relations), Jacob (Communications), Aliza (Community), Gökhan (Paul), Dominic (CEPS), Lindsey (Grad), Rachel (Housing), Beth (COLA), Nick (CEPS), Sam (CHHS), Jordan (COLSA), Emily (COLA), Stephanie (Guest), Evgeniya (Guest), Aziz (Guest), Farah (Guest), Steven (Guest), Myles (Guest), Carrie (Grad School/Guest), Dovev (Grad School/Guest), Maryanne (MUB Director/Guest)

II. Orientation (Jovana)

A. Review of materials available on Canvas:

1. Constitution & Bylaws
2. "Quick Guide to Being a Great GSS Senator at UNH"
 - a) *Keeping in touch w/ constituencies*: Jovana floats idea of monthly Presidential memo to GSS and constituencies, as well as semi-frequent open "office hours"
 - b) *Be a good contributor to GSS meetings, and a good ambassador at committees/events*
3. Modified Feminist Process: essentially, this allows opportunity for all concerned Senators and/or guests to speak, regardless of volume of voice or comfort in public speaking. Review of hand gestures and voting procedures.

III. GSS Action Items (Jovana)

A. Review of AY16-17 GSS accomplishments

1. Increased assistantship stipends by \$1000 each year for three years (beginning 17-18), and decrease in mandatory fees by half.
2. Began discussions toward creating grad student lounge/space
3. Began discussions toward revising email alias creation for graduate students (issue of sponsorship)

B. Discussions about GSS goals for AY17-18 (Nate)

1. See Item V below

IV. Guest Speakers (GSS Interim Dean Moorhead, Asst. Dean Levine, MUB Director MaryAnne Lustgraaf)

- A. Dean Moorhead sharing her beginnings in leadership as an undergrad, and pointing to those student leadership experiences as preparation for administrative/leadership roles beyond student life
- B. Also reminder that the role/position in student leadership (or in Deanship) is to represent the concerns and needs of constituencies
- C. Getting things done requires working across silos and getting to committee meetings and hearings, getting out there and getting in the mix (with dignity and respect)
- D. Two current conversations at Grad School: moving from R2 toward R1 ("Highest research activity") and increasing revenue-generating MA-level programs
- E. Asst. Dean Levine encourages Senators/students to be in touch with the Grad School staff/administration, set up meetings, keep lines of communication open

- F. Challenges right now include federal policy shifts ([DACA rescinded](#), [Title IX rollbacks](#), etc.)
 - G. Lustgraaf stopped in to mention activities and services available through MUB (we hope to have the Director back later this AY)
- V. Presidential Search Update (Nate):**
- A. Graduate Student session: Sept 13, MUB Strafford Room, 1:00pm-1:45pm
Open Session: Sept 13, MUB Strafford Room, 1:45pm-2:45pm
 - B. What are the top priorities we as GSS would like to represent at the listening session scheduled for Graduate Students? Nate suggests:
 - 1. Research, Finances, “Lifestyle”
 - a) Myles suggests something along the lines of “career services”
 - b) Jacob will share a Google Doc/Sheet to collect some suggestions
- VI. Adjournment (12:04pm)**