

Graduate Student Senate (GSS)

Oct. 17, 2017, 10:30am-12:00pm

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Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. Present: Jovana (Pres.), Nate (Extern. Aff. Officer), Jordan (COLSA), Myles (at-large), Gökhan (Paul), Nick (CEPS), Rachel (Housing), Beth (COLA), Andrea (Fin. Aff. Officer), Dominic (CEPS), Jacob (Communications Officer), Carina (guest, Carsey MPP student, nominee and new Senator for GSS Grad School vacancy), Aliza (Community Coord.), Emily (COLA), Jin (CP), David May (guest, AVP Business & Finance)

II. Approve Minutes

- A. Approve previous minutes: unanimous approval (10 present voting members)
- B. Vote to replace: unanimous approval (10 present voting members)

III. Committee Reports

- A. FS Campus Planning Committee (Drummond attended 10/16/2017): Focus on automated external defibrillator (AED) devices, with presentation and questions answered by J. Lapolla from UNH PD; 152 on campus with plans to increase 10-15 over several years, building by building (~\$2k each); work on producing maps of all AED locations; shared 10-15 minute training session, which we might consider as part of grad orientation.
- B. FS Academic Affairs (Jordan attended 10/16/2017): discussion of undergrad Student Senate resolution urging Registrar not to schedule courses during common exam hour; consideration of a social identity curricular (discovery) requirement is ongoing, though concern for perceived “token” gesture toward

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diversity remains; if something is to be added, it should be substantive and meaningful

1. Some discussion about how this relates to previous GSS thoughts on cultural competency

IV. “Students Helping Estudiantes” (Drummond)

- A. Looking to bring some students/researchers up here in cases where labs/equip. sustained damage (water or otherwise)
- B. Continue getting the word out via posters (sent with agenda), directing people to the donation site

V. Update on undergraduate Student Senate meetings

- A. Meetings held every Sunday, 6pm, Paul College 185

VI. GSS Committee Tasks (Jovana)

- A. Review of new task-oriented suggestion for committee and working groups

VII. David May visit to GSS Oct 17 2017 (11:30am-12:00pm)

- A. Document to share & discuss re: UNH/Durham tuition agreement
- B. Primary Question for David:

1. Given the 10-year “Agreement to reimburse...” (2016), which states, in part, “2. UNH agrees to compensate the Town for the cost associated with these students...”, *is UNH paying for the children of students living in campus housing (i.e. Forest Park)? If not, who is responsible for payment?*

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- C. David May: the cost, currently \$17,600, per child, covered by Housing, the budget of which cannot continue to bear that cost (echoes what Dir. of Housing Irla-chesney told GSS last general session); in current leases, there is a clause stating that after this academic year, that tuition will be assessed to UNH students with children living on campus; he would argue that Durham should charge only incremental costs, rather than \$17,100
- D. Additional questions/comments from GSS:
1. *What would that incremental cost be?* Not sure.
 2. *Can we see a copy of the lease?* Yes, sure.
 3. *How is Forest Park advertised or promoted to students with children?*
How will that change if the tuition cost continues to rest with students?
 4. *If Housing can't cover the cost, is there another way? Are there conversations in Business/Finance, or with Chris Clement, about which other departments might bear the cost if Housing cannot?* Nothing extensive at this point.
 5. *Tuition for most levels at the private Montessori Community School in Durham is lower than the tuition assessed by Durham for its public schools.*
 6. *If/when Housing has this tuition taken off its ledger, will those freed dollars go toward renovating Forest Park?* Hard to say; we try to do renovation when we can.

VIII. Adjourn (12:07pm)