

Graduate Student Senate (GSS)

April 3, 2018, 10:00am-11:30am

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Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order:

- A. **Present:** Jovana (President), Jin (VP), Gökhan (Paul, proxy via Jovana), Nate (External Relations), Myles (Community), Jordan (COLSA), Dominic (CEPS), Andrea (Financial), Jacob (Communications), Sumeyra (CEPS), Beth (COLA), Sam (CHHS, proxy via Beth), Drummond (CEPS, proxy via Beth), Rachel (Housing)
- B. **Approval of minutes** (10:10am)

II. Brief check-ins and updates:

- A. Some positive indications that undergraduate Student Senate will add clarifying language regarding their name and constituency (Jovana and Jin)
- B. Some positive indications that Wentworth-Douglass dental clinic will include “UNH” as part of the list of communities covered; also possible that vision will be covered (Jovana and Jin)
- C. The Durham Town Clerk’s office is holding voter registration today 11am-2pm in [Holloway Commons](#), and the regular schedule and eligibility criteria are posted on their [Web site](#) (Jordan)

III. Student Appreciation Week and Anti-Violence Rally (10:15am)

- A. **We’ll have a table during the rally, April 12**

IV. Darnelle Bosquet-Fleurival, Assistant Director, Residential Life (10:30am)

- A. Interested in cultivating relationship with graduate students and GSS in particular in order to model respectful behavior for undergraduate students, especially in light of the upcoming celebration of Cinco de Mayo, which has typically involved not only

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conduct issues related to alcohol consumption, but also egregious disrespect of and appropriation of culture

- B. Campus Living Association (CLA) is hosting a half-naked run around campus in order to draw attention to alternative ways to use free time and engage in healthy behaviors
 - C. There is also the possibility of graduate students joining Weekend Walkers
 - D. There is also an event hosted by faculty in the Spanish Dept in order to explain the history behind Cinco de Mayo
 - E. Jovana suggested the possibility of speaking to TAs (and Lecturers), especially in first-year writing courses, in order to see what kinds of rhetorical approaches might be used to discussion around appropriation and cultural diversity
- V. **Committee Updates** (10:50am)
- A. **Health & Wellness** (Beth)
 1. One issue regarding childcare is that, beyond the normal working hours for care, there are some needs for smaller blocks of time, e.g., drop-off while going to the gym for an hour - gyms and other health centers offer drop-off childcare for members (YMCA, etc.)
 2. Also interested in re-creating UNH Classifieds as a means to search for non-University care options
 - B. **Communications** (Jacob)
- VI. **Consideration of a Resolution Expressing Continued Support for UNH Lecturers United** (Jacob) (11:15am)

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- A. Jacob made the appeal that the GSS has already given its support to the UNHLU in the form of a resolution in 2014, and that the current resolution doesn't make any additional demands. He also added that the accompanying letter was meant to serve a diplomatic and educational purpose: in the first sense, he hopes the letter serves to assuage any concerns that the resolution puts GSS on the side of faculty against administration; and in the latter sense he hopes that the letter serves to place the non-renewals in a larger context that encompasses both state appropriations and national trends.
- B. Several Senators provided compliments on the diplomacy of the letter and resolution.
- C. Beth asked if there was a need for any additional "resolve" in the conclusion of the letter, and Jacob suggested that he'd considered more "demanding" resolutions, but in the end decided that the only major change from previous GSS resolution was the inclusion of "transparency" as a value and expectation in difficult decision-making processes, as that value seemed lacking in the UNHLU non-renewals. Beth conceded this and withdrew the request.
- D. **Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Abstention: 3**

VII. **Adjourn** (11:30am)

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