

GSS Meeting Agenda
9/16/2019 | 1:30 – 3 PM
MUB 162

- 1. Bring the Meeting to Session – POGSS**
 - a. Meeting called to session at 1:30 pm
- 2. Roll Call – COGSS**
 - a. GSS Senators and Executive Officers in Attendance: Casey O'Heran (President), Liz Weidner (VP), Alex Padilla (Financial Affairs), Jacob Koile (Community Coordinator), Jacob Bennett (External Relations), Sarah Widlansky (Communications), William Lush (CEPS), Dominic Payne (CEPS), Shantel Palacio (CHHS), Sumeyra Gok (COLA), Martine Grenier-Burtis (COLA), Ben Remillard (COLA), Lauren Breza (COLSA), Jovana Milosavljevic Ardeljan (PAUL), Karen Moran Rivera (International),
 - b. GSS Senators and Executive Officers absent: Sanchari Kundu (CHHS) – Karen serving as proxy, Emily Whalen (CHHS) – Lauren serving as proxy, Allison Giannotti (COLA) – Sumeyra serving as proxy, Marie-Josiane (MJ) Ohoueu (GRAD) – Karen serving as proxy.
 - c. Check-ins for people not at the first meeting
 - d. Official note of quorum
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes - POGSS & COGSS**
 - a. Minutes from 09/03/19 meeting were approved as they were (15 people voted in favor)
- 4. New Business – POGSS**
 - a. Vote on Inactive Senator bylaw amendment
 - i. Comments from the group: Will – asked how to notify GSS if you won't be there. Casey indicated preference for written communication. This was added to the amendment during the meeting.
 - ii. Casey put the proposal to vote: 15 people voted in favor (passed)
 - b. Discuss proposed amendment of GSS representation:
 - i. Casey opened the floor for discussion: Jovana – pointed out that representation needs to consider online students (especially in CHHS). She suggested adding an online senator position. Could also exclude online students if going by enrollment. Liz – continued this discussion. Will – pointed out that it will be difficult having fewer senators than positions. Jovana – suggests removing “college” positions for external advertising and just calling them “senator” positions (everyone would be able to vote for every senator position) and removing the public college designations. Liz – noted that it would still be good to have representation from different colleges. Alex – suggested that we could still list everyone's department in their bio to help students connect to the senate. Will – supports getting rid of college distinctions. The president would appoint people to constituents after they are elected (written into constitution). The GSS Governance Committee will go over

and summarize discussion from today to decide how to incorporate into constitution.

- ii. Jovana made a motion to change proposed amendment away from assigned representation towards open elections and later appointment to colleges (having positions of same college preferentially filled by person with highest vote). This motion was seconded by Sumeyra. GSS took a general feelings vote: 9 supportive and 3 neutral. Jovana will write a draft of this proposed amendment to send to the Executive Committee.
 - iii. Side discussion came up on whether it is appropriate to get student emails, as opposed to just a list serve, from department admins to contact constituents.
- c. Vacant external committee spots
- i. Faculty Senate committees (3 positions that need to be filled)
 - 1. Academic affairs – Lauren nominated herself
 - 2. Academic programs
 - 3. Campus planning
 - ii. Will volunteered to be the PACS liaison. Shantel volunteered for the Diversity/Inclusion committee.
 - iii. Also discussed graduate council positions
 - iv. Casey will be assigning senators to fill the rest of the committee positions after the meeting.
- d. New t-shirts
- i. Alex discussed possible new designs for Tshirts (these would be \$10 each if we use a UNH logo). Casey – noted that we want to keep it under \$500. Alex will continue looking into other options and sending design ideas.
- e. Any additional new business?
- i. Jovana asked to add the Alumni Association Student Grant Committee to the list of positions to fill. She also mentioned that the window to submit proposals is opening soon if we think of things we want to request a grant for. GSS could share this among graduate students to get input for what we need as graduate students. Deadline is Dec 31st and award amounts are up to \$3000/grant.

5. Committee Updates – *Committee Chairs*

- a. Standing Committees
- i. Governance (Sarah and Liz) – will be submitting the inactive senatorship amendment and cover letter to Dean Moorhead for her approval.
 - ii. Financial affairs (Alex) – have been focused on tackling stipends and comparing UNH to other universities. Committee has also been looking into fee opt in/out options for the gym, athletic events, etc., the Graduate School emergency fund, and taxes/income related to health insurance.
 - iii. Programming (Jacob) – Committee is trying to reach out more. The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) has biweekly lunches and tea talks that the committee has reached out to. They are still looking for

dates for the GSS Town Hall event and talked about an upcoming event to celebrate the anniversary of the grad student space opening during Homecoming weekend.

b. Ad-Hoc Committees

- i. Ad-hoc committees met to come up with goal/charge list that committees will send to Casey
- ii. Health & Wellness (Will) – focusing on vision and dental coverage, summer gym fees, childcare (continuation of issues from last year).
- iii. Diversity (Shantel) – will update later
- iv. Housing and Transportation – didn't meet
- v. Durham Community (Jacob) – still deciding what this committee will do, but they discussed attending Durham Town Hall meetings.
- vi. Grad space utilization – Jovana had to leave earlier in the meeting and this committee did not meet.

c. External Committees

6. Senator Updates - *Senators*

a. Constituency updates/concerns

- i. Dominic and Will – have been emailing constituents and admins. Finding some admin emails on our list that aren't working.

7. Internal Committee Time – *Chairs & Reps*

- a. Standing Committees - Go over charges with the committee chair
- b. Ad-Hoc Committees - Set official charges for the session & submit to the POGSS

8. Open Forum – *POGSS*

a. Upcoming events

- i. Grad student space celebration (Oct. 4-5)
- ii. Table at Homecoming tailgate?

- b. Any comments or concerns from the public – no comments or concerns

9. Adjournment – *POGSS*

- a. Motion to adjourn (Will), seconded (Jacob K). Meeting adjourned at 2:59pm.