



Applications for fall student group funding are being accepted from:

- Encourage for fall funding to within your programs
 - We want to give more money to student groups

August 29th-September 10th

Contact Christine Umeh for any further questions at:

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Task Force initiative (Jose and Rosie):

Bylaw Change Reasoning

- This amendment allows the Director of University Affairs to maintain contact with student groups using other means of communication beside DukeGroups. Additional language was changed to maintain uniformity with the Task Force amendment also proposed.
- We have removed the caucus system and decided to implement a Task Force system that will allow the council to address graduate and professional student concerns. Through this volunteer-based task force system, we can importantly harness the expertise of the council, not just the general assembly.
- Caucus consisted of 13 groups (groups spent a lot of time with self-identity, making the caucuses less effective
- Task force will be renewed every year
- You are still required to serve in internal committee but the task force is volunteer
- Task force is open to every graduate and professional student
- Internal Committees will only consist of GA reps
- Interdisciplinary interaction will be encouraged between the task forces to collaborate and have task force liaisons
- task force will appoint a leader once its populated and reporting back from task force or committee
- Diversity & Inclusion among Graduate Students

- Current organization already in place, so making this a task force, will be redundant
- Anyone who needs further information can contact, Diego Calderon-Arrieta or Kwabena Badu-Nkansah, kwabena.badu.nkansah@duke.edu.

Motion was brought up to initiate task force: by Sarah (school of medicine) and Caroline Johnson

- 55 voted in favor and none voted against or had any extensions

Lots of great issues were discussed and in the end we finalized on the following tasks force

1. Voting
2. Sexual Misconduct *
3. Sustainability *
4. Finance *
5. Student Disability
6. Facilities *
7. Continuation Fees
8. Mental/Physical Health *
9. Dental Health Insurance *
10. Parking Permits *
11. Safe Rides *
12. Alternative Transportation *
13. Gym Membership

Motion to approve as task force as listed was brought up by 2 active GA reps

- Votes in favor from reps: 48
- Opposed: none
- Extensions: none
- The above tasks forces were approved and voted on.

To sign up for tasks force, you may do it via the survey that will be emailed out.

Vote and approve the GA meeting schedule

All meetings will take place from 6:30-8:30PM in TSCHE Learning Hall:

September 13th

September 27th

October 18th

November 7th

November 29th (proposed fall retreat)

- retreat will be formal with administrations and a chance to show case things you have done in internal committees and on task force
- Motion to approve was brought up by 2 GA reps
- 45 GA reps voted in favor
- There were no oppositions or extensions
- GA meetings finalized

Marcus Benning, President

- Unused Funds Proposal
 - This funding source is from a number of student groups that were allocated this money, but have not used them over the past 2 years, this allowed us to get this funding back
 - \$42,241.24 reclaimed from delinquent student groups
 - Special Initiatives Funding
 - OneDuke Access Fund
 - Money that has already been allocated:
 - Electronic Voting platform to help with all future meetings
 - Basketball committee was given 10 computers for checking in campers
 - After campout, these computers will be used per GA recommendation
 - Lawyers assistance program: Goddard and Peterson (Monday 2-5pm)
 - This program is in conjunction with SGA
 - One duke access fund: Student lead financial aid initiative
 - These funds can be used for travel (hard to get home), food, professional wardrobe, and school supplies
 - Possibly inclusion of medical emergency
 - Student financial aid of \$200 (any graduate student facing financial difficulty may apply once to purchase in one of the above categories)
 - Will not require income source

- Apply online
- Once approved, you will pick up money from UCAE within one week of applying
- The money is enough to last for 3 semester
 - Estimated launch date will be in October
 - 6 applications per month - you can only get this funding once
 - What's the criteria for the 6 selected? first come first basis
 - Perhaps a lottery system?

Motion to extend discussion by 5 minutes was created by 2 GA reps

- voice acclamation: everyone said yes, no one said no
- privacy issue will need to be discussed again
 - Possibly just use unique ID in the application?
- Prioritization vs randomization

Other announcements:

Grad Student Union Happy Hour

Thursday September 15th

6PM to 830PM

Motorco

Tail gate:

- Free drink tickets until we run out first come first basis

Invite your friends and join the Facebook group

Co-sponsor is opportunity for student groups to get funding that promotes intermingling with G/P students

- Co-hosting is a possibility too

Fitness Friday will be covered 430 on sept 23rd

free entrance into the Gym

Motion to adjourn meeting was initiated by 2 GA reps

- Voting was done by voice

- Everyone said yes
- No opposition or extensions were made