18:30 Call to Order
Abigail LaBella

18:32 Election of Young Trustee Screening Committee
Abigail LaBella
- YT is a two-year term. Non-voting first year, voting member in second year.
- Current YT’s are Kate Duch and Shannon O’Connor
- GA elects YT: application opens November 1st, sent out by the chair
- Review applications over break, interview 10 people, then narrow down to three people to present to GA
- Self nominations: Wei Han, BME; Renee Ragin, Literature; Vijeth Iyengar, Psychology and Neuroscience; Sahil Chaini, Nicholas School; Courtney Ramsey, Nursing (ABSN); Gwen Huynh, Cell Biology; Nayef Alkhawaldeh, MIDP
- Other nomination: Jasmine Alexis, Nursing (ABSN) nominated by Courtney Ramsey (ABSN), accepted.
- Candidate speeches, two minutes followed by one minute of questions
- Motion to close discussion by Abhi Chhetri, Biochemistry, seconded by Friedlin Merhout, Sociology
- Motion to close passed by majority
- Vote by secret ballot using instant runoff

19:00 Continuation Fees Resolution
Anita Bateman
- Continuation fees levied by graduate school for students beyond 5th year
- approx $8k/yr, $6k for continuation and $2k for insurance
- The Graduate School has not been entirely forthcoming about what these fees pay for.
- Some peer institutions absorb these fees.
- Stacey Zhang, Marine Science and Conservation: how does it apply to non-humanities? Just for humanities.
- Law school rep: how many people does this affect? Enrollment information for humanities programs is online
- Alyssa Granacki, Romance Studies: average time to graduation nationwide 9 years, 6 years at Duke. Even if you are on a fellowship, Duke takes a large chunk.
• Kyle Daniels, Structural Biology and Biophysics: has research indicated correlation between fees and time to graduation?
• Carla Hung, Cultural Anthropology: study has been referenced that stress of fees is counterproductive to research and productivity
• Abhi Chhetri, Biochemistry: why do some programs absorb the fees? It is at the discretion of the department.
• Hannah Ontiveros, History: some programs just don't have money to absorb the fees.
• Jessica Lewis, Environment: why is the resolution only focused on humanities? The purpose is not to exclude other students, but only humanities students were involved and it does not appear that non-humanities students face this problem.
• Carla Hung, Anthropology: the way funding works in sciences means students often don’t face this problem, and professional students are not affected.
• Jared Hodes, Civil and Environmental Engineering: do humanities students beyond the 5th year have to pay tuition? Sometimes yes, even if not in residence in Durham, and external funding also has to cover tuition and other fees.
• Jon Wright, Master of Eng. Mgmt.: what happens if the resolution is tabled? Effectively it disappears until someone brings it back to discussion.
• Abhi Chhetri, Biochemistry: resolution should come from all of GPSC, suggestion to have a committee review the resolution
• Patrick Flowers, Chemistry: including more departments may be a lot more work
• Motion to close discussion and vote by Ida Hjermitslev, Political Science, seconded by Jasmine Alexis, Nursing (ABSN)
• Motion to vote passed by majority (6 opposed)
• Result of vote: 50 for approving resolution as it stands, 15 opposed.
• Resolution will be posted on GPSC website and announced in GPSC News.

19:19 Legislative Action Days
Paul Triulzi
• Legislative Action days put on by NAGPS in Washington, DC for students to lobby for issues relevant to graduate students
• Issues: Research funding, open access for publicly-funded research, student loan interest rates that are higher for graduate students than undergraduates, student visas that require international students to go to their home country to revalidate if they leave the US for any reason.
• Met with six NC representatives or their staff and one representative from NY.
• Next LADs in the spring, great opportunity to understand how gov’t works and to bring concerns to gov’t.

19:24 Results of YT Screening Committee Elections
• GA members elected to YT Screening Committee: Wei Han, BME; Renee Ragin, Literature; Vijeth Iyengar, Psychology and Neuroscience; Sahil Chaini, Nicholas School; Courtney Ramsey, Nursing (ABSN); Gwen Huynh, Cell Biology; Nayef Alkhawaldeh, MIDP
● Devin Bridgen, BME, nomination Wei Han, BME as chair; second by Jon Wright, Master of Engineering Management. Wei accepted nomination.
● Peter Gorman, Master of Public Policy, motion to close discussion and vote by confirmation, second by Devin Bridgen, BME.
● Wei Han confirmed as YT Screening Committee chair with no opposition.

19:29  Community Outreach Initiatives
Paul Triulzi

● GPSC does not have good record of community outreach in recent years
● Community outreach is good for your stress levels, community (and resume)
● Goal: 100% participation from GA, minimum of two hours
● Events will be posted on Facebook page and calendar, can promote events
● Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/103900379775148/
● Calendar: https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=q2cm06jlel7p7olgib4d57bn0o%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York
● GA members will be able to select events and validate participation
● End-of-year 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place individuals and schools
● Julie Wischer (MSN) is in charge of the Facebook page; request to join and she will approve it.
● Karl Cristie Figuracion (MSN) is in charge of the Google calendar. Other schools/groups can put their events on the calendar; email Karl Cristie to do so.
● Participation - form, possibly with picture of self at event, record of donation, honor system. Links and more details will be in GPSC News.

19:36  Caucus Meeting Funds
Abbe LaBella

● Caucus are encouraged to meet outside of GA meetings to accomplish tasks.
● Food/drinks will be reimbursed up to $15/person; minutes, and reimbursement form bust be submitted to be reimbursed.

19:39  New Issues/Announcements
General Assembly

● Hannah Ontiveros, History: what should be done if there are questions about what is going on in other caucuses? Colleen McClean will direct questions to the appropriate caucus.
● Jared Hodes, CEE: during bowling, there were comments that people wanted more events like that instead of the typical Thirsty Thursday.
● Gary Carbell, Global Health: night van rides are very strict; he has had issues not being able to take the van and it is problematic.
● Abbe - new director of parking and transportation just started, hopefully the caucus reaches out to him soon.
19:35 - 19:45 Officer Updates
Executive Board
- Countdown to Craziness - Saturday, 1 for one 1 special with ticket card
- For this game, everyone needs student ID, friends and family games will happen in the pre-ACC games. Correction: the guests for this game do not have to be students.
- Tiffany Wilson - when updating constituents, be sure to only distribute finalized documents, not draft documents. Contact Tiffany if you are unsure.

19:44 Caucus Breakout Session
Colleen McClean
- Colleen did contact committees, let her know if you still haven't heard from the committee you sit on.
- Caucus check-in: check in with group, review caucus plan document, discuss work and progress on tasks, assign new tasks.
- At this point the caucuses split off to work until 20:12.

20:12 Caucus Reports
Colleen McClean
- Laura Martens, Athletics Caucus: smoking currently allowed in Wallace Wade football stadium, new goal is to make stadium and GPSC tailgate non-smoking.
- Social committee - movie night on Thursday in CIEMAS (moved to Fuqua), 8:30 pm movie is Hocus Pocus.
- Shelly Harper, Social caucus - Trivia on Nov. 12th, hopefully on campus, want to have interdisciplinary teams.
- Jessica Lewis, Internal Action Caucus: want to meet with other caucus on sexual misconduct
- Peter Gorman, MPP: for issues that involve undergrads, is there a way to work with DSG?
- Colleen McClean: we are currently working on a DSG/GPSC liaison program; a goals document will be produced after the Nov. 11th GA meeting and work with DSG will commence soon afterwards.

20:18 Approval of Minutes and Adjournment
- Abhi Chhetri, Biochemistry motioned to approve previous meeting minutes and adjourn, second by Andrew Heiss, Public Policy (PhD)
- Minutes approved and meeting adjourned with no opposition

Next Meeting: November 11th at 6:30 pm in TSCHE Learning Hall. Caucus meeting with Happy Hour to follow!