GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017, Trent Semans Center for Health Educaiton (TSCHE),
Learning Hall Room 2050
Presiding Officer: Stephanie Stefanski, Vice-President
Minutes taken by: Kristin J. Wainwright, Executive Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Executive Board
Present
- Rashmi Joglekar, President
- Stephanie Stefanski, Vice President
- Ceri Weber, Attorney General
- Kristin J. Wainwright, Executive Secretary
- Joyce Zhang, Director of Finance
- Shengjie Xu, Director of University Affairs
- Will Barclay, Director of Advocacy
- Kendal L. McBroom, Director of Community Outreach
- Sara Stevens, Co-Director of Student Life
- Shaoqing Ge, Co-Director of Academic Programming
- Hannah Brown, Director of Communication

Absent
- Yash A. Dhumal, Co-Director of Academic Programming
- Dilani Logan, Co-Director of Student Life (Resigned)

Vacant board position
- Director of Operations

General Assembly

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GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017, Trent Semans Center for Health Education (TSCHE),
Learning Hall Room 2050
Presiding Officer: Stephanie Stefanski, Vice-President
Minutes taken by: Kristin J. Wainwright, Executive Secretary

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GA ATTENDANCE | 39 | 57 | 59 | 63

QUORUM is met: 63 in attendance out of 76 seated positions (82.89%).

18:30-18:35 Call to Order, Stephanie Stefanski, Vice President

18:35-18:40 Approval of 9/26 Meeting Minutes, Stephanie Stefanski

MOTION by Soli Shin, Nicholas School, to approve the September 26th, 2017, meeting minutes. Second Felix Nwogbo, Chemistry. Vote, motion passes, not abstentions or recusals. Minutes from the September 26, 2017 meeting approved.

18:40-19:00 Recap of 10/3 Executive Committee Meeting, Stephanie Stefanski, Shengjie Xu, Kendal McBroom, Hannah Brown

- Campout debrief: Disability access, numbers were short
- Potential new Co-Director for Student Life
- Hannah Brown, Director of Communications: GPSC Website
  - Very right tab, “Contact Us,” can fill out a survey that will send email to Exec, can directly contact us through the website.
- Exec meetings can be open, no food for visitors, email Stephanie if you’d like to attend, 7 to 8 pm to be open.
Shengjie Xu, Director of University Affairs:
- Everyone should be on a committee
- Will do summary reports, please fill out by Nov 7th.
- Template being designed to standardize the report across committees.
- What has started committee activities and first meetings? Most raised hands.
- New way to keep track of committee work… if you didn’t document it you didn’t do it.
- Implementing committee reports for whole academic year, twice a year to submit.
- Midterm, by the end of the semester, Nov 7th (1 week before last GA Meeting of the Fall).
  Opportunity to present work at Nov 14th GA meeting.
- Report in PDF template, sending out later tomorrow.
- Instruction on how to fill out form, title, format, etc.
- Content of report: Name, activities, internal or external committee, expectations, activities participated in, impact of activities for Graduate and Professional students.
- Suggestions and plan for the next semester.
Example of report (above). What you have planned for your committee outreach. Outcome of your event, number of people helped, % of graduate students engaged with for your activity.

- External committees, what events/issues discussed in your advisory committee? Meetings summary, decisions made. Information on what voting has been done.

- Seeking to archive our documents. If you want a reference letter, we can provide based on committee reports. Helps us to keep track of your progress.

- Follow the honor code.

**GPSC Community Outreach Event**

**Costume Clean-Up**

Date: Saturday, October 28th  
Where: Walltown Park, 1308 W Club, Blvd. Durham, NC 27705  
Time: 10am-12pm

In Partnership with the Walltown Neighborhood and Urban Hope

"Come out for community engagement, coffee, donuts, and to see who can pull off the best costume while caring for Mother Nature!"

For more information, contact: Kendal McBroom, kendal.mcbrroom@duke.edu

- Upcoming community outreach event. Wear your costume, clean up the park.
  - Contact Kendal McBroom or Stephanie Stefanski about the event for details.
  - Emily Ury, Biology, she is on the Community Outreach Committee, they made a FaceBook group page and a event. Please like the page, invite your friends to like the page.
• 5K, Sat Nov 4th, East Campus Look, Registration 7 am, 8 am race starts. $15 early registration, $20 day of. Will send out info and add to FaceBook events.

19:00-19:25 Smoke Free Campus Discussion, *James Davis, MD, Faculty*

**Duke Smoke Free Initiative**

James Davis, MD  
Medical Director, Duke Center for Smoking Cessation  
Director, Duke Smoking Cessation Program

**Team:**  
• Kushal Kadakia  
• Walid Salah  
• Gopi Neppala

• Dr. Davis: Interested in making Duke a smoke free campus, have tried a few times in the past. Interested in trying to put this through again. He is the leader of the Duke Smoke Free Initiative, Director of smoking cessation program at Duke. Supported by Dean Washington, want’s to be a part of the Healthy Duke Initiative. Price supports it as well. Conversations with Undergraduate Student Government, in the past strongly supported by Graduate and Undergraduate students. To go through, requires students to take the lead on it. He is working collaboratively with Graduate and Undergraduate Students. Will come up at the next GA meeting as a Resolution. He wants to see if we are interested in passing this as a Resolution.
Dr. Davis: 2/3 of ppl who smoke die from smoking related illness, he works in the Cancer Center and sees it up close. Most businesses are smoke free. We don’t want our student to be at a disadvantage against others who aren’t smoking. Thinks it’s reasonable to move Duke to a smoke free status.

Dr. Davis: This slide to make a point, 1,800 campuses have done this already.
Dr. Davis: Survey sent out earlier this year about smoking. Found 11% of Undergrads smoke, 7.9% of graduate students. 15% of international students smoke (higher range than they thought). International students, highest rate of wanting to quit, and highest rate to support a smoking ban.

Dr. Davis: Asked, would you be interested in quitting? 76% of international students. Most want to quit if they could.
Dr. Davis: Support for Duke to be smoke and tobacco free. Smoke free (combustable tobacco, black smoke), has carcinogens in it, causes disease, cancers. Other forms of tobacco without smoke don’t have a carcinogenic inflammatory load, are dangerous and addictive, but not as high. Chewing tobacco, 1% die. Smoking in a different league, 67% die. eCigarettes, largely unknown, looks like they have 5% of the carcinogens of cigarettes. Reluctant to ban everything bad, but smoking is in a different league. Want Duke to make an across the board statement to put behind a healthy initiative to ban smoke, but not ban what isn’t as bad.

Action plan: Would like for students to take the lead on this. Students have been taking the lead on this. This is the next step, to bring it to the Graduate and Undergraduate Assembly.
• Dr. Davis: A few ways to do this. Talked to athletics, dining, and housing. Employees, 20% smoke, dining maybe 40% smoke. A lot needs to happen before a full on implementation. Goal of starting Fall of 2019. If students take the lead, pass a resolution to support a smoke free campus. Washington and Price, will put together a policy. Say they will put funding behind it. Some are in opposition of this (mainly faculty and staff, don’t want to give it up). But, weight of evidence against that.
Dr. Davis: Regarding enforcement, he called other schools who have done this. Emory, punitive enforcement in place. Got bad kickback from faculty and students (fined, expelled people, layoff employees). Punitive action. People feel strongly about this. Emory found people marched against it, were angry about it. Smoking is not illegal, but it’s an addiction. Some complexity here. For some International students it’s a cultural thing. They are spending time in International Houses to figure out how to address this. We will aim to be on the passive side of the spectrum, in policy manual, but don’t do anything else. Designated smoking areas doesn’t change the rates of smoking. Doesn’t work if passive. Won’t be perfect, no perfect answer for enforcement… punitive and passive are a problem. Want to put up signs, publicity, have a positive message, community-based enforcement (deputized), people who support a healthy endeavor, hand out a card to smokers. Not policemen, don’t carry guns. Cards have treatment information on them, nagging, harassment. It’s active, can have an immediate impact. Not everyone will be dissuaded, not perfect.

**PROPOSED POLICY**

The proposed policy would ban the use of all combustible forms of tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, hookah etc.) but not e-cigarettes or chewing tobacco.

Smoking kills 67% of smokers, Spit tobacco kills < 1%, e-cig mortality is unknown.

The FDA is now promoting e-cigarettes as a way to help smokers get off cigarettes.

Dr. Davis: Want to ban combustable forms of tobacco on campus. We sell tobacco products on campus, university is not tobacco free, the hospital is tobacco free. What we want to do with athletics, etc. Outreach, will do a great deal of outreach.

**Enforcement**

*Non-Punitive…vs. Punitive*

- “Enforcement will follow principles aligned with the understanding that smoking is an addiction”

- Delegation of Health Champions:
  - Carry cards with Quit Resource information
  - Tasked with handing cards out to smokers that they see on campus

- Announcements, signage, large PR campaign with positive messaging
H. Shapoodi, International Management, former smoker. Saw friends have success with eCigarettes, but not available on campus easily at Duke. Is it possible to promote eCigarettes on campus? To help people wean themselves off?
  o Dr. Davis: FDA initiative to increase palatability of eCigarettes, decrease palatability of regular cigarettes. This is in line with the FDA. Some political entities on campus are strongly against eCigarettes. He’d love to see something like he suggested, talked with Kyle Kavanaugh (employee health), he suggested to make eCigarettes available to help employees stop smoking combustable cigarettes.

..., English, what do you want GPSC to do?
  o Stephanie Stefanski, Vice-President: Resolution sent out in email.
  o Rashmi Joglekar, President: GA has the power to pass a resolution, in support of a cause on campus. If approved it would be posted online, and shared. Voting on this resolution at the next meeting, to inform your vote for the next time. Will be work to do if the resolution is passed.
  o Dr. Davis: He reached out to students, faculty, administrators, to get a feel of the tone for tis. If students take the lead on this it will be more powerful. Just cause students pass a resolution, doesn’t mean it becomes policy. The resolution is a call to action, and administration can respond to it. They may not support it, but conversations with key people involved have been had, and there is support of this at top levels, which we haven’t had in the past, he thinks this resolution will have some traction.

Abby L., Cell Bio, with resources and tx resources, will they be subsidized? Will there be funding for treatment resources, treatment options for employees trying to quit?
  o Dr. Davis: Duke Smoking Cessation Clinic, he’s the Director of this. 30 people who provide services. Duke employees can get services at Employee Health, Julie Joyner, Director of Employee Health. Talked with her to build up resources. Bring support into employee and student health. Expect 2-4,000 for treatment. Would effect about 38,000 people. Would impact smoking rates for a lot of people. Beefing up those services. Have an informal agreement that this would have support from the administration.
  o So, the resources aren’t free?
Dr. Davis: employees and students have free access to resources. Treatment is free. To expand treatment resources, will have a handshake agreement that this will happen.

- Felix Nwogbo, Chemistry, would like to see the breakdown again of undergraduates, graduates, faculty, etc. what about off campus services? Collaboration wouldn’t be nice, accessibility on campus can be a challenge in some arenas. What’s the expected time commitment for students who would like to be involved?
  - Dr. Davis: Hard to park on campus, especially in the middle of the day. The employee cessation services are downtown, where it’s hardest to park. There are smoking cessation services at clinics all over the place, co-pay that insurance provides coverage for the service ($3 to $10 copay), meds paid for by insurance. Other treatment resources beyond what’s downtown.
  - Dr. Davis: Student time commitment: Asking RAs and students to be health advocates, get a stack of cards and hand out to smokers, 1-2 hour training in how to talk to someone in a civil way to give them the cards with treatment resources on them. Don’t expect it would be a major time commitment. Health Champions.

- ..., English: Powerpoint will be available?
  - Stephanie Stefanski, Vice-President: Yes, PPT is sent out before the next meeting.

- Abby L., Cell Bio: constituents who favor smoking zones over smoke free. What statistics does he have about smoke free?
  - Dr. Davis: Universities see different rates of change. The creation of smoke-free zones, or designated smoking areas, what would likely happen is that people smoke there, but it doesn’t decrease the incidence of smoking on campus. Over 2-3 years see a 50% reduction, that trickles down over time. Not a massive change. People will cheat, people will get around the laws. They would like a non-punitive approach, so the reduction won’t be as much as with a punitive approach. He will provide numbers about changes in smoking rates. 50% reduction in smoking with a smoke free ban, 11% smoking rate to 5.5% smoking rate.

- Matthew Draelos, MSTP, when he asked about smoking, did he just ask about tobacco? Or other combustibles? (Marijuana).
  - Dr. Davis: They asked about Ecig, hooka, cigars. Data on deaths due to marijuana is not what it is for tobacco. Marijuana is illegal. State supports that law, Duke has to be in support of that law. This won’t address that as it’s illegal. They didn’t ask about marijuana, but have an idea it’s a large number.

- Matthew D., with move to legalize marijuana, what to do?
  - Dr. Davis: Already a rule at Duke not to smoke marijuana, it’s illegal and we need to comply with these standards. General statement on illegal drug use and drug use as a whole. Univeristy complies with state law.

- Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm, Biomedical Engineering, in support of this, hopes this resolution is passed. Could you expand on the politics at play so we can understand this?
  - Kushal Kadakia, VP for Undergraduates at Duke, Junior. Policy question is important, lots of pieces and different groups. Meeting with different student groups, house council presidents, reception really positive so far. From administrative side, met with lots of administrators to get buy-in and inform a preliminary leadership council to try to make Duke smoke free. See harmonization of resources. Not a new idea, but has failed
previous years (dining, student groups clashing, etc.). Last year really trying to figure out what will work and improve the health of all members of the community.
  o Dr. Davis: the other part of this politics is the power to make University wide changes falls into the hands of very few people. They started by going right to the top to see if there was support there. Other groups with dining and housing, started with an outreach with groups had issues with before.
  o Kushal Kadakia: Washington and Price, previous schools helped in efforts to make campuses smoke free. Chance to make a lasting policy change.

- Ceri Weber, Attorney General: For people working on this initiative, what can people do to relieve their stress in another way?
  o Dr. Davis: Tom Zigathy (sp?), Dean of Student Health, looked at resources to help students quit, and working w/director of Transportation. Smoking is an addiction, hard to quit. Some degree of compassion he brings to this as he works with people trying to quit smoking. Wants to get people who are smoking into treatment and give them resources to quit. Some will view it negatively, but our motivation for doing this is to create something positive that respects that this is an addiction.
  o Kushal Kadakia: Community enforcement, part of the larger health Duke initiative, other wellness activities too. A lot of different factors coming together. It will be a long term project.

- Stephanie Stefanski, Vice President: We are over the allotted meeting time for this topic. Will call on 2 more people, rapid fire Q&A.

- Max, Music, what about the founding of Duke from money from tobacco?
  o Kushal Kadakia: Durham banned smoking on streets, things there is support from Duke.
  o Dr. Davis: Be careful in our messaging, don’t disparage our own history, didn’t realize historically that tobacco was bad for you. This is a response to data that we now understand that smoking is lethal.

- Rashmi Joglekar, President: With the community element, what’s the etiquette for people to tell others to stop smoking?
  o Kushal Kadakia: Will have deputized as health champions. 41,000 people a year die from second hand smoke. Want it to be a community initiative.

- Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm, BME, would this go to the board of trustees? Who else does this have to go to?
  o Dr. Davis: Bringing together leadership from HR, athletics, etc., and ultimately goes up to the President and the Chancellor. Does’n think it needs to go to the board. They will say yes if they will enact the policy. Different issues with housing and athletics. Lots of subgroups with unique issues to address, will need to work to find a solution nfor everyone. They are making policy recommendations, and top university leadership will make the decision.

- Stephanie Stefanski, Vice-President: We will vote on this on the 31st.

19:20-19:30 Passing the Torch Discussion, Shaoqing Ge & Yash Dhumal
Shaoqing Ge, Co-Director of Academic Programming: Passing the Torch is a mentoring program at Duke, Passing the Torch. An undergraduate-graduate program that already exists on campus. Operated and Directed by the Women’s Center. Informal program, pairs of graduate and undergraduate students. Small pool of participants currently, trying to get us involved to help them market this program. She has fliers that can be posted. More information on the website. Spread the word on this program.

Mark Evans, Divinity, is this a female specific program?
- Shaoqing Ge: open to all Duke students.

Ryan Huang, Ecology, he already informally mentors an undergrad, is there a benefit to registering for this program like free lunches or something?
- Shaoqing Ge: No.

Rashmi Joglekar, President: No funding for free lunch, but you will get a free lunch if you do this.

Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm, BME: The Women’s Center is open to all genders, don’t be dissuaded by the name.

Reed Perry, Nicholas School, is there an application process? Can mentors still sign up?
- Shaoqing: The application is still open. Google “Duke, Passing the Torch,” there’s a link to Register. The flyer has the link on it too.

J. Biochemistry: Are there any requirements for the degrees (PhD or Masters)?
- Shaoqing Ge: No, you will be the mentor as a Graduate student, but not requirements like that.

J. Biochemistry: How do they pair people with mentees?
  - Stephanie Stefanski: Their target is 25, but they will probably be glad to have more. The Women’s Center does the matching.
  - Rashmi Joglekar: There is a limit, they only have capacity to monitor 50 students, first come first serve basis. Matching system, depends on the match. It is competitive.

Chris (?), German: He’s in the program already and has a mentee. Do they keep track of people from the year before for Passing the Torch? He’s still meeting with his mentee, but not sure if
they are still in the program. He hasn’t heard anything this academic year. How long does the project track it for pairs from previous years?
  - Rashmi: E-mail the Women’s Center to find out if they still consider them a part of it or not. Flyers at the front.

19:30-19:40  Advocacy Update, Will Barclay, Director of Advocacy

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- Will Barclay, Director of Advocacy: Delegation to DC, Legislative Action Days, put together by NAGPS. They educate you on a platform, you advocate for that platform. Usually we take our own platform as well. The took 7 students to the event this year, there are some people here today who went on the trip; Shaoqing Ge was the first international student to go.
  - Slide above with the NAGPS platform, come talk to him after the meeting if you are interested in this and want to learn more.
    - First issue they addressed was: Higher education function, increasing transparency for educational goal reporting.
    - Title IX (Title 9) is the second issue they advocated for, tried to put restrictions on Title IX issues in the Spring, was abandoned. Campus accountability and safety act, expansion of resources to address issues related to Title 9 (sexual harassment) before it becomes an issue. Increasing penalty for university’s who violate Title 9. In opposition of this.
    - Also represented GPSC issues: Increasing NIH and NSF research funding. Andrew George, move NIH to nondiscretionary budget next to defense. Burr writes a letter to support NIH budget every year. Most NC representatives advocate for increasing this budget.
    - Student VISA reform, domestic renewal of F-type VISAS. H1-B visa administration, effects a lot of graduate students as they try to pursue careers.
      - Slide above showed the schedule and who they met with (Burr, Tillis, Butterfield, Price, Rouzer, Alma Adams).
- Rashmi Joglekar: When are you going again?
  - Will Barclay: Spring, usually in March (waiting for NAGPS to announce dates).

19:40-19:50 New Co-Director of Student Life Election, Stephanie Stefanski

Sarah Alkilany (Alkaline) to SLC Co-chair

About me:
- Duke University School of Medicine (MD 2020)
- GPSC Representative yr 2

Experience:
- SLC member yr 2
- NYC nightlife promoter
- Student Life Committee and Campus Preview Weekend Committees (MIT)
- Massive Blue Devil fan

Sarah(h) Campaign 2017!

- Delani’s resignation email, semester abroad. Delani not planning to come back for the Spring.
- Introduction from Sarah Alkilany, nominated by Rashmi Joglekar, President, for the Co-Director of Student Life

MOTION to vote, Ryan Huang, Ecology, Dani G. GLS, second. Vote. Motion passes, no abstentions or recussals. Sarah Alkilany is the new GPSC Co-Director of Student Life.
• Reminder, tailgate Saturday.

19:50-20:20 One Duke Access Fund (ODAF)/GPSC Emergency Travel Fund Updates, Jason Lee

GPSC ODAF Committee (5+2)

• Chair:
  • Jason Lee, Nicholas School, MEM
• Director of Marketing / Communications:
  • Jewel Scott, School of Nursing, PhD
• Director of Operations:
  • Saketh Vinnakota, Pratt School of Engineering, MEM
• Director of Fundraising:
  • Travis Daufwetter, Sanford School of Public Policy, PhD
• Director of Fundraising / Operations:
  • Math Ruis, Nicholas School, PhD
• 2 ex-officio members:
  • Rashmi Joglekar, GPSC President
  • Kendall McBroom, GPSC Director of Outreach

• Jason Lee, Chair of GPSC ODAF Committee: ODAF began as a pilot, they formed a steering committee for the future direction of the fund. How an we improve on issues for deficiencies? Committee members listed above. Saketh graduates in December. Ex-officio members (don’t vote).

ODAF Design

• Any graduate or professional student
• Applications the first week of the month
• $10,000 per academic year
• 6x $200 grants once a month:
  • 3 for food, 1 for professional wardrobe, 1 for travel, 1 for school supplies
  • Randomized selection
  • Provide netID and uniqueID
  • Administered by GPSC President
• Receive cash cards from UCAE
• Email receipts to ODAF gmail account

• Jason Lee: Overview of ODAF last year. Anyone could apply. Random selection of who got grant, went to UCAE to get their gift card. Administered by Marcus Benning (last years GPSC President), receipts sent to ODAF gmail account. He can answer questions if you have them, reach out to him.
GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017, Trent Semans Center for Health Education (TSCHE), Learning Hall Room 2050
Presiding Officer: Stephanie Stefanski, Vice-President
Minutes taken by: Kristin J. Wainwright, Executive Secretary

- Jason Lee: The committee evaluated what happened with the fund, ran for 6 months (December everyone away). Only 43% applied within the window. Gave out 36 grants, 4 never picked up, 1 emailed to the wrong person (wrong NetID).

- Jason Lee, Chair of the GPSC Emergency Travel Fund: Changed the name to GPSC Emergency Travel Fund.

- Jason Lee: Fund is meant for things you can’t plan, need a way to get home up high airline prices. Required to upload receipt as you apply for the grant. The process is outlined below…
Jason Lee: This figure shows plane ticket prices, if someone has an unexpected personal emergency the cost for tickets can be quite high. The GPSC Emergency Travel Fund is meant to be a way to help defray those costs.
• Jason Lee: Issues observed with ODAF. Clear name now, reimbursement only, true emergencies, short notice travel, doubled the application window, confidentiality (big contention point). Anonymity and confidentiality, only 2 people on committee who will know who is applying, will use anonymous email, not personal email account. Will only use the GPSC email. Fewer people applied over time. Someone specifically designated for outreach now. Limited reach, can only help so many people. Limited to emergency travel. How to help others? Those who need food? Redirect to the GPSC Food Pantry, partnership between the 2 initiatives. Half the amount of the ODAF, pilot program, 5 months of grants (roll over from last year). Will see how many people apply, etc, if need to scale them up or down, expect it will be more sustainable than ODAF

• Jason Lee: Want to expand and restructure the committee. Two Directors of Operations, want a 2nd Director of Fundraising.
• Jason Lee: They have enough money for 11 grants
  • Mark Evans, Divinity: Two questions: There is a focus on airline specific travel, can it be for anything other than air? For example, car rental?
    o Jason Lee: Open for anything, just had airline travel as an example. Can be any travel above $200.
  • Mark Evans, Divinity: If the ticket is below $200, can it be combined with other things to get to the $200 threshold?
    o Jason Lee: The committee hasn’t yet discussed this.
    o Travis Dauwalter, GPSC ETF Committee Director of Fundraising: No thoughts. Trying to recognize that people are trying to get a long distance quickly, expensive if book within two weeks of flight. Idea behind making sure they spend $200 for travel, want to make sure $200 is being used to offset the travel costs. Possible that an aggregate could be considered, but the committee has to talk about it.
• Shenjie Xu, Director of University Affairs: Question about selection process, since it’s randomized, how can you make sure it’s for something that’s an emergency?
  o Jason Lee: Wrestled with this, ideally only for a personal emergency, ways to tackle this: make sure it’s recent and on short notice. Usually can plan some things in advance (Spring break, wedding, etc.). Expect a spike in ticket prices, not wise for you to gamble if it’s random. So, if something people can plan for not a true emergency. May get people who aren’t having a true emergency, but this was the best way to ensure people are accountable and use the money as intended. No way to really know 100% that it’s only for personal emergencies.
• Ceri Weber, Attorney General: How will this grow and expand over time?
  o Jason Lee: He’s graduating next year, experimental. Hopefully Travis Dauwalter will still be involved. It’s a pilot, will see how it goes and adjust as they can. They are figuring it out, are open to suggestions on how to improve. Planning to start Nov 1st with their first grant, will come back to the GA in the Spring to tell us how it’s going.
• Meg Fee, Sanford School: With the 2 week window, is it leaving or coming back to NC? With a true emergency, not a priority to apply for money, lots to deal with time wise with some emergencies.
  o Travis Dauwalter: For two week thing, was so had two windows they could apply to. But, last thing on your mind with bereavement travel is to submit your boarding passes. Want input to see they are serving the needs of the community as they could. This seemed the best way to spend the money, but in terms of how they implement the project is flexible right now. Need input, and to see how it goes.
• Jason Lee: UCAE is flexible too, if you can’t pick it up right away they can keep it for you. It’s very experimental. Want it to be a rapid response emergency kind of thing wanted to keep it to two weeks, but open to changing it as they need to.

• Reed Perry, Nicholas School: Question about the potential misuse of funds. Is it worthwhile to do a pilot interview process at the end to ask grant recipients how the grant benefited them?
  - Jason Lee: Jewel Scott, GPSC ETF Committee Director of Marketing/Communications sent out a survey to the previous recipients to try to see how they funds were used. It’s a pilot, can’t survey everyone for bereavement travel, etc. follow up data will be helpful.

• Brian Crouch, BME: Is there a way to have anonymous feedback afterward to find out if it’s actually an emergency?
  - Jason Lee: That would give us useful data too.

• Felix Nwogbo, Chemistry: There will be a lot of data collection, who will oversee it, analyze it, use it for future campaigns?
  - Jason Lee: Only the Co-Directors of Operations will see this information. They will keep a master list of who applied, but only those people will see it. Jason asked for the stats.

• Ji… Biochemistry: Likes this idea, but how about international students? $200 isn’t a lot for international travel. How much will be given based on the original tickets?
  - Jason Lee: using cards from last year for this pilot, as they see the needs evolving can alter the program, but this is a pilot. They are amenable to changing the amount in the future but for now it’s $200.

• Rashmi Joglekar: About abusing the system, have to fill in why they are traveling, have to write out why. This will hopefully keep people from not abusing the system.

20:20-20:30 Updates, Announcements & GA Concerns

Petition Against New Bicycling Rules, Nikki Pelot

Petition against new bicycling rules

• **New rule**: cyclists must dismount for Abele Quad and Bryan Center Plaza
• **Issues**:
  - There is only one route that avoids stairs, construction zones, and excessive detours
  - Duke is discouraging cycling by making it less convenient to get across campus
• **Petition**:
  - Reconsider new regulations
  - Re-focus on options allow for cyclists and pedestrians to co-exist safely
  - Bit.ly/dukebikepetition
  - Questions? Contact Hannah at Hannah.Meredith@duke.edu

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bawtZxmzPTF2awrZ_2Ksq3bEiB9W5iEZs26nbxUgMYc

Nikki Pelot, 6th year BME PhD student, Bicycle Petition: There is a new rule where bikers must dismount on the quad. She has provided a link to a Google Doc with text on petition. The issues are usage of shared pathways, accessibility, increasing biking. She had a phone meeting, and
has a list of specific recommendations and suggestions to revise the rule they came up with. The Google doc was crowdsourced, and is not yet cleaned up. It presents ideas about changing signs, encouraging safe speed, etc. as well as intermediate solutions, one pathway pedestrian only, and one for shared usage.

- Text from Google Doc (NOTE, not yet edited, was crowdsourced):
  **Interested in making Duke’s transportation system more sustainable, safe, and environmentally friendly?** Come to Link Group Study Room 2 THIS TUESDAY, October 17th at 7:45pm for Duke Environmental Alliance’s “Transporting Duke to a Greener Future” meeting! Please contact Elliott Davis (esd14@duke.edu) with any questions. Thanks!

Intro
As announced on August 23rd in Duke Today [1], Duke University has instated new rules regarding usage of bikes on the Abele Quad [2]. Specifically, cyclists are required to dismount (unless on the road).

At a time when commutes on bicycle are on the rise nationally [3], Duke is taking a step backwards. Alternative transportation methods are encouraged worldwide for the sake of environmental protection, as well as for health and fitness. Duke generally supports alternative transportation, as demonstrated by its registered cyclist program, its Green Duke initiatives, and rent-a-bikes [no longer in existence - recently canceled]. However, Duke has suddenly placed disruptive restrictions on cyclists’ commutes on West Campus.

On our stair-filled campus, there is only often a single route between two buildings that avoids stairs, construction zones, and excessive detours. By closing off the main quad to cyclists, Duke is discouraging cycling and inciting frustration. Furthermore, people with certain types of injuries (knee issues, hip issues, rheumatic pain) find cycling a lot easier than speed-walking from class to class on our large campus, causing not only frustration, but actual physical pain and significant inconvenience.

We would like to petition Duke to reconsider the new regulations, and instead re-focus on bike and pedestrian safety education, while encouraging pedestrians and cyclists to co-exist with respectful and common sense interactions. Instead of penalizing all cyclists for passing through the Quad, establish a speed limit for cyclists and penalize those who are riding too fast. Similarly, one side of the quad’s paths could be for pedestrians only while the other side is open to both cyclists and pedestrians. There are numerous ways for cyclists to share the quad with pedestrians in a safe manner that also does not disrupt a cyclist’s commute.

[1] https://goo.gl/fsDvEw
[2] https://goo.gl/KqFazw

**Recommendations/suggestions for revising the new biking rules on Abele Quad**

1. Reverse the new rules.
2. Focus on education regarding safe usage of shared walkways.
   a. Bike at a safe speed.
   b. Call out “on your left” when passing a pedestrian.
   c. Ring bike bell when passing a pedestrian.
3. Change signs from dismount to reminders of safe usage of shared pathways.
4. Make pathway along West bus stop pedestrian-only during peak hours (e.g. weekdays).  
   "even this, I don’t think is necessary". Seconded on #4 not needed. Actually I think this might be an achievable outcome (i.e time restrictions).
5. Designate bike-only pathway along the length of the quad.
6. Bicyclists should strive to bike to the right, and pedestrians keep to the left, as a general rule.
7. Make 1 path on Abele quad pedestrians only, path on other side pedestrians + bikes

Other bike-related recommendations/suggestions on Duke’s campus

1. Improved lighting on campus roads (e.g., Duke University Road).
2. Additional bike racks.
3. Bike repair/tuning station(s)
4. Clearing of debris (e.g., tree branches) from campus roads. They tend to accumulate along the roadsides where bikers ride.
5. Repaving of Flowers from Trent to Erwin.
6. More locations to park bicycles with coverage from the rain. Especially near the library, Bryan center, and engineering quad.
7. Duke bus driver bicycle awareness program -- too many of the “close calls” between vehicles and cyclists occur because of seeming lack of awareness of bicycles on the campus roads on the part of the bus drivers, or of a seeming lack of knowledge of how to share the road with cyclists.
8. Street signage to leave at least 3’ when passing a cyclist.
9. Pedestrian awareness. txting/cellphone usage while walking.
11. Widen bike lane along Campus drive, especially between Alexander Ave. and Swift Ave.
12. Free rechargeable light sets and reflective vests instead of parking passes for bike commuters.
   - Counterpoint: Or buy your own lights and vest for next to nothing, and let bikers enjoy the occasional parking pass which is critical during rain, important car need day. Countercounter point: For folks that don’t drive to campus at all (even in the rain), parking passes are worthless. Also, decent lights and safety vest do not cost “next to nothing” for folks on very low budgets, of which there are many at Duke: staff such as janitors who may be supporting a family often bike, and students who are not on a stipend or who have lost their funding are also in a tough financial situation where dropping $30 or more on lights is not a trivial thing. Lights much cheaper when purchased in bulk, and having more lights circulating in the biking population means fewer trips will be made without them.
13. Bike highway (bicycle-only highway) connecting east and west campus.
14. Bike share / borrow (for the semester?) program (most recent one was canceled after DSG pulled their portion of the funding). “Despite these statistics, several senate members called into question the program’s utility on campus, arguing that campus is not particularly bike-friendly,” http://www.dukechronicle.com/article/2017/01/dsg-discontinues-funding-zagster-debates-alcohol-amnesty-policy-in-wednesday-meeting
15. Covered and lighted bike parking
   - Email Nikki with questions, nikki.pelot@duke.edu
   - Executive committee is thinking about having time to discuss transporation issues on campus

Proposed/Draft Resolution on Importance of Anonymous Reporting for Graduate & Professional Student Harrassment, Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm

- Interested in an anonymous reporting system and a GPSC resolution for a system for anoynymous reporting even without adjudication, to become aware of serial offenders, to foster conversations with GPSC behind it.
- Text from Oct 16, 2017 email attachment:
Observing that 2% of male graduate and professional students and 7% of female graduate and professional students reported being a victim of sexual assault since enrolling at Duke per the Duke Student Experience Survey; and

Realizing that 41% of male-identifying graduate and professional students and 52% of female-identifying graduate and professional students don’t understand Duke’s procedure for responding to sexual assault and procedures for reporting per the Duke Student Experience Survey; and

Taking into consideration that a majority of graduate and professional student women do not report sexual assault to an official per the Duke Student Experience Survey; and

Observing that currently graduate and professional students must navigate complicated reporting processes depending on who the respondent is, including the Duke Office of Student Conduct and the Office for Institutional Equity, which includes responding without a formal complaint through the informal resolution process, a complaint going through the informal procedure, and a complaint going through the formal procedure; and

Having studied responses to the survey, “Feedback on Duke’s Reporting Culture”, conducted by Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) from 2016 that indicate over 40% of survey participants answered yes to “Have you ever felt victimized/mistreated?”; and

Realizing that the WiSE survey responses show that only 6% of survey participants would be willing to report behavior of the person or people who made the survey respondent feel victimized to their Director of Graduate Studies, 11% to their advisor, and 7% to another faculty member in their home department; and

Taking into consideration short-form answers of the WiSE survey, indications were made that students did not report victimizing behavior due to: fear of not being able to graduate, not being supported in general and by their advisor, and the reporting process not being worth the time and effort; and

Realizing that graduate and professional students identify the respondent as a faculty member more than four times as often as undergraduate students, and that the relationship to the respondent is identified as teacher or advisor more than three times as often than undergraduates per the AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct; and

Emphasizing the national recognition of more than half of sexual harassment cases involving faculty harassers are serial harassers; and

Understanding the associated fear with reporting problematic behavior of general harassment, discriminatory harassment, and sexual harassment; and

Resolved, that the Graduate and Professional Student Council
1. Urges the Duke Administration to understand the drastic under-reporting of general harassment, discriminatory harassment, and sexual harassment of graduate and professional students that is likely occurring; and
2. Urges the Duke Administration to understand the distrust of faculty in students’ home departments due to fear of repercussions; and
3. Urges the Duke Administration to consider the emotional, psychological, and potentially career altering weight of going through formal reporting channels through the Office for Institutional Equity, Office of Student Conduct, or police; and
4. Urges the Duke Administration to work with the Office for Institutional Equity to create an anonymous reporting system for graduate and professional student harassment, realizing that adjudication may not result from anonymous reports, but serial offenders may be identified through this method; and
5. Urges the Duke Administration and Office for Institutional Equity to act swiftly in adopting a model of DukeReach more suited for graduate and professional student harassment needs; to both serve the community as soon as possible, but also have a viable mechanism for measuring outcomes of the Duke IDEAL in the graduate and professional student population.

Introduced by Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm, General Assembly representative for Biomedical Engineering
- Felix Nwogbo, Chemistry: Working with council presidents and previous WISE (?) co-Presidents, have done a lot to try to understand the reporting processes. Duke Reach.
  - Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm: On committee for WISE (SP?) designed for if you are concerned about an undergraduate student who may need help. Couldn’t figure out a way to parse this out. Proposed a retooling of Duke Reach that better fits this circumstance.
- Felix Nwogbo: Duke Reach hasn’t really been advertised that way.
  - Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm: Most don’t want to formally file a complaint, but want to report the issue. Resolution is in the email.
- Ceri Weber, Attorney General, Point of Order: If someone wants to motion to extend the meeting.
  - Felix Nwogbo, Point of Inquiry: Can we see the hands of who wants to vote on this or has looked at the resolution? Not many. Will vote on later.

Thank you!

See you at the next meeting
October 31st @ 6:30 PM
TSCHE Learning Hall
Arrive by 6PM for dinner!

Interested in presenting an issue at an upcoming meeting?
E-mail Stephanie, Stefanski@duke.edu
Vice President, GPSC

- Please come on the 31st, we need quorum.
MOTION by Meg Fee, Sanford to adjourn the meeting. Abdul… deve stem cell biology, Second. Vote. Motion passes, no abstentions or recussals. Meeting adjourned at 20:32.