



# GPSC General Assembly Meeting

1/19/2016

TSCHE Learning Hall 2050

Presiding Officer: Connie Chai

Refreshments: Breanna Kalmeta

Minutes taken by Kristin J. Wainwright, Executive Secretary.

## 1840 Call to Order

Quorum is met, 67 out of 100 seated members ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of the seated members required for quorum).

## 18:30 - 18:35 Best Team Recognition, Connie Chai and General Assembly

Connie Chai, Vice President: Thank you to prior executive board members, Stephanie Reist, Hants Williams, and Jon Wright; to Rachel Karasik and Jaqueline Robinson-Hamm for helping with the Sexual Misconduct Task Force; and to Hunter Rudd and Rachel Rothendler for their event planning.

Rachel Rothendler, Director of Student Life: Announcements of events, encouraged to attend tailgates and basketball games.

### Winter Formal

- Ga members \$5 + \$12 for guest, \$16 at the door if not registered before next Wed
- See tabling times below

**WINTER FORMAL**

- GA Members: \$5 + \$12/guest (CASH ONLY) – come see us after the GA meeting or at one of our tabling times:
  - - Wed. 1/20, 12-2pm at Twinnie's Cafe
  - - Thurs. 1/21, 5:15-6:30pm at the Med School (Trent Semans Center by the Jo Rae Cafe)
  - - Fri. 1/22, 11:15am-12:30pm at Fuqua (Fox Center)
  - - Fri. 1/22, 12:30-2pm at the Nic School (Environment Hall, 2nd floor)
  - - Mon. 1/25, 3:30-5pm at Van der Heyden Pavilion
  - - Tues. 1/26, 11:15am-12:30pm at Fuqua (Fox Center)
- At the door, it will be \$16 for everyone, so register before next Wednesday!
- We have 13 co-sponsors so far!!!
- Remember to send the info out to your constituents and newsletters.
- Invite your friends to the Facebook event!
- Other Student Life updates:
  - Student life co-sponsorships of your events!!!
  - Upcoming events

## 18:35 - 18:40 Approval of Last GA Meeting Minutes, General Assembly

*Prior meeting minutes approved.*

## 18:40 - 18:45 Recap of Exec Committee Meeting, Connie Chai

## 18:45 - 19:00 New Exec Committee Members Introduction and Approval, Connie Chai

Kristin Wainwright, Executive Secretary  
Breanna Kalmeta, Director of Operations  
Hunter Rudd, Co-Director of Student Life

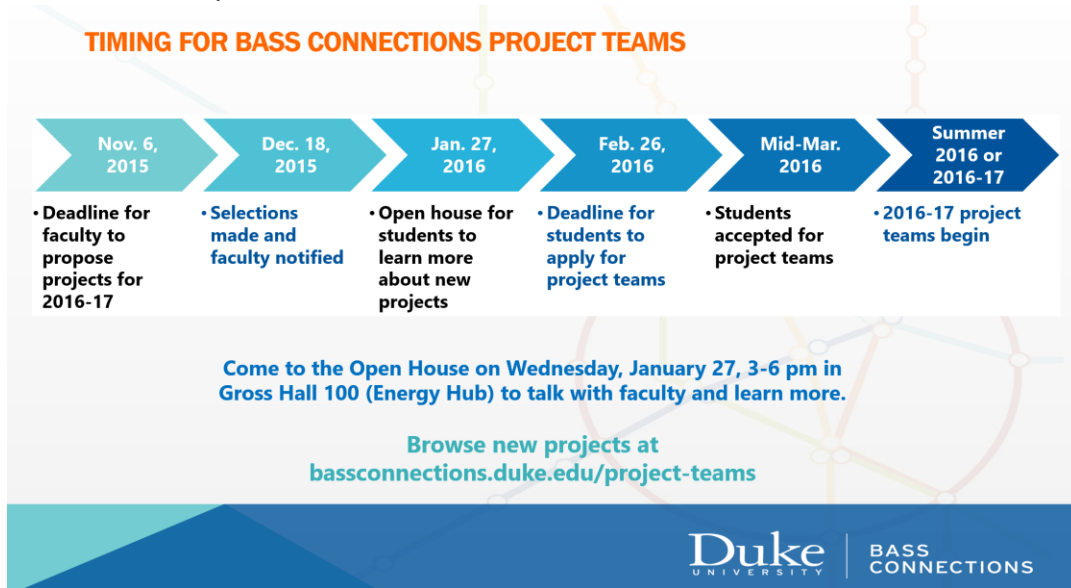
Discussion regarding selection process for new executive board members.

Allison Saito: Motion to close discussion. Second. Vote: 57 for, no objections. Motion passes.

Allison Saito: Motion to approve all three for the executive roles. Second. Vote: 56 for, no objections. Motion passes.

**19:00 - 19:15 Bass Connections Panel**

Hallie Knuffman, Director, Administration and Program Development, Bass Connections  
 Brittney Sullivan, Nursing PhD, Global Health Certificate  
 Hanzhang Yu, Nursing PhD  
 Ashton Merck, History PhD



Open house Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 3-6 pm. Feel free to contact Hallie with questions, check their website.

Discussion

Bass has funding for teams. Teams run for about one year, approximately 10 hours/week (varies depending on time of year). Workload equivalent to a class, may be able to get course credit. Budgets are negotiated with the team, may vary from budget to budget, not a standard amount.

**19:15 - 19:25 Spring Semester Overview, Connie Chai**

Month	Date	Type	Time	Location
January	1/19/2016	General Assembly	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TSCHE Learning Hall 2050
February	2/2/2016	General Assembly	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TSCHE Learning Hall 2050
February	2/16/2016	General Assembly	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TSCHE Learning Hall 2050
February	2/23/2016	Retreat	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Bryan Center Von Canon
March	3/1/2016	General Assembly	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	TSCHE Learning Hall 2050

March	3/22/2016	General Assembly	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TSCHE Learning Hall 2050
April	4/5/2016	General Assembly	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TSCHE Learning Hall 2050

### Important Dates

#### 2/2/16 Young Trustee Elections, during GA meeting

- Abhi Chhetri, Attorney General: During GA meeting, typically 3 finalists give 5 min presentation and answer questions for 5 minutes, GA representatives who have attended or supplied a proxy to a majority of the GA meetings prior to the election may vote (proxies may not vote during elections), simple majority rule, instant run-off method
- Video on Instant Run-Off: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SLQXNpzsk>
- Update on Young Trustee Selection, Hunter Rudd, Co-Chair of Young Trustee Screening Committee
  - Nominee names released to Chronicle's Facebook page: Seth Brown, Kelly Ryan Murphy, and Christopher Paul. Alternate, Kevin Anderson Jr.
  - All 3 acknowledged willingness to continue, their application packets will be forwarded to GA between now and Feb 2nd.

#### 2/23/16 GPSC GA Retreat, 6-8:30 pm, Bryan Center Von Canon rooms

- Attendance is OPTIONAL
- Dinner will be served
- Several caucuses will present (Connie will send Qualtrics survey to select who will present)
- Attendees will include administrators, deans, other student leaders, GA reps, etc.

#### 3/22/16 Spring Elections for GPSC Exec Committee and Board of Trustees Standing Committee

- Recruitment/info sessions start in mid to late February (coffee chats, info. sessions, etc.)
- Exec Secretary will call for nominations at least 2 weeks prior, candidates may self-nominate
- Candidates typically present 5 min, answer questions for 5 min
- Simple majority vote, instant run-off, vote using secret ballot

### **19:25 - 19:35 Election Procedures Refresher, Abhi Chhetri**

#### Voter Eligibility

- § VII.6.B – Responsibilities of the General Assembly
- “ In order to vote in the Young Trustee or Spring Elections, a Member of the General Assembly must have attended, or supplied a proxy to, a simple majority of the Assembly meetings prior to the Election”
  - “Members ... who have been seated for less than 3 meetings prior to an election will be eligible to vote at the discretion of the Executive Secretary and Attorney General”
- Proxies are NOT eligible to vote
- Eligible voter list created by Kristin Wainwright, Exec Secretary & Abhi Chhetri, Attorney General. New reps, or if you have questions about eligibility, talk to Kristin or Abhi

#### Election Process

- § X.5: “The Assembly shall, by a simple majority vote rule, using an instant run-off voting method, select one of the finalists to serve as the Council’s nominations for Young Trustee.”
- Custom – (note, this does not have to be followed)
  - 5 min. speech, 5 min. Q&A with each candidate
  - Secret ballots, instant run-off
  - Order of speeches chosen randomized
  - 10 min. of closed session discussions
- Based on RONR 10 Ed. §46.425.10

Colleen McClean: Propose to discuss closed session discussions during elections.

Travis Knoll: Motion to discuss we eliminate the closed session and extend time for them to speak. Allison Saito: Objection, division demanded (vote on them separately).

Travis Knoll: Motion to discussion election, 5 min preliminary discussion with a motion to continue. Second. Motion passes.

Discussion regarding elections, pros/cons of different perspectives.

Jose Vargas-Muniz: Motion to extend the discussion. Second. Vote, motion passes. Discussion continues.

Rachel Karasik: Motion to extend the discussion. Second. Allison Saito: Objection, requested a count. Vote (using plaques): 22 for, 33 against. Motion fails.

Colleen McClean: Point of order. Motion to table this discussion and to include questions of this nature in the voting survey to come out from the Integrity caucus, and to come up with a procedure to approve before young trustees meeting. Shengije Xu: Second. Allison Saito: Objection. (picks up below)

Discussion regarding ways to close a meeting during an election (to include general public, etc.), to extend time to speak or not.

Abbe LaBella, President: Currently meetings are open, we would need to actively close a meeting to a certain group of people. Don't need to make a motion. Recommends for now we do a vote on recommendations for time allotments for elections.

Allison Saito: Objection withdrawn (from motion above).

Colleen McClean: Point of order, do we want the candidate in the room or not?

Discussion: May do with the Integrity Caucus survey. May want to vote on times today so that candidates know the amount of time they have to speak.

Travis Knoll: Motion to vote on clarifying the status of if candidates can leave the room or not.

Motion on the floor: (Colleen McClean: Motion to table this discussion and to include questions of this nature in the voting survey to come out from the Integrity caucus, and to come up with a procedure to approve before young trustees meeting. Shengije Xu: Second.) Vote. Motion fails.

Motion on the floor: (Travis Knoll: Motion to make the session open to the candidates.) Second. Allison Saito: Clarification. Colleen McClean: To allow candidates to be present. Vote, motion fails. Jonathan Bowes: Move to have a count vote. Anastasia Gant: Request to clarify. Clarification: Vote on if candidate may be present during the discussion. Count vote: 28 for, 35 opposed. Motion fails.

Patrick Flowers: Motion to amend to extend the time that candidates are allowed so that candidates are prepared for our next meeting. Propose the time is 10 min for speech and up to 10 min for Q&A. Discussion.

Kevin Gallin: Motion to extend time on agenda item for 8 minutes. Second. Vote: None against. Motion passes.

Colleen McClean: Point of clarification on the motion, there is the time for the speech, time for Q&A, and time for candidate. Discussion.

Ryan Huang: Motion to amend to 5 min speech, 10 for Q&A. Allison Saito: Second. Vote. Motion passes.

Diego Calderon-Arrieta: Second (5 min speech, 10 for Q&A). Vote, motion passes.

Thus, there will be 5 minutes for speeches, 10 minutes for Q&A. Time for discussion of the candidate, in or out of the room, has not yet been decided.

### **19:35 - 20:00          Caucus Time and Sharing, General Assembly**

Rapid fire sharing from each caucus: Parking (especially with regards to notices for class cancellations), Duke Engage for graduate students, roadmap on how the GA operates, continuation fees for graduate students, voting survey, image of GPSC, reaching out to diversity leaders, a mentorship survey, health insurance.

Send a sentence to Connie Chai from each caucus to include on the Qualtrics Survey for the retreat speakers.

### **20:00 - 20:10          Student Health Insurance Update, Abbe LaBella**

## Duke Student Health Insurance

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- 2014-2015 Plan was 14% premium increase
- Currently have a Platinum plan
- Rate increases likely to be 20-40% for 2016
- Rate increase could mean changes in % premium coverage for graduate students
- Duke has hired a consultant and is asking for insurance companies to bid on multiple types of plans
- These mock plans range in coverage and are designed to give us the widest range of choices
- Using **survey answers**, a town hall and input from student representatives the **Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee** will recommend a plan to Larry Moneta

#### Discussion

Waiting for bids to come back from the hired consultant. Clarifications regarding payments. Attempts to see where the budgeted can be changed (ex. Give up child care subsidies, or travel, etc.). Getting bids now for the Gold and Platinum plans. For student vs. employee plans – we are NOT an employee, with that comes some benefits/detractors, student status is given before before employee status. Contact Abbe with questions, or attend town hall meeting.

### **20:10 - 20:20          National Conference Update, Chase Nunez**

- Summarized meeting (information sessions, General Assembly, etc.)
- Duke is a legacy member, thus we are a voting member for life, we may vote/lobby for legislative agendas for Duke and all grad students
- Duke is hiring a professional lobbying firm, legislative action items include:
  - Reunify grad/undergrad loan rates, reinstate in-school subsidies
  - Domestic revalidation of student F class visas
  - Open access to publically funded research
  - Predictable/sustained funding for science, arts, and humanities
  - Immigration reform for international students
- Andrew George, new Southeast Regional Chair
- Next Legislative Action day is March 12-14<sup>th</sup>
- Contact Chase Nunez with questions

### **20:20 - 20:30          Updates/Questions/Wrap-up, General Assembly**

- Do the Mid-Year GPSC GA Survey:
  - <http://tinyurl.com/GPSCGA2016> or [https://duke.qualtrics.com/jfe6/form/SV\\_3Jip3pG2asxWRSZ](https://duke.qualtrics.com/jfe6/form/SV_3Jip3pG2asxWRSZ)

- Rachel and Hunter, stay after the meeting to register for the Winter Formal.
- Rachel Karasik, Sexual Misconduct Task Force update

**20:23 Meeting Adjourned**

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**Attendance**

Executive Board

Present

- Abigail LaBella, President
- Connie Chai, Vice-President
- Abhishek Chhetri, Attorney General
- Kristin J. Wainwright, Executive Secretary
- Malcolm Bonner, Director of Finance
- Breanna Kalmeta, Director of Operations
- Andrew George, Director of Advocacy
- Rachel Rothendler, Director of Student Life
- Hunter Rudd, Director of Student Life
- Sasha Makohon-Moore, Director of Community Outreach
- Vijeth Iyengar, Director of Academic Programming
- Yuqian Shi, Director of Communications

Absent

1. Allison Roder, Director of University Affairs

General Assembly

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
	<u>Swiped In</u>		
1	Johnathan Bowes	Bioethics MS Co-Rep (with Olivia Cap)	Present
2	Troy Templin	Biomedical MEng	Present
3	Justin Wood	Physician's Assistant	Present
4	Nabil Mekouar	MBA	Present
5	Seaver Wang	Earth and Ocean Sciences	Present
6	David Miller	Electrical and Computer Engineering MS	Present
7	Matt Conley	MBA	Present
8	Colleen McClean	Medical Scientist Training	Present
9	Rachel Karasik	Environmental Management	Present
10	Alyson Hoffman	Bio Chem PhD	Present
11	Banafsheh Sharif-Askary	MD	Present
12	Diego Calderon-Arrieta	Environmental Management	Present
13	José Vargas-Muñiz	Molecular Genetics and Microbiology	Present
14	Nicole Ball	Medical Physics	Present
15	Holt Baker	Law JD	Present
16	Shengjie Xu	Immunology Co-Rep (with Sumedha Roy)	Present
17	Ryan Prendergast	Music	Present

18	Jill Hattaway	Developmental and Stem Cell Biology	Present
19	Rachael Zdeb	Physical Therapy	Present
20	Lei Tang	Mechanical Engineering	Present
21	Stephanie Pagliuca	MD	Present
22	Julie Martin	Psychology and Neuroscience	Present
23	Andrea Walens	Molecular Cancer Biology Co-Rep (with Lifeng Yuan)	Present
24	Richard Gittings	Public Policy MPP	Present
25	Jake Guo	Economics MS	Present
26	Xiaoshu Bei	Business Administration PhD	Present
27	Lidea Shahidi	Electrical & Computer Engineering PhD	Present
28	Patrick Flowers	Chem PhD	Present
29	Adrienne Krone	Religious Studies	Present
30	Kevin Gallin	English	Present
31	Christopher Daley	Cultural Anthro Co-Rep (with Jake Silver)	Present
32	Allison Saito	Econ PhD Co-Rep (with Peter Horvath)	Present
33	Karoline Johnson	Civil and Environmental Engineering	Present
34	Matthew Biegler	Neurobiology	Present
35	Christopher Boswell	Divinity	Present
36	Alan Zambeli-Ijepovic	MD	Present
37	Ryan Campbell	Bio PhD	Present
38	Bryce Gessell	Philosophy	Present
39	Lydia Greene & Ryan Huang	Ecology Co-Reps	Both Present
40	Michelle Tang	MD	Present
41	Friedolin Merhout	Sociology	Present
42	Patricia Bass	Art, Art History and Visual Studies PhD	Present
43	Ryan Costello	Management Science	Present
44	Vedant Balasaria	Management Science	Present
45	Asli Unal	Biomedical Engineering PhD Co-Rep (with Brian Crouch)	Present
46	Rui Dai	MD	Present
47	Anastasia Gant	Chem PhD	Present
48	Rebecca Gentile	Law JD	Present
	<u>Signed in On Paper</u>		
49	Jonathan Ng (Proxy for Stephany Yang)	Law JD	Present
50	Dipesh Gautam	MS Stats and Econ Modeling	Present
51	Michael Eggleston	Physics Co-Rep (with Justin Raybern)	Present
52	Seth Sykora-Bodie (Proxy for Stacy Zhang)	Marine Science	Present
53	Katherine Amsden	Medicine	Present
54	Adrian High (Replacing John Aldrup-MacDonald)	Classical Studies	Present
55	Heather Allewelt (Replacing Godfrey Chery)	Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP)	Present

56	Shaoqing Ge (Kristin Wainwright moved to Executive Secretary)	Nursing PhD	Present
57	Katy Hansen (Proxy for McKenzie Johnson)	University Program in Environmental Health (UPEP) Co-Reps (with David Kaczan)	Present
58	Alexis Meister	Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	Present
59	Lee Elizabeth Edsall	Genetics & Genomics (UPGG)	Present
60	Puneet Chehal	Public Policy (PhD)	Present
61	Meirzhan Myrzaliyev	Masters International Development Policy (MIDP) Sandford School of Public Policy	Present
62	Allie Sterling	Physician's Assistant	Present
63	Travis Knoll	History	Present
64	Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm	Biomedical PhD	Present
65	Martin Dawson	German	Present
66	Alyssa Granacki	Romance Studies	Present
67	Rashmi Joglekar	Integrated Toxicology & Environmental Health (ITEHP) Nicholas School	Present
	<u>Unsure of Status</u>		
1	Chase Nunez	Nicholas School PhD, Rep?	Present
	<u>Guests</u>		
1	Brittany Sullivan	Bass Connections Panel	Present
2	Hanzhang Xu	Bass Connections Panel	Present
3	Hallie Knuffman	Bass Connections Panel	Present
4	Ashton Merck	Bass Connections Panel	Present
	<u>Resigned</u>		
1	Sylvia Yang	MBA	Resigned before meeting.
2	Kenley Stark	Law, JD	Resigned before meeting.
3	Aziz Jawadwala	Engineering Management	Resigned before meeting (Graduated Dec 2015)
4	Surhud Vaidya	Engineering Management	Resigned before meeting (Graduated Dec 2015)
	<u>Newly Seated</u>		
1	Sanjana Siva	Engineering Management	Newly seated, expect at next meeting.
2	Yijun Qian	Engineering Management	Newly seated, expect at next meeting.
	<u>Absent</u>		
1	Josephus Allmond	Law, JD	Absent, unexcused
2	Fatima Amiruddin	Management Science	Absent, unexcused
3	Kwabena Badu-Nkansah	Cell Biology	Absent, unexcused
4	Xiaoshu Bei	Business Administration	Absent, unexcused
5	Aleah Bowie	Evolutionary Anthropology	Absent, unexcused
6	Tong Cui & Xiaoxue Wang	Computer Science (MS/PhD) Co-Reps	Both Absent, unexcused
7	Noelle DeStephano & Jessica Lewis	Environment Co-Reps	Both Absent, unexcused
8	Sreeram Bhargav Dhurjati	Engineering Management	Absent, unexcused
9	Patrick Ferree	Cell and Molecular Biology	Absent, unexcused
10	Brett Gall & Christopher Kennedy	Political Science (MA/PhD) Co-Reps	Both Absent, unexcused
11	Dipesh Gautam	Statistical and Economic Modeling	Absent, unexcused



12	Daniel Goltz	Business Administration	Absent, unexcused
13	Nikki Gusz & Amanda McKeon	Business Administration Co-Reps	Both Absent, unexcused
14	Rohan Hooda	Business Administration	Absent, unexcused
15	Isaac Dillon	Master of Biomedical Science	Absent, unexcused
16	Brendan Klaasen	Law, JD	Absent, unexcused
17	Theodore Koboski	Nicholas Student Council	Absent, unexcused
18	Princeton Lee	Statistical Science (MSS)	Absent, unexcused
19	Corey Lewis	Divinity	Absent, unexcused
20	Jianghao Li & Hengshi Yu	Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Co-Reps (MS/PhD)	Both Absent, unexcused
21	Justin Losciale	Doctor of Physical Therapy	Absent, unexcused
22	Felicia McGuire	Electrical and Computer Engineering PhD	Absent, unexcused
23	Lauren Oliver	Public Policy (Masters)	Absent, unexcused
24	Cory O'Neal	Divinity	Absent, unexcused
25	Sayan Patra	Statistical Science	Absent, unexcused
26	Lili Pita	Nicholas Student Council	Absent, unexcused
27	Alejandro Ruiz	Law, JD	Absent, unexcused
28	Jennifer Rutter	Divinity	Absent, unexcused
29	Elizabeth Styron	Divinity	Absent, unexcused
30	Andrew Tuttle	Business Administration	Absent, unexcused
31	Kyle Wilkinson	Master of Fine Arts in Experimental and Documentary Art	Absent, unexcused
32	Jael Williams	Pathology	Absent, unexcused
33	Ringo Yen	Biomedical Engineering MS	Absent, unexcused