



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Agenda: November 12, 2013: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Shannon O'Connor

Refreshments: Brad Hover

6:30pm: Welcome and Call to Order

Shannon O'Connor

6:31pm: Invited Speaker

Anna Kenyon: Duke Student Medical Insurance Manager

- Contact information
 - Anna.kenyon@duke.edu (best way to reach her quickly)
 - 919-684-1481
- Duke and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
 - Parents and students have been contacting her with concerns regarding insurance coverage as it pertains to the ACA coming into effect
 - About 2 years ago, Duke started making sure that the student insurance plan (SMIP) met (and exceeded) the standards of the ACA. We meet the requirements 100%, therefore there will be no loss of coverage.
 - There is no pre-existing waiting period under the SMIP
 - Some things you need to make sure you do
 - Add eligible dependents to your student policy. If you have not done this already, you can do so during the upcoming enrollment period. If your dependent/spouses' current insurance company does not meet the standards of the ACA, then you may add them to the SMIP
 - Students that hold a F1 or J1 visa, you must enroll under the university's requirements. You can also add any eligible dependents to your plan
 - Preventive services
 - Duke's SMIP providers 100% coverage of preventive services
 - A full list of services can be found at bcbsnc.com/preventive or bcbsnc.com/duke
 - These include: well baby visits, immunizations, contraception
 - When you are getting a preventive services, make sure to let your provider know to code it correctly as a preventive service. If it is not coded correctly, it will go into the 80/20 benefits (you will be billed
 - Questions from the GA
 - Paul Escajadillo (Fuqua): if you are away from Durham, what do you need to show to be covered for services?
 - Answer: You show your insurance card, which you should always carry. You can search for in-network providers by going to the Student Blue website (bcbsnc.com/duke) and looking it up by zip code. Your insurance is a PPO plan. It is accepted anywhere in the US. There are different international rules.
 - Betty Jiang (Secretary): I have heard that some people have Duke insurance that is not taken by certain Duke clinics. Is this true?

- Answer: All student insurance is taken at Duke Clinics. Employees have different insurance plans which may be what you are referring to.
- Manav Vohra (MEMS): can you demonstrate the provider search for us for international travel?
 - Answer: www.bcbsnc.com/duke → resources → traveling abroad → find provider worldwide → login → your ID (we are identified by the prefix “duz”) → India → indicate city to find provider
- Amol Yadav (President): When you are traveling abroad, do they reimburse you upfront or do you pay out of pocket then file later?
 - Answer: You will pay upfront yourself. Keep the receipts (and doctor’s notes if you can) and when you return, you will file the international claim form. It will take 1-2 weeks for you to be reimbursed.
 - Also, if you are abroad and have an emergency, call the 800 number on your insurance card. Your plan covers a number of international emergencies.
 - If you are admitted to a hospital, have them call the insurance company
 - If there is a political or national disaster, the plan will activate to help get you out of the country.
 - If you need legal assistance, lose your luggage, etc, all this is covered in the benefits
 - Emergency services may be considered an in-network benefit in terms of reimbursement, but please check this
- Spring 2014 enrollment period
 - Friday November 15 to January 31st for coverage effective 1/1/2014-7/31/2014
 - Dependents not enrolled during the fall open enrollment can enroll at this time
- December 2013 graduation
 - If you are graduating in December, you have a few options:
 - Obtain insurance elsewhere – if so, you must terminate your student insurance during the month of December
 - Keep your student coverage since it runs until 7/31/2014, however you will have to pay the portion that is normally paid for by the Graduate School.
 - Make sure you have no outstanding balances in your bursar account
 - Find the appropriate forms on the student health website
- Are you moving away? (this includes if you are going away from research and then coming back)
 - You must notify them! Call 919-620-4555 to have them update the Duke Hospital and physician billing system
 - When students go away, take a new job, they may have their credit run. If you did not pay a medical bill here at Duke, they may send you to collections
 - Give them your new mailing address to ensure that bills will get to you
- Vision benefits
 - Free routine eye exam by in network provider
 - Up to \$100 for glasses or contact lenses
 - Submit a refund request: bcbsnc.com/duke → resources → claim forms
- Final thoughts
 - If you are looking for an alternative plan, make sure they meet Duke’s waiver criteria (this is listed on the website)
 - Don’t confuse federal policy with university guidelines. Although you have to meet ACA guidelines, you also have to meet university criteria for insurance plans.

- You have until January 31st to enroll or find an alternative plan meeting the waiver criteria
- Make sure you let them know when you are graduating so that you won't be blocked from graduating due to outstanding bills
- Questions from the GA
 - Manav Vohra (MEMS): Is dental covered?
 - Answer: No, routine dental is not covered. However, you can purchase additional dental insurance, which is found again at bcbsnc.com/duke → scroll all the way down → dental blue. You can also access the dental discount program where certain providers offer discounted dental services to students who are enrolled in the SMIP. To enroll in Dental Blue, you must have a NC driver's or ID card.
- The office is closed for Thanksgiving and for the 2 weeks of Christmas break
 - If you have questions about enrollment, need to add dependents, questions about waivers, please email her: anna.kenyon@duke.edu. Put "urgent" in the subject line

7:00pm: Duke Basketball Updates

Basketball Co-Chairs and Basketball Head Ushers

- There are 7 games left this semester, including the Michigan game on December 3rd
- Family games
 - There are 6 family games this semester, which is double from last year!
 - They are trying to make games more accessible to all students, by including families
 - The first four games have limited seating. Only students with a season ticket card can get the family tickets (4 tickets + season card). All family members must be present 2 hours prior to the game at Cameron in order to get their tickets/wristbands.
 - The last 2 family games will be open to all students with a valid student ID card
 - Get there early before the tickets run out!
 - Limited Family Seating is available for
 - Fri. Nov 15 vs. Florida Atlantic, 7pm
 - Mon. Nov 18 vs. UNC Asheville, 7pm
 - Tues. Nov 19 vs. East Carolina/Norfolk State, 6pm
 - Sun. Nov 24 vs. Vermont, 6:30pm
 - More expanded seating is available for
 - Mon. Dec 16 vs. Gardner-Webb, 7pm
 - Sat. Dec 28 vs. Eastern Michigan, 2pm
- General information
 - Door open 90 minutes prior to tipoff
 - To get in, you need both your student ID and a ticket card. Both are swiped. (this is for the season card line)
 - For the walk up line, you just need your student ID. The chances of you getting in the game is very high
 - What is not allowed into Cameron: bags (purses, backpacks, drawstring bags, etc) or umbrellas. Also, no children are allowed in the graduate student section except for family games.
 - There is not reentry into Cameron
- Questions from the GA
 - Andrew Heiss (Sanford PhD): So for family games, is the walk up line still in effect?
 - Answer: yes. We have plenty of seating reserved in Cameron. Section 19 in the corner will be for family members. 18 and 20 are for season ticket holders and the walk up line

- Also, we have lots of season cards that don't get used for any given game. Make sure you ask your friends in your program if they aren't using their card, so you can get a guaranteed spot, and get tickets for your family.
- These family games are a work in progress. If there are any announcements or changes to the rules, they will be in the GPSC news.
- And by "family" we generally mean guests.
- Keep in mind that getting a wristband does not guarantee a good seat. Get there early and stand in line.

7:05pm: Spring Funding

Eden Ellis, Abbe LaBella

- The spring student group funding cycle applications will open within the next month
- A recap on how student group funding works:
 - Fund are allocated for student groups in the annual budget
 - Groups apply for funding
 - The finance committee recommends funding to the GA
 - The GA votes
 - Money is transferred to the student groups, which the groups can access through UCAE
 - Groups advertise their events via the GPSC news
- The applications will be open December 9th and close January 6th
 - The finance committee will meet December 9th, and the GA will vote at the following meeting
 - This timeline is to balance given groups and the finance committee time to meet, while getting funds to groups earlier in the semester.
- To be eligible to receive funding, groups must affiliate through GPSC and have a fund code
- Spring funding cycle is starting within the next month
- How student group funding works:
 - Set budget
 - Students apply for funding
 - Finance committee meets
 - Transfer funds to groups, sepdn appropriately through UCAE
 - Open dec 9 close jan 6
 - Doing office hours again
 - Finance committee will meet dec 9. Will vote jan 14th
- Eligibility
 - Affiliate with GPSC
 - Must have a fund code
- Please find the link in the GPSC news
- If you don't get enough money or get your funding denied...
 -may be because we cannot fund the event due to student group funding rules
 - Some things you can do:
 - Ask for cosponsorship from one of the GPSC exec (our names are on the GPSC website: gpsc.duke.edu)
 - Graduate school also has funds
 - For events involving UNC, there is the Kenan-Biddle partnership
- Questions from the GA
 - Ben Shellhorn (student life co-chair): is funding from the graduate school only for students of the graduate school, or can professional students apply too?

- Answer: just for graduate school, unless it is an interdisciplinary/mixing event. This is due to their unique set of fund codes and how money is distributed to groups

7:09pm: Logo Contest Update

Tiffany Wilson

- Speaking on behalf of Fumiko Chino (communications)
- At the last meeting, we decided we wanted an updated logo. There were a number of good submissions, however we ran into problems with them not meeting Duke's style guide
- Why some didn't work
 - Use of the Iron D and Blue Devil is reserved for athletics
 - Use of the shield is reserved for official business (transcripts, office of the president)
 - You must respect the buffer surrounding lettering. Therefore you can't overlay images over official Duke text
- We apologize for not being specific about the rules
- We will keep the submission/logo contest open so please forward any great ideas
- Email to fumiko.chino@dm.duke.edu
- We will vote on this in January

7:12pm: Student Life Survey Results

Ben Shellhorn, Tiffany Wilson

- 165 students responded to the survey, which was more than expected!
- Attendance was pretty split between rarely attend or less, or sometimes attend or more. This was not surprising
- We were pleased to see that the most cited reason for not attending is being busy (rather than because we were not putting on the right events). The second most cited reason was not knowing anyone that was going. This indicates that we need individual programs to support the events more, advertise. This question was only asked to students who said they were not going to events that often
- New Year's Eve party
 - The student life committee is considering putting on a NYE event, given that many grad students will stay in town over the holidays
 - Could have it at either the GPSC house or at a bar. There will be a trade off between cost (cheaper at the house) and liability (damage, drinking on the shoulders of the bartenders)
 - 1/3 of responders in the survey thought it was a good idea
 - We'll keep you updated on this
- There were lots of great ideas from students about events to hold, which the student life committee will utilize
 - Regarding family events, please know that all events are open to spouses/significant others, except those with limited registration
 - There was also a call to shift venues to "classier" site (i.e. from Shooters to food gests, art festivals, formals, classier bars, Nasher, cocktail bars, etc)
 - We will be having a winter formal
 - The problem is that people come to the GPSC events expecting free alcohol. At "classier" places the drinks are more expensive, so we can't sponsor as many free drinks.
- Events coming up in the spring
 - Winter formal
 - Spring bar crawl on main street

- Shooter's grad student night
- LDOC event

7:27pm: NAGPS Update

Shanna Lehrman, Amol Yadav

- The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) meeting was this past weekend in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Amol Yadav (President) and Shanna Lehrman (University Affairs Coordinator) attended this meeting
- Approximately 40 schools attended with about 200 student leaders. Many interesting topics were discussed, including at panel discussions
- The special guests were Eurodoc, an organization of graduate and professional students in Europe with 34 participating countries
 - Europe needs 1 million more researchers. If you are interested in going to Europe, you should think about it!
 - A plan called Horizon 20/20 is investing 80 million euros for graduate student funding
 - Their organization has various working groups for important issues, such as gender issues, social mobility, etc.
- They also discussed the budgets of the various GPSCs across the US
 - Schools that attended included small schools through top tier schools (Duke, MIT, Carnegie Mellon, Hopkins)
 - The smallest budget was \$2000. USC had a budget of \$1 million. Top tier schools typically had a budget of \$500,000
 - Most schools do not give a student activity fee to the undergraduates. In contrast, we pay 50% to the undergraduates (to put this in context, the undergrad student activity fee is actually much larger than ours so they are paying into the programs more)
 - Some student government leaders also get stipends. Here, only the president gets a stipend
 - They also give out travel awards for conferences.
 - Activity feeds ranged from \$10 to \$400. Ours is about \$16.75 per semester.
- The impact of the NSF changes (where you have to discuss the impact of your research in grant applications)
 - There is a new application procedure for grants
 - Discussed how this will impact research, how to work around changes, how to deal with it, how to properly discuss "impact" in your applications
- Concept of open access
 - Student/faculty/researchers sign a contract with the university to say that whatever they publish can be open to the entire world. May journals will not accept work that is open access
 - The only university that is open access for grad student research is Stanford
 - This is a topic we can discuss in the future: do we want to create a policy on this for Duke?
- Shana Lehrman was elected Chair of Legal Concerns for NAGPS!
- Coming up are legislative action days in DC
 - The NAGPS is using a platform designed for grad and professional students
 - The big complaint from congress is that grad students are not as organized as undergrad students, or as vocal
 - We have some big issues to attend to:
 - Student loans
 - Federal interest rates
 - Immigration issues: higher education act, dream act

- Work with Shanna to build this platform!
 - Sil38@duke.edu
- We also want to establish a stronger connection between students across the state. UNC and NC State were not in attendance at this meeting. We want to involve these other schools in state government initiatives.

7:40pm: Intros from Reps

Brainstorm: What should be GPSC's priorities for next semester?

7:55pm: Tentative GA Meeting Schedule for Next Semester

Shannon O'Connor

- We voted to not have our December meeting for this semester. This was agreed upon by the GA
- We also approved the meeting dates for next semester

8:00pm: New Issues/Announcements

Feel free to ask for ideas to bring to your committee meetings!

- Stephanie Reist (Sanford)
 - Young Trustee applications are now open! The link was in the GPSC news. Please encourage your constituents to apply. You may also apply!
- Dan Brown (Community Outreach): Movember was announced in the GPSC news
 - A bit of history: this movement started in 2003 by 30 guys in Melbourne. 21 countries now participate. Of every dollar raised, 89 cents go to cancer research.
 - Please sign up on our Duke page, even if you are not donating
- Shanna Lehrman (University Affairs): meeting with parking and transportation this week. Please email her with any issues you want her to discuss (sil38@duke.edu)
- Abbe LaBella (Student Groups Liason): she met with the security officer regarding the GPSC house. If you have not yet visited the GPSC house, there will be a game night next week. Check out the upcoming GPSC news. It will be at 7:30 next Thursday at 306 Alexander
- Tiffany Wilson (Social): the first GPSC Trivia night will be next Wednesday at the Loop in the Bryan Center
- Andrew George (Green Team chair):
 - What is the green team? → he is working on defining their role
 - They are working on getting more recycling bins on campus, and perhaps linking it to the Duke app so students can find it
 - Tiffany Wilson: there are dead birds around CIEMAS due to all the glass. Please have them work on this
 - Email ang16@duke.edu with concerns/suggestions

8:10pm: Officer Updates

8:14pm: Reminders and Wrap-up

- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- Don't forget to send out your biweekly update to your constituents!
- FREE happy hour at Six Plates right after the meeting!!

8:25pm: Adjournment