



## **GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes November 27, 2012: 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook**

Presiding Officer: Shannon O'Connor  
Refreshments: Pamela Mosley, Brad Hover

### **6:33pm: Welcome and Call to Order**

Shannon O'Connor

### **6:34pm: Social Entrepreneurship Accelerator at Duke (SEAD)**

Matt Nash, Executive Director, Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE)

- See powerpoint slides (2-16). Highlights from the presentation:
  - CASE mission: To promote the entrepreneurial pursuit of social impact through the thoughtful adaptation of business expertise.
  - The CASE team in Fuqua is made up of many faculty members.
  - CASE initiatives include Duke Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Social Entrepreneurship Accelerator at Duke (SEAD), and Impact Investing (CASE i3).
    - Duke Innovation & Entrepreneurship: CASE works with Ashoka (network of selected universities) to expand social entrepreneurship (SE).
    - SEAD aims to scale the impact of promising innovations in healthcare delivery and prevention (Spark, Engage, Assess, Disseminate). It is a virtual hub for both students and faculty interested in global health, international development, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and civic engagement.
    - CASE i3 mission: To establish a rich set of resources and activities for students, entrepreneurs, investors, funders, academics and policymakers to explore and support the field of impact investing over its critical period of development over the next 5-10 years.
  - Duke Student Initiative on SE (D-SISE) mission: To support, inform and grow the community of Duke students and student organizations interested and involved in SE and social changemaking (communicate, advocate, and convene).
  - Join CASE in celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Tuesday December 4th at 5pm in Fuqua's Geneen Auditorium. There will be talks on SE.
  - For more information and to get involved, visit [www.CASEatDuke.org](http://www.CASEatDuke.org) and contact:
    - Matt Nash ([mnash@duke.edu](mailto:mnash@duke.edu)) for SEAD
    - Mariana Kim ([mariana.kim@fuqua.duke.edu](mailto:mariana.kim@fuqua.duke.edu)) or Greg Payne ([greg.payne@fuqua.duke.edu](mailto:greg.payne@fuqua.duke.edu)) for D-SISE
    - Scott Kleiman ([scott.kleiman@fuqua.duke.edu](mailto:scott.kleiman@fuqua.duke.edu)) for CASE i3
- Question: Does CASE provide scholarships?
  - Answer: Yes, two scholarships a year, but they are only for Fuqua MBA students. CASE is working on making their scholarships available to other students.
- Question: How does someone, who is an English major for example, get involved?
  - Answer: They should come to CASE events, discover their passion, and contact Matt Nash.

### **6:47pm: Library Services: Call for Feedback**

Megan Lawson, Development Assistant, Duke University Libraries

- The library services feel that they don't really support the students and are working on how to address this. They want to know what they could do to better support the students both socially and academically. Contact Megan Lawson ([megan.lawson@duke.edu](mailto:megan.lawson@duke.edu)) with any ideas or suggestions.
- There will be a study break in the library on December 11<sup>th</sup> and they are also having a book collecting contest.

### 7:05pm: Introductions from the GPSC Reps

- See powerpoint slides (19-23). GPSC reps that presented:
  - Brent Curdy: 1<sup>st</sup> year in the Sociology program
  - Jennifer Elderbroom: 7<sup>th</sup> year in the Molecular Cancer Biology program
  - Eli Giovanetti: 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science program
  - Stephanie Reist: 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the Romance Studies program
  - Ting Zhou: 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the Molecular Genetics and Microbiology program

### 7:13pm: Budget Increase and Student Affairs

Bill Hunt

- Bill Hunt (GPSC President) forwarded the GA's decision about the student fee increase to Student Affairs. The increase was bumped down from 3.9 to 3% (~\$1).
- Joshua Rose, Biochemistry: Do we have to do anything about this?
  - Answer: The GA can either leave it as is and not do anything or make an amendment on the previous resolution to change it to a 3% increase.
- Brent Curdy, Sociology: He doesn't think we should do anything. It should go down in the minutes of what the GA wanted and what happened.
- Fumiko Chino, Medicine: If this were an annual thing would it have to be approved every year?
  - Answer: Yes, it would still have to go through Student Affairs. It's been four years since a GA has voted on a fee increase.
- Brent Curdy: Motioned to leave it as is. Motion seconded (by Fumiko Chino and Viresh Thusu, ECE).
  - All were in favor to vote on the motion on the table.
  - All were in favor to leave as is.

### 7:21pm: Veterans Affairs

Chris Marsicano, Marcus Morrow

- Marcus Morrow, a Sanford graduate student, is a veteran and working on how Duke can help veterans studying here. Their issues are often overlooked because veterans are so few in number. Talk to your constituents and find out who the veterans are in your department!
- One major problem Duke is having: how to certify a VA student (this is a 6-week process). This affects how and when their tuition is paid and their financial help. Bookkeeping and auditing issues prevents Duke from developing a loan program for veterans. One thing Marcus would like to do is design a checklist that veterans can receive upon admission to Duke that informs them of what to submit to be certified.
- Let Marcus know if there are any veteran programs/organizations in the other graduate/professional schools.
- Please email Chris Marsicano (GPSC Attorney General) ([crm44@duke.edu](mailto:crm44@duke.edu)) or Marcus ([mdm64@duke.edu](mailto:mdm64@duke.edu)) with any questions/suggestions/comments!

### 7:31pm: Spring Schedule Proposal

Shannon O'Connor

- The GA needed to vote to suspend the rules in the by-laws in order to approve the spring GA meeting dates at this meeting (the by-laws state that this can only happen on the first meeting of the semester). Voting on it earlier makes it easier for the GPSC Vice President to set up speakers for the spring semester.
  - Motion passed.
- Fumiko Chino: Motioned to keep the February 26<sup>th</sup> date.
- Eden Ellis, Public Policy Studies (MPP): Motioned to approve the spring semester GA meeting dates. Motion passed. See powerpoint slide (27) or the end of the minutes for these dates.
- Fumiko Chino: Submitted an amendment to change this rule in the by-laws about when to vote on the spring semester GA meeting dates.

- Matthew Panhans, Economics: He suggested changing the wording to “on or before the first meeting”.
- There is a tentative GA meeting in two weeks (December 11<sup>th</sup>)... should the GA meet?
  - There was a motion not to meet. The motion was seconded.
    - All were in favor to vote on the motion.
    - All were in favor of not meeting in two weeks.

### 7:40pm: Winter Student Group Funding

Brad Hover

- Highlights:
  - Please come to the information session on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in room 147 in the Nanaline Duke building.
  - Applications open on **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** and close on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The finance committee will meet the week of January 9<sup>th</sup> and the GA will vote on the budget at the Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Tell your constituents!

### 7:48pm: Officer Updates

- Pan Wu (GPSC Academic Officer): Some graduate and professional students are unaware of the career center. He wants to send out a survey (possibly through the GPSC news) that will help the administrative office know what departments do not know about their services and target these departments more specifically. Would this helpful?
  - Some of the GA members worry the response won't be high enough in all of the departments, that people will not take the time to fill the survey out, and are not really sure what information it will add. Prizes could be offered to encourage people to fill it out. It might be more efficient to talk to departments to find out what students do not know about the career center, set up info sessions and figure out how to reach out to them.
- Bill Hunt: The GPSC office is moving from a room in the Bryan Center to a house on Central Campus. There will be a house warming party. Also, this year's commencement speaker will be Melinda Gates.
- Shannon O' Connor (GPSC Vice President): The GPSC social chairs will be hosting a Winter Formal on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Parizades.

### 7:57pm: New Issues/Announcements

### 7:59pm: Reminders and Wrap-up

- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- No meeting next week

- Eden Ellis: Motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes and adjourn. Motion seconded.

### 8:00pm: Adjournment

### GA meetings, 6:30pm, 0016 Westbrook: proposal for spring semester

January 15

January 29

February 12

February 26

March 19

April 2

April 16

April 23 (tentative)