18:42 Call to Order
   Abigail LaBella

18:43 Basketball Committee/Campout Policy
   Michael Peace, Basketball Chair
   ● Campout will be in October as there are home Football games each Saturday in September.
   ● Language regarding exemptions has been changed to increase transparency.
   ● Campout fee should be the same at $17.
   ● Campout will be in the Blue Zone with RVs, but again there will be no grass.
   ● New language on conflict resolution. Many final decisions are made with faculty advisors; University and Athletics have a large part in major decisions.
   ● Devin Bridgen - BME and Rui Dai - Medicine motion to approve policy. 63 for, no oppositions. Basketball Committee and Campout Policies pass.

18:47 Bylaw Revisions - Basketball Committee Section
   Basketball Chairs and Paul Escajadillo
   ● Time spent revising the bylaws to reflect how University oversight affects Basketball policies
   ● Committee has two faculty advisors who approve Committee decisions
   ● New section - expectations for what will be included in the policy. Three main parts, Basketball Committee Policy, Campout Policy, and Game Day Admissions Policies. Game Day Admissions Policies are set after Campout and prior to the start of the basketball season.
   ● Rui Dai - Medicine and Devin Bridgen - BME motion to amend bylaws as stated. 56 for, no oppositions. Bylaws amended.

18:52 GPSC Budget Proposal for 2015-2016
   Sahil Chaini and the Finance Committee
   ● Expected revenue is approx. $155k and budgeted spending is approx. $177k. Currently have a $38,000 surplus that has built up from multiple years conservative spending.
   ● Malcolm Bonner, Economics - $38k include this year? No, the $38k was the starting balance for the 2014-2015 year before any revenue was received.
   ● Significant changes: Increases to GA meetings, career/academic programming, and caucus mission fulfilment; split out Winter Formal and LDOC from Student Life budget; Special Events funding increased to be more flexible.
Paul Triulzi - can caucuses continue spending? Yes, if you have a caucus event, talk to Sahil so she can help you with funding.

Ben Shellhorn - It is not responsible for us to "hoard" student fees by not spending them. We want to gradually spend down the surplus.

Abhi Chhetri, Biochemistry - Guidelines of what Special Events money will be spent on? Application based - open to all G&P students, high quality application.

Patrick Flowers, Chemistry - Is all surplus planned to be spent this year? No, we want to keep from adding to the surplus and gradually spend down the surplus over several years.

Melissa Hector-Greene, MSTP - If we have extra money, why did we approve the fee increase? The fee increase was to accounting for inflation. Goal is to spend the budget every year.

Malcolm Bonner - what is the plan to spend it down? Identified budget items that could use additional funding.

Proxy for Eugene Tan - why not use fee increase to maintain the surplus and spend all other funds? We are trying to spend all of the student fees each year and have better programming.

Dipesh Gautam, Statistical and Economic Modeling - what about in three years when the surplus is low? We will have to adjust. Trying to see what works for spending all of the money; it is an ongoing process.

Patrick Ferree, Cell and Molecular Biology - Why is the caucus meetings item going down? $3,500 wasn't actually a line item for this year, so the item is not going down. Instead the $1,500 is based on what was spent this year. In general, budget proposal is based on actual spending instead of just looking at the budget from the previous year.

Devin Bridgen, Elen Gambrell motion to approve budget. 57 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions. Budget passes.

19:17 Duke Student Body Survey Results
Tiffany Wilson

Survey was open for all of February. Ninety-four surveys were completed, representing 39 programs. Approximately one third Graduate School and two thirds All other schools.

88% of respondents know they have a rep in GPSC, but only 68% know who that rep is.

Top perceived roles of GPSC: social events, address student concerns, organize basketball. Top desired roles: address student concerns, represent students with administrators, act as a central Duke resource.

54% of respondents think GPSC attempts to address student concerns but only 32% think we are successful. Performance metrics are slightly higher for Graduate School respondents compared to the other schools.

GPSC News seems to be the most visible and enjoyed service of GPSC

Students want GPSC to be more visible and transparent and there is a desire for more programming in the inter-school, career, and networking areas

19:22 LDOC T-shirt Contest
Rachel Rothendler

Eight submissions - several included copyrighted materials

There will be both t-shirts and tank tops
The design that says “Blame it on the LDOC” won based on voting by the GA.

19:27  Caucus Final Reporting Tools
Colleen McClean

- Caucus reporting tool due April 7th. Funds still available if you want to work on the tool as a group outside of GA meetings.
- There will be a survey in the weekly update for feedback on the caucuses and how they can be improved.

19:29  GPSC Executive Board Elections
Paul Escajadillo

- Pre-election matters
  - John Bailey, Law and Devin Bridgen, BME motion to exclude press. 55 for, 5 opposed, 2 abstain.
  - Select one person to be election monitor from the GA to help keep track of election and make sure it was done in a fair way
  - John Howard, divinity affirmed by voice vote. Note: see addendum for John’s report.
  - Point of information - Article VI, Section 6, Subsection C. states that attendance at a simple majority of meetings is required to be eligible to vote.

- President. Candidates: Abigail LaBella, Malcolm Bonner
  - GA motioned to extend questions by 5 minutes for each candidate. Motion passed.
  - Abigail LaBella elected President

- Vice President. Candidates: Connie Chai, Colleen McClean.
  - Motion to extend speeches to five minutes - 19 for, 26 against, 5 opposed. Motion to extend speeches fails.
  - Motion to extend Q&A by three minutes for each candidate. 28 for, 23 against, 5 abstention. Motion passes.
  - Motion to increase discussion time by five minutes. 24 for, 37 against, 4 abstentions. Motion fails.
  - Connie Chai elected Vice President.

- Attorney General. Abhishek Chhetri.
  - Colleen McClean nominated by Abhi, Colleen declined.
  - Abhishek Chhetri elected to Attorney General.

- Jessica Lewis, Environment and Abhi Chhetri motion to continue elections for an additional 15 minutes. Motion carries by majority.

- Executive Secretary - open
  - Stacy Zhang nominates Malcolm Bonner, Malcolm declines.
  - Shengjie Xu nominates Colleen McClean, Colleen declines.
  - Position will remain open and be addressed at the end of the Exec. elections.

- Director of Finance. Candidates: Rathnayaka (Kal) Gunasingha, Malcolm Bonner.
  - Malcolm Bonner elected Director of Finance
Officer Updates (in between elections)

Executive Board

- Rachel Hesler - Luncheon with Parking Director Carl DePinto and Melissa Harden. RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/GPSCParkingLunch. RSVP tonight for lunch on Thursday.
- Abigail LaBella
  - Next Saturday (April 4th) there will be a party for GA and Basketball Committee including one guest per person. 6:30 to 8pm family-friendly dinner, then “party” afterwards until late.
  - BOT Standing Committee representatives elections occurring at the next meeting on April 7th. Many different roles, descriptions in the meeting slides. Question - Can people be on more than one BOT standing committee? No.
  - Cyclist safety committee meeting Thursday 3/26 at 5:30 pm at the GPSC House.
- Community Outreach Event - Paul Triulzi
- Paul Triulzi/Community Outreach
  - Thursday 3/26 Pack & Party event 6-9pm outside Love Auditorium in LSRC. Hoping to make 300 hygiene kits for homeless citizens of Durham. Bring gently used clothing or non-perishable food/
  - Melissa Hector-Greene - Duke In Durham Day on April 11th. Will be over a dozen organizations, hope to have 200 students. There will be morning and afternoon shifts. Online signups in GPSC News.

New Issues/Announcements

General Assembly

- Jon Wright - nominations process? Still can nominate yourself or others for Exec or BOT Standing Committee positions. Send slides to Abbe by 1pm on April 7th.
- Lanair Lett - Saturday night a group of African American students were harassed by other students chanting the racist SAE fraternity chant. Undergraduates are speaking to administration, GPSC should take a stance. Response - Can put a call for action in our weekly newsletter, also contact Director of Advocacy or Director of University Affairs. Colleen - several conversations going on on campus, something caucuses can work on. Abbe - if you have a particular action item, bring it forward and it can be addressed by exec and GA.
- Patrick Ferree, CMB - Overnight lockers in Wilson an option? Good topic for the Athletics Caucus.
- Rui Dai, Medicine - question for transportation committee - any news on the decision to charge for night and weekend parking? Jeffrey Bryant, MGB - they had meeting with parking, they seemed to be receptive to the survey data but no further updates.

Approval of Minutes and Adjournment

Bryn McMahon, Nursing (MSN) and Aspen Reese, Biology motion to approve previous meeting minutes and adjourn. Motion passes.
Addendum: Election Monitoring Report from John Howard, Divinity

During the March 24 Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting I was selected by the GA to serve as elections monitor for the executive board elections held that night. This is my second year serving as a representative for the Divinity school. My duties for that night were to help Attorney General Paul Escajadillo count the ballots and to watch and make sure that the election process was handled fairly. I’m happy to report that I observed no irregularities in the election process. Everything was handled fairly and appropriately. During discussion for some candidates the Attorney General did point out that any comments positive or negative could be considered a conflict of interest. And asked The GA to keep that in mind when listening to comments about candidates running for office. As stated before I believe the election process was handled fairly and I applaud the Attorney General and the rest of the assembly for the professional way in which the election process has been handled.

Attendance Record:

Present/Proxy:
Biochemistry - Chhetri, Abhi
Bioethics and Science Policy - Salmanowitz, Natalie
Biology - Reese, Aspen
Biomedical Engineering (Rep 1) - Han, Wei
Biomedical Engineering (Rep 2) - Bridgen, Devin
Biomedical Engineering (Rep 3) - Robinson-Hamm, Jacqueline
Biostatistics and Bioinformatics (Co-rep) - Chen, Zinan
Biostatistics and Bioinformatics (Co-rep) - Mulder, Hillary
Business Administration, MBA (Rep 2) - McGowan, Kevin
Business Administration, MBA (Rep 3) - Hu, Benjamin
Business Administration, MBA (Rep 5) - Fulcheri, Pablo
Business Administration, MBA (Rep 6) - Chai, Connie
Cell and Molecular Biology - Ferree, Patrick
Cell Biology - Huynh, Nguyen (Gwen)
Chemistry (Rep 1) - Bitting, Katie
Chemistry (Rep 2) - Flowers, Patrick
Civil and Environmental Engineering - Hodes, Jared
Classical Studies - Morelli, Mariangela
Developmental and Stem Cell Biology - Roston, Rachel
Divinity (Rep 1) - Howard, John
Divinity (Rep 2) - Umbdenstock, Jon
Ecology - Bier, Raven
Economics and Computation - Bonner, Malcolm
Economics, MA (Rep 1) - Hopkins, Bryant
Economics, PhD - Tan, Eugene
Electrical and Computer Engineering (Rep 1) - Hu, Chenfei
Electrical and Computer Engineering (Rep 3) - Miller, David
Engineering Management (Rep 1) - Vaidya, Surhud
Engineering Management (Rep 2) - Jawadwala, Aziz
Engineering Management (Rep 3) - Wright, Jon
English - Waldschmidt, Stefan
Environmental Policy - Kaczan, David
Genetics and Genomics (Co-Rep) - Edsall, Lee Elizabeth
Genetics and Genomics (Co-Rep) - Roth, Cullen
German Studies - Bowen, Bethany
Global Health - Abdelgadir, Jihad
History - Payton, Claire
Immunology (Co-rep) - Roy, Sumedha
Immunology (Co-rep) - Xu, Shengjie
Integrated Toxicology and Environmental Health - Joglekar, Rashmi
Law, JD (Rep 1) - Wu Zhu, James
Law, JD (Rep 2) - Bailey, John
Law, JD (Rep 4) - Bang, Peter
Law, JD (Rep 5) - Grayson, Ben
Law, JD (Rep 6) - Lim, Soo
Law, JD (Rep 7) - Mohan, Bharath
Law, LLM - Hurra, Prasad
Liberal Studies (Rep 1) - Rivers Gambrell, Ellen
Management in Clinical Informatics - Vo, Nhan
Management Science (Rep 1) - Rousselle, Lexi
Management Science (Rep 2) - Mahlati, Siseko
Marine Science and Conservation - Zhang, Stacy
Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science - Tang, Lei
Medical Physics - Miles, Devin
Medical Scientist Training Program - Hector-Greene, Melissa
Medicine (Rep 1) - Dai, Rui
Medicine (Rep 3) - Willoughby, Alex
Medicine (Rep 4) - Tang, Michelle
Medicine (Rep 5) - Cheng, Tracy
MFA in Experimental and Documentary Art - Wilkinson, Kyle
Molecular Cancer Biology - Gaviglio, Angie
Molecular Genetics and Microbiology - Bryant, Jeffrey
Music - Lohman, Corey
Neurobiology - Biegler, Matt
Nicholas School Master’s Students (Rep 4) - Koboski, Theo
Nursing, ABSN (Rep 1) - Alexis, Jasmine
Nursing, ABSN (Rep 3) - Harper, Shelley
Nursing, MSN (Rep 2) - McMahon, Bryn
Nursing, MSN (Rep 3) - Wischer, Julie
Nursing, MSN (Rep 4) - Hennecke, Lauren
Nursing, MSN (Rep 5) - Prince, Mariah
Nursing, PhD - Williams, Hants
Physical Therapy (Rep 1) - Fox, Adrienne
Physical Therapy (Rep 2) - O’Connell, Matthew
Physical Therapy (Rep 3) - Martens, Laura
Physician Assistant (Rep 1) - Applebome, Bethany
Physician Assistant (Rep 2) - Sterling, Allie
Physics - Sinev, Gleb
Political Science - Tellez, Juan
Psychology and Neuroscience - Iyengar, Vijeth
Psychology and Neuroscience (alternate) - Yin, Bin
Public Policy, MPP (Rep 2) - Ibrahim, Karina
Public Policy, PhD - Heiss, Andrew
Religious Studies - Burrus, Sean
Romance Studies - Granacki, Alyssa
Sociology - Merhout, Friedolin
Statistical and Economic Modeling - Gautam, Dipesh
Statistical Science - Wong, Andrew
Structural Biology and Biophysics - Daniels, Kyle

Absent (Excused):
Earth and Ocean Sciences - Eveleth, Rachel
Economics, MA (Rep 2) - Huang, Yan
Environment (co-rep) - Winton, Scott
Liberal Studies (Rep 2) - Silva-Benitez, Marisol
Literature - Ragin, Renee
Nursing, ABSN (Rep 2) (co-rep) - Milbrath, Taylor
Pathologists' Assistant - Zebedeo, Nash
Slavic and Eurasian Studies - Moldes, Christopher

Absent (Unexcused):
Art, Art History and Visual Studies - Bateman, Anita
Business Administration, MBA (Rep 1) - Ptakowski, Sara
Business Administration, PhD - Hall, David
Clinical Research Training (Master of Health Sciences) - Krishnamurthy, Yamini
Computational Biology and Bioinformatics - Ojewole, Goke
Cultural Anthropology (Co-Rep) - Bitter, Joella
Cultural Anthropology (Co-Rep) - Hung, Carla
Electrical and Computer Engineering (Rep 2) - Cahall, Clinton
Historical and Cultural Visualization - Pissini, Jessica
International Development Policy - Alkhawaldeh, Nayef
Law, JD (Rep 3) - Skrzynski, Matt
Mathematics - Vagner, Dmitry
Medicine (Rep 2) - Chen, Tony
Nicholas School Master's Students (Rep 1) - Christensen, April
Nicholas School Master's Students (Rep 2) - Karasik, Rachel
Nicholas School Master's Students (Rep 3) - Hunt, Alexandria
Nursing, ABSN (Rep 2) (co-rep) - Ramsey, Courtney
Nursing, MSN (Rep 6) - Patel, Benita
Philosophy - Deanova, Adela
Public Policy, MPP (Rep 1) - Gorman, Peter