



2.21.17

**Presiding Officer: Rashmi**  
**Minutes by: Ashley Arnold**

## Meeting Notes

### 1. Executive Meeting Recap

- Outreach to interested students, Debrief on the Winter Formal, Finance Committee Update (Spring Funding Allocation), Executive Recruitment- Mixer at the GPSC House on March, Setting up Reservation System for GPSC House, Setting Up Reservation for GPSC laptops, Roundtable discussion of Weekly Goals

### 2. Approved Spring Semester Meeting Schedule

- Dates
  - > 1/17, 1/31, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21, 3/28
- Location
  - > Field Auditorium, Environmental Hall
- Timing
  - > 6:30-8:30

### 3. Approval of Spring 2017 Funding Allocations

- All funding allocation approved aside from line item 43. This submission was from the Biomedical Engineering Society Graduate Section, which asked for \$700 from GPSC for their Alumni Panel Dinner and Networking Symposium. The GA decided to only approve \$200 of that \$700 because they found that funding the \$500 they asked for food was inconsistent with other application decisions. We ended up giving funding to 45/71 applications for a total expenditure of \$28,038 (note that slide says \$28,538, but this does not account for the \$500 that we decided to not spend).

### 4. Comprehensive Bylaws Changes

- Removing graduate student fee component of the DUU's funding (Article XII)
  - > **George (Biology) opens discussion**
  - > **Greg (Immunology) seconds**
  - > **Jason (Environment) introduces vote to not vote**
  - > **Vote: Approval: 38, Disapproval: 16, Abstentions: 5**
- Making the GPSC Representative on the Duke Alumni Association Board an Elected position (Section IX: Section 4)
  - > Lee (Genetics and Genomics): instead of modifying this position do we want to just create a new section for the Duke Alumni Association?
  - > Will (Civil and Environmental Engineering): this measure would make people self-select as serious about the position
  - > Chase (Ecology): Justification for this? Will this really increase participation?

- > Travis (History): can we table all this stuff until after Young Trustee election?
- > Rashmi (VP): just 5 minutes more
- > **Chase (Ecology) open vote**
- > **Diego (Environment) seconds**
- > **Vote: Approval: Approval: 58, Disapproval: 1, Abstentions: 0**
- One Duke Access Fund Committee Seats (Postponed until 3/7/17)
  - > Travis (History): move agenda items until after Young Trustees Vote
  - > **passed unanimously, verbally**

## 5. Young Trustees Voting

- Committee on Young Trustees: Travis (History) provides insight into selection process. Process began as blind first-round applications. All candidates judged on 4 sections of achievement and narrowed down to 8 applicants who got interviewed.
- Candidates
  - > Erika Moore
  - > Alisha Hines
  - > Daniel Gosh
- Introductions
  - > Alisha Hines
    - Background: 5<sup>th</sup> year Ph.D. in History, graduated from University of Chicago, spent time in Chicago Public Schools and working for various NGOs, member of the Hearst James Society, President of Black Graduate & Professional Student Association, vision for Duke- more representation of smaller, humanities programs.
    - Questions
      - ~ Diego (Environment): What will you do to facilitate and further diversity and inclusion? - More attentions needs to be paid to student organizations that can prioritize diversity and inclusion, create paid positions and staff to focus on these issues
      - ~ Marcus (President): What should Duke do in the wake such financial stress (loss of 5 million in endowment money)? - Incorporate student groups in conversations to brainstorm solutions
      - ~ Andrew (Biomedical): What is your vision of what Duke should be? - I want to expand Duke's relationship in the community. We should be reluctant to only seek marker-based solutions.
      - ~ Brian (Ecology): How will you navigate the environment of being around high profile individuals who hold opposing opinions to yours? - I previously worked at the Chicago Community Trust where many well-known individuals worked, and there I was successful and gave my opinion pretty openly.
      - ~ Diego (Environment): How will you make yourself available to students? I was thinking about holding office hours. I'm confident in my ability to keep the needed subjects confidential.
      - ~ Andrew (Biology): How long do you expect to be at Duke? - I'll be here at least 1 more year and am prepared to come back when necessary.
      - ~ Diego (Environment): Do you disagree or agree with Duke environmental plan? I won't lie. I'm not familiar with it.
      - ~ Soli (Environment): Clarifying question- Voting rights for Young Trustees begin second year? - Yes.

~ Chase (Ecology): What do you personally want to do or achieve in the position? – I see this role as a service role, so I'm just trying to represent graduate students.

> Daniel Gosh

- Background: MBA/MD, graduated from Columbia University- music & math, was previously in GPSC, cofounded organization to assist Durham's low-income elderly, vision for Duke- 1) Representation 2) Diversity 3) Community Engagement

- Questions

~ Soli (Environment): Do you feel like you'll be able to manage your time? – There is precedent for this, a previous Young Trustee did his/her residency at the same time. I'm confident in my time management skills.

~ Brian (Biomedical Engineering): What is your vision of what Duke should be?

~ Marcus (President): What should Duke do in the wake of such financial stress (loss of 5 million in endowment money)? – We should tap into the Duke hospital network because it makes Duke the most money and pays the university huge amounts of money.

~ **Motion to extend question time by 5 minutes: Corie (Divinity)**

~ **Motion seconded: Diego (Environment)**

~ Jason (Environment): What are the thoughts about reimagining healthcare initiative? – When should we facilitate a relationship between geriatrics and the divinity school.

~ Diego (Environment): How will you make yourself available to students? -

~ Corie (Divinity): You say that you think diversity and inclusion are important to you, but you are running against two black women— how do you reconcile those two things? – I feel like I'm clearly the most qualified and diversity to me means getting everyone at the table and then choosing the qualified candidates.

~ Jason (Environment): The previous candidate offers more connection to the Humanities than yourself, though you say this is important to you? – I'm actually very involved in Duke Chapel organ and other musical endeavors. I consistently engage with that community.

~ Diego (Environment): What will you do to facilitate and further diversity and inclusion? – I want to drop in on GPSC and maintain confidentiality.

> Erika Moore

- Background: engineering student, graduate resident, graduate recruiter, founder of Engineering a Community (organization to address and increase retention of minority at Pratt and other STEM programs at Duke), vision for Duke- create an environment where everyone can thrive and feel comfortable enough to voice opinions.

- Questions

~ Brian (Biomedical): How will you navigate the environment of being around high profile individuals who hold opposing opinions to yours? - My graduate resident position gives me experience with

handling diverging opinions. Confident my ability to be humble and act with empathy to see common ground.

~ Diego (Environment): What will you do to facilitate and further diversity and inclusion? - Diversity & Inclusion means something different to me— means everyone feels comfortable voicing their opinion.

~ Marcus (Principal): What should Duke do in the wake such financial stress (loss of 5 million in endowment money)? - More transparency and proactivity

~ Diego (Environment): How will you make yourself available to students? -Will be attending student events and reporting concerns to the board

~ **Motion to extend meeting by 20 minutes: Andrew (Biology)**

~ **Motion seconded: Diego (Environment)**

> Deliberation on Young Trustees Prior to Voting

- Andrew (Biology): positions somewhat alternated between professional & Ph.D. academic
- Travis (History): we should think about the message we want to send to the Board of Trustees.
- Shawn: we should think about who can comfortably sit at the bottom of the totem pole and handle that position well.
- Corie (Divinity): who do we want to get a seat at the table?
- Marcus (President): Erika has the most board experience
- Jason (Environment): Can Daniel with his MD/MBA handle the time commitment?

> Voting

Young Trustee Winner: Erika Moore

**Attendance**

Jessica Orzulak  
Alyson Hoffman  
Andrew George  
Ringo Yen  
Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm  
Brian Crouch  
Asil Unal  
Craig Au  
Nicole Stantial  
Anastasia Grant  
William Gerhard  
Ceri Weber  
Chris Boswell  
Summer Oeth  
Alexandra DaPonte  
Corie Wilkins  
DonTavis Sanders  
Peter Constatian  
Seaver Wang (proxy Zuchnan Li)  
Chase Nunez  
Ting Dai  
Yilin Jiang  
Wanyi Fu  
Saketh Vinnakota  
Guillermo Harrison  
Corrie Hannah  
Stephanie Stefanski  
Lee Edsall  
Claire Scott  
Shem Opolot  
Travis Knoll  
Greg Swan  
Matthew Ruis  
Geoff Wright  
Sara Stevens  
Daniel Park  
Vivienne Lim  
Salima Al-Ismaili  
Sarah Ritchey  
Andrew Hutchins  
Brittany Moore  
Matthew Draelos  
Sarah Alkilany  
Michelle Tang  
Brooke Evans  
Anthony Lin  
Kirin Khan  
Hannah Brown

Maxwell Ramage  
Diego Arrieta  
Jason Lee  
Soli Shin  
Anna Fritz  
Young Tae Lee  
Kristin Wainwright  
Yi Ding  
Deanna Matthew  
Michael Eggleston  
Scott Bennett  
Sara Maurer  
Madhulika Vulimiri  
Colleen Cox  
Candela Marini  
Simon Brauer  
Eden Huang