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**Presiding Officer: Will Barclay**  
**Minutes by: Ashley Arnold**

1. Update of 2016-2017 GPSC Progress from Marcus
  - a. Accomplishments: launching the app, with a donation we could remodel and put up for student use the GPSC house, initiated some bylaw changes, advocacy was held up because of unionizing conflict, shift from committee to issue-based task force, created OneDuke Access Fund (award \$6,000 to students), wanted to encourage GA members to run for the Executive Board
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3.7
  - a. Bree, Neuro- Motion to Approve Minutes
  - b. Kevin, English- Seconded
  - c. Approved verbally, unanimously
3. Next meeting will be 3/28
4. Medical Center Academic Affairs Standing Committee
  - a. Colin and Mariam coming with questions about GPSC membership
  - b. Issue: expand GPSC seats from 1 to 2 positions, why?
    - i. Mariam: Concerns about representations of graduate and professional students, as graduate programs grow then why is representation not growing to become more representative.
    - ii. Colin: does not particularly see problem with bylaw, system now quasi-democratic, the two professors and two trustees also representatives but alternative not feasible so current system alright. If anything I'd advocate for less involvement of GPSC and more internal decision-making.
    - iii. Questions
      1. Craig: unsure how to this directly relates to GPSC, how would a larger GPSC rep. actually benefit medical school? Mariam- no one would run unless they would interest, representation should come from the medical school
      2. Marcus: is it feasible to hold elections within health-related schools and programs, how would you bar people? Colin: I think its probably feasible
5. Festival of the Eno
  - a. Taylor Smith & Kathy Bonner- Eno River Association
    - i. Calling for volunteers to clean up the Eno
    - ii. All volunteers can utilize the festival services, which I July 4<sup>th</sup> about 5 miles away from campus
6. Basketball Committee

- a. Christopher Boswell- Co- chair
    - i. Background: from Appalachia, former student-athlete, Master of Divinity candidate, has been to every basketball game since coming to Duke and attended two camp-outs, has experience with large groups of people, concerned about safety at camp-out, and focused on promoting inter-school interactions and fellowship
    - ii. Jack :Motion to End Discussion
    - iii. Madhu, Policy: Seconded
    - iv. Approved verbally, unanimously
  - b. Ariana N. Eily- Co-chair
    - i. Background: 5<sup>th</sup> year Ph.D. in Biology, served on basketball committee since coming to Duke, it's a family tradition, father played football at Duke, want to promote community within Duke, Goals: increase safety, increase student involvement and community building
    - ii. Ashley: how do expect to improve on the community development piece of Camp-Out? Want to facilitate an environment in which campers volunteer with Durham community after their Saturday morning commitment, trying to foster lasting commitment to community
    - iii. Anna Brown, MGM: Motion to Approve Nominations for Co-chair of Basketball
    - iv. Taylor Smith: Seconded
    - v. Approved verbally, unanimously
  - c. Policy Proposals of Basketball Committee
    - i. Madhu, Policy: what about refunding fees for medical emergencies? Ariana: Absolutely, there is a mechanism in place for that already
    - ii. Andrew, PT: Laminated cards replacing wristbands? Ariana: No
    - iii. Marcus: Ineligible, what does that actually mean? Ariana: Yea, someone might be ineligible because they did not pay their student activity activities fees which go to pay for camp-out
7. GPSC Executive Committee Elections
- a. Attorney General
    - i. Ceri Weber
      - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Ph.D. Candidate in Department of Cell Biology, very interested in science policy, informs my decisions to run for Attorney General, experience: science law and policy course, amicus lab course, goals: implement and uphold bylaws, assist in preparing new resolutions and policy
      - 2. Marcus: anything you see in the bylaws you'd like to change? Not right now. I asked Will and everything that I have problems with is being addressed
      - 3. Wang, Earth and Ocean Sciences: How will you make things more simple for new reps? I think having rules and bylaws on screen could be helpful
      - 4. Lee, Genomics: problems with achieving quorum, do you have ideas for improving attendance? I like the basketball idea, but we should explore more board ways to reward people who attend regularly
      - 5. Kevin, English: Motion to close discussion and move to a vote
      - 6. Rachel, BME: Seconded
      - 7. Discussion
        - a. Felix, Chemistry: Motion to end discussion

- b. Kevin, English: Seconded
  - c. Approved verbally, unanimously
  - d. **Vote: uncontested**
- 1. Director of Finance: No nominations
- 2. Director of University Affairs: No nominations
  - a. Kevin, English: What happens if no one wants the position this time or next time?
- 3. Director of Operations
  - a. Abhishek Madduri
  - b. Christine: What do your time commitments look like for next semester? I'm relatively more free than time semester, will be taking 2 courses instead of 4.
  - c. Madhu, Policy: Motion to end discussion
  - d. Kevin, English: Seconded
  - e. Voting
  - f. Jason, Environment: Motion to end discussion
  - g. Anna, MGM: Seconded
  - h. Approved verbally, unanimously
  - i. **Vote: uncontested**
- 4. Director of Advocacy
  - b. Will Barclay: current attorney general, overview of position: just representing graduate and professional students and their interests in government
  - c. National Advocacy/NAGPS: resolutions condemning current national policies, advocate as a unit w/ professors, Local Advocacy: state/ triangle LADs, Engage with G&P students at local university, University Advocacy
  - d. Anna Brown, MGM: What do you have about university? Request task forces/liaisons for issues, capitalize on union momentum, want to capitalize on the time and opportunities we get with
  - e. Felix, Chemistry: Motion to extend discussion by two minutes
  - f. Andrew George, Biology: Seconded
  - g. Approved verbally, unanimously
  - h. Felix, Chemistry: clarification on union submission
  - i. Kevin, English: Motion to close discussion
  - j. Corie Wilkins: Seconded
  - k. Andrew George, Biology and Kevin, English: He has been really efficient and held us to the rule—we appreciate him
  - l. Andrew George: Motion to close discussion and vote
  - m. Madhu, Policy: Seconded
  - n. Approved verbally, unanimously
  - o. **Vote: uncontested**
- 5. Director of Student Life
  - a. Dilani Logan
    - i. Background: First year in Global Health, currently co-director of committee, recently came into the position but it has been a learning experience, goals: want to work out keeping consistency with events, not huge breaks, lots of student life events very alcohol orientated and doing more, varied things, that maybe don't have alcohol as the prime factor—for example painting night that's coming up, also want to more strictly define the roles of committee members
    - ii. Disclaimer: will be out of the country September and November but will be totally available on skype and email

- iii. Chris, Divinity: What other ideas do you have for events that are not alcohol focused? Wellness Wednesdays are what we did in undergrad
  - b. Sara Stevens (presented by Dilani, Sara is getting married today)
    - i. Wang, Sciences: Motion to end discussion
    - ii. Madhu, Policy: Seconded
    - iii. Approved verbally, unanimously
    - iv. Andrew, Biology: Seems like they can work together well which is important
    - v. Jackie : Sara is very committed, I can speak to that
    - vi. Will: Dilani came in at the last minute and was really great with Winter Formal
    - vii. Ashley: took criticism really well
    - viii. Leah, PT: Motion to end discussion
    - ix. Kevin, English: Seconded
    - x. Approved verbally, unanimously
  - c. Director of Community of Outreach
    - i. Stephanie Stefanski
      - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> year Ph.D. at the Nic School, very experienced in working with communities, is an environmental economist, volunteered in Hillary Campaign and Katrina Relief
      - 2. Rachel, BME: What are service learning models?
        - a. Andrew, Biology: way to incorporate outreach in academia
      - 3. Kevin English: Motion to extend meeting until end of next election
      - 4. Corie Wilkins: Seconded
    - ii. Peter Del Russo
      - 1. Leadership Representative, 1<sup>st</sup> year Fuqua student, has experience in sales and
      - 2. Chris, Divinity: So many of our problems in Durham, which I understand as a social worker are related to race, what can you do to address this? I'm confident in my ability to connect with these communities, active in Black and Latino Association at Fuqua
      - 3. What programs have you been involved in since coming to Duke? Black and Latino Association of Fuqua, Harvard Prefect
    - iii. Kendel McBroom
      - 1. Background: from North Carolina, President of Black Seminary, previously ran for office in Alamance County
      - 2. Madhu, Policy: What are some specific plans you have for community outreach? Maybe a block party with Wall Street
      - 3. Chris, Divinity: So many of our problems in Durham, which I understand as a social worker are related to race, what can you do to address this? I have taken class and the the Racial Equity Institute in Greensboro and learned that a lot of problems are deeply embedded.
      - 4. Rachel, BME: Peter didn't really touch on community outreach, more of a student affairs roles
      - 5. Jason Lee, Environment: 7 years in Durham, there are the politics of being from a predominately white, wealthy institution, have to con
      - 6. Corie, Divinty: As a personal friend of Kendal I know he will do that work and even without this position he would still be doing this without our support
  - d. Director of Communications

- i. Background: vice-president of sorority in undergrad, implemented an app there too, goals: more social correspondence (Twitter, Insta), encouraging weekly update email
- ii. Madhu, Policy: Motion to end Discussion
- iii. Felix, Chemistry: Seconded
- iv. Approved verbally, unanimously
- v. Felix, Chemistry: Motion to end discussion and vote
- vi. Kevin, English: Seconded
- vii. Approved verbally, unanimously

## ATTENDENCE

Jessica Orzulak  
Alyson Hoffman  
Sasha Makonon-Moore (proxy for Andrew George)  
Andrew George (late)  
Ringo Yen  
Jacqueline Robinson-Hamm  
Rachel Chapla (proxy for Brian Crouch)  
Craig Au  
Nicole Stantial  
Felix Nwogbo  
William Gerhard  
Alex Fowler  
Chris Daley  
Ceri Weber  
Chris Boswell  
Corie Wilkins  
Alexandria DaPonte  
Seaver Wang  
Ryan Huang  
Ting Dai  
Yilin Jiang  
Wanyi Fu  
Saketh Vinnakota  
Guillermo Harrison  
Name illegible (proxy for Umar Sikander)  
Kevin Gallin  
Corrie Hannah  
Robert Harris (proxy for Stephanie Stefanski)  
Lee Edsall  
Claire Scott  
Shem Opolot  
Daanish Faruqi  
Geogory Swan  
Matthew Ruis  
Geoff Wright  
Mishalle Kayani  
Devonte Johnson  
Salima Al-Ismaili  
Andrew Hutchins  
Taylor Smith

Matthew Draelos  
Michelle Tang  
Kirin Khan  
Hannah Brown  
Maxwell Ramage  
Jason Lee  
Jason Lee (proxy for Soli Shin)  
Andy Batchholder (proxy for Rachel Nobbs)  
Meredith Kinney  
Leah Cronley  
Deanna Matthew  
Micheal Eggleston  
Scott Bennet  
Sara Maurer  
Nivedhitha Subramanian  
Rozafa Ramadani  
Madhu Vulimiri  
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