

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Shalini Yerukala, President
Kristin Riggsbee, Vice President

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **GUESTS**
 - Melanie Barron, United Campus Workers
 - Tennessee Higher Education Union
 - Graduate workers organized committee that is independent of university
 - Tennessee is not for sale to work on outsourcing of custodians and staff
 - Membership is open
 - Student loan debt clinic – next Wednesday in the library
 - Dr. Sean Hedricks and Office of Research and Engagement
 - Professional Development training to specify your CV
 - Lunch and Learn series
 - Links will be available on GSS website
 - Graduate School website will also link other professional development opportunities
 - Funding News RSS Feed at the bottom of the Graduate School website
 - ORE has Pivot, which allows graduate students to search for external and internal research assistantships
 - Career Center is a resource to help with job search and CV development
 - RCR Lunch and Learn series that includes librarians, faculty, and ORE staff with free pizza
 - Graduate School wants feedback on Graduate School Website and new formatting
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - Welcome to GSS
 - Senator Expectations
 - Updates:
 - Addition of Executive Board Members
 - Tresasuer, Secretary, Senate Moderator, Tecnhonology Officer have already been voted for
 - Proposal to start Graduate Student Council
- **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - Welcome to GSS
 - Introduction
 - External Committees
 - Tracking
- **COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**
 - Equity & Diversity Committee
 - Ashton Cooper nominated and voted
 - Communications & Outreach Committee
 - Cara Sulyok nominated and voted
 - Travel Awards Committee

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- Kelly Rooker nominated and voted
 - Fun Run Committee
 - Morgan Sowers nominated and voted
 - Autonomy Committee & Strategic Committee
 - Graduate Student Council: GSS Non Senators :
 - Chair: GSS Senator
 - Nominated and voted: Zachary Merrill
- **EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS**
 - Technology Officer
 - Nominated: Rebecca McCusker
 - Secretary
 - Nominated: Sarah Nadel
 - Senator Moderator
 - Nominated: Chris Acuff
 - Treasurer
 - Nominated: Dave Desimone
 - Addition of Public Relations Officer
 - Overall consent for the need of it
 - Nominated: Sergio
 - All Executive Board members voted in
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Articles of Cooperation with SGA
 - Previous history of bills passed
 - New challenges discussed
 - Work on SGA on amending constitution
 - Fall 2016: gather and synthesize input, draft changes to by-laws
 - Spring 2017: propose and ratify changes in GSS and SGA
 - Addition of GSS Newsletter
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 - Internal Committees will have brief meeting following adjournment. If you don't know your assigned committee or been assigned to a committee, see Kristin Riggsbee. Committee chairs, please have all your members provide their name and email address and communicate this to Kristin by the end of the week.
 - Must meet here times a semester according to by-laws
 - Must get Kristin a list of active committee members by the end of the week
 - Executive Board and new Graduate Council – please stay behind a moment
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Next GSS Social – September 29, Location and Time TBA
 - GSS Town Hall Meeting – September 20, 5:30 PM, HBB Room 305
 - Office of Research and Engagement workshop “Finding Funding – Research Resources and Tools” – September 12, 2-3:30 PM, register online
- **ADJOURN**

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Upcoming GSS Meetings

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 5:30 PM, HBB Room 402

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 5:30 PM, HBB Room 305

Tuesday, December 1, 2016 at 5:30 PM, HBB Room 202