

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

**Shalini Yerukala, President**  
**Kristin Riggsbee, Vice President**  
**Sarah Nadel, Secretary**  
**Dave Desimone, Treasurer**  
**Rebecca McCusker, Technology Officer**  
**Sergio Bedford, Public Relations Officer**  
**Chris Acuff, Senate Moderator**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- **GUESTS**

- Sarah Nadel, SAIS Evaluation
- Breena O'Malley, Student Health Advisory Board
- Debbie Blair, Business manager, Student Health Center

- **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

- **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Attendance Policy

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Proposed Changes/ possible changes: Grad School updates
  - Graduate Catalog
  - Graduate Certificate Program: Clearly define the difference between for credit/transcribed graduate certificate programs and non – credit/ professional development certificate programs that may be offered by academic and non-academic units.
  - Tracking of Graduate Certificate Program by grad school
  - Application Procedure
  - To receive the certificate, student must submit a Completion of Certificate Programme form endorsed by the academic department to the Graduate School.
- Change the current wording on p37 in the Graduate Catalog: Repetation of course to raise the final grade
- GTA (Graduate Teaching Assistant): Grading policy
- Changes in Graduate Curriculum
- Board of Trustees Rulemaking Hearing regarding the proposed Student Code of Conduct 10/13/16: 8:30 am, Hollingsworth Auditorium, Ag campus

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- Successfully competed Chancellor Round Table with graduate students, on September 20<sup>th</sup>
- GSS first town hall meeting, Nov 15, Tuesday, 2016, (Topic: Graduate Student Health)
- Planning for GSS Newsletter and GSS internal newsletter after fallbreak
- GSS Social : October 13
- Study hours in library : GSS will provide snacks for grad students
- Planning for Research Symposium: Spring
- Attendance Policy for GSS Senators
- Diversity Committee within the Division of Student Life is hosting Diversity Dialogue Town Hall, Mass Shooting and Community Impact, on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> in Cox Auditorium.
- 3rd Annual Collaborators for Change Diversity Summit to held on March 24, 2017. The theme is “Continuing the Conversation.” Call for Proposals for this summit. The deadline for submission is October 28, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.
- UTK’s Teaching and Learning Innovation Symposium: “Reimagining Teaching” sponsored by the TennTLC, Hodges Library and the director of Experience Learning. Submit proposals for Paper, Panel, Poster sessions or Teaching Demos: extended October 10, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. Enter proposals at: [https://utk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bxUoDjSW0rhLMQI](https://utk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxUoDjSW0rhLMQI)  
[http://tenntlc.utk.edu/ut-teaching-and-learning-innovation-symposium-re-imagining\\_teaching/](http://tenntlc.utk.edu/ut-teaching-and-learning-innovation-symposium-re-imagining_teaching/)
- **VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
  - Reminder to use external committee tracking
  - Please let Kristin know if your assigned external committee has not contacted you
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - Equity & Diversity Committee
  - Communications & Outreach Committee
  - Travel Awards Committee
  - Fundraising Committee
  - Autonomy Committee & Strategic Committee
  - Graduate Student Council
  - Administrative Committees
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Call for Discussion Topics
  - Graduate Student Survey
  - College of Arts and Sciences Town Hall
  - VolVision 2020
  - Updates from SGA
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - Next GSS Meeting on November 2

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- Next GSS Social at the end of October
  - All SGA Retreat – October 22
    - ½ day event with food provided
  - UT Networking Weekend – Nov. 11 and 12
    - Track for graduate students
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- **ADJOURN**
  
  - **COMMITTEE BREAKOUT**

**Upcoming Events**

**Upcoming Graduate Student Senate Meetings**

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

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

**Other Events**

**All SGA Retreat – October 22**

**Graduate Student Career Workshop, featuring Don Asher – October 11 6-8 PM, Hodges  
Library Auditorium**

**Diversity Dialogue Symposium – October 14 10 AM – 3 PM, Baker Center**

**ORE Data Management Workshops, October 4 and 11 10 AM – 12 PM**