



GSS Session 2 Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 5:30 pm

Student Union, Room 169

Senators Present: Refer to Appendix

Note: Leighton Chappell, GSS Vice President, filled in for Zane Smith, Senate Chair who attended virtually due to illness.

Opening Remarks

5:30 [Leighton Chappell, Vice President] GSS Session 2 Meeting Called to Order

- **[Katherine Trubee, Technology Officer & Karen Norwood, Secretary] Attendance**
- **[Leighton Chappell, Vice President] Review of Agenda**
 - **Change of agenda**
 - Removing information about the appointment of Kayla Roulhac (see the next bullet) from the agenda because anticipated information was not received before the start of the meeting
 - New Business Item B, Numbers ii and iii
 - “ii. Council for Diversity and Interculturalism
 - Kayla Roulhac
 - iii. Dean of the Libraries’ Student Advisory Committee
 - Kayla Roulhac”
 - Senator #90 made a motion
Senator #88 seconded
 - There were no objections to the agenda change so the motion passed
- **[Leighton Chappell, Vice President] Opening of Senate Floor for Public Comment**
 - *Members of the public may address GSS members on any item appearing on this posted agenda or matters impacting students.*
 - No public comments brought forward.
- **[Leighton Chappell, Vice President] Senate Meeting Rules and Procedures**
Brief Refresher for New Senators

- Robert’s Rules of Order will be followed throughout the senate meetings to ensure order is maintained throughout the meetings
- In order to speak, one must first be recognized by the Senate Chair
- When applicable, the Senate chair will open the floor for discussion, and we'll recognize any senator or guest wanting to speak. To be recognized:
 - Please raise your name card, and the Senate chair [Zane] will call on you by your senate number to take the floor.
 - We encourage open discussion, but also to keep it brief.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from 05/10/22
 - Comments or changes: No additional comments
 - Senator #72 made a motion to approve the minutes from 05/10/2022
 - Senator #10 seconded
 - Voice vote:
 - Unanimous vote for “Yes” (no voice votes for “No” or “Abstain”)
 - **Minutes for 5/10/2022 are approved.**
- Approval of Minutes from 08/30/22
 - Comments or changes: No additional comments
 - Senator #75 made a motion to approve the minutes for 08/30/2022
 - Senator #16 seconded
 - Voice vote:
 - Unanimous vote for “Yes” (no voice votes for “No” or “Abstain”)
 - **Minutes for 08/30/2022 are approved.**

Guest Speakers – no guest speakers for this meeting

President’s Report

5:45 [George Fields, GSS President] President’s Report

- **Active Senator numbers update:**
 - We have increased the number of active Senators by 11.
 - We now have 91 of 106 Senate seats filled, and we are on a trajectory to having the Senate filled by the October session.
 - This is something GSS has not been able to accomplish in the past, so I want to give a shout out to Nick Jakel, the program coordinator for GSS, for his work to make this possible.
- **International Student Support Resource Group:**
 - This newly formed resource group is housed in the Committee on Equity and Diversity.

- This group will take on the tasks of providing peer support for international graduate students, connecting them with existing resources and serving as a liaison between these Students and the university.
- **Food and Housing Insecurity updates after meetings & discussions with Dr. Cuevas, Vice Chancellor for Student Life:**
 - The Division for Student Life is working toward establishing a task force concerning housing insecurity, in accordance with the Housing Resolution we passed last year. As this gets off the ground, Dr. Cuevas has ensured there will be ample graduate student representation on the task force. Keep an eye out for the call for that external committee.
 - The Division for Student Life, including the Housing Office, is exploring ways in which the university can reduce the burden placed on students, including graduate students, related to housing, including finding guarantors, navigating lease agreements, etc.
 - The idea is for the University to establish master lease agreements with off-campus student housing to eliminate some of the obstacles facing students across the board.
 - Under this idea, the University would sign the lease (and serve as the guarantor) for units inhabited by students.
 - Students would then have an agreement with the university, similar to those for on-campus housing.
 - This is particularly good for students from adverse financial backgrounds and international students, as the guarantor would then be the University. More information on this is forthcoming.
 - Dr. Cuevas also expressed his intention to pay more attention to ensuring there is support for off-campus students. He highlighted the off-campus student lounge on the G3 level of Phase I of the Student Union, located near the VolShop. This is one of the resources established to provide support for off-campus students in the form of providing a place to relax, do work, and be students. My effort is to push forward on this front, and I will update you all as this progresses.
 - Food Insecurity is an on-going issue on campus, and the administration is aware. Under the supervision of Dr. Joe Pierce, Associate Dean of Students for Care and Resilience, a new Basic Needs Coordinator has been established as a way of consolidating basic needs resources on campus. Ms. Johanna Ramb is in this role and will be attending the October session to provide an update on the University's efforts to bring these resources under a central location. Doing so will increase the exposure of students to these resources, a task we have undertaken as well.
- **Parking and Office Space:**
 - My goal has been to make the university aware of how these issues are exacerbated by each other, and how relief in one area can help in the other area as well.
 - As conversations with university administration continue, I want to reiterate to you all that this has been and will remain one of my top priorities for this

semester. I will keep everyone updated as we make progress.

- **Healthcare on Campus:**
 - At the last Senate Session, at least one Senator brought forward concerns surrounding healthcare on campus.
 - Issues related to healthcare include access to healthcare on campus, including physical and mental health resources, as well as ensuring these resources are affordable.
 - Concerns have been expressed about the costs associated with student healthcare on campus, as well as the processes in place for external referrals and services provided by the Student Health Center.
 - Regarding mental health, we know that the Counseling Center has hired 4 new counselors and therapists, and that telemental health services are expanding to increase the accessibility of these resources.
 - In terms of questions surrounding costs and processes, we are still investigating, and I will report back at the October meeting any updates.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

5:52 [George Fields, GSS President, and Leighton Chappell, Vice President]

Action: Executive Committee Nominee Confirmations

The Senate will consider the following Senators for leadership positions within GSS for the rest of the GSS year:

- Alternate Justice: Hannah Flannery
- Treasurer and Finance & Annual Fundraiser Committee Chair: Anirban Roy
- Communications Director: Zaina Shams
- Committee on Institutional Advocacy Chair: Tabatha Rainwater
- GSS Advisory Committee Chair: TBD

- **Vote to Confirm Executive Committee Nominations:**
 - Senator #71 made a motion to approve the executive committee nominations
 - Senator #77 seconded
 - **With over 2/3 majority vote “Yes”, the executive committee nominations are confirmed.**

5:56 [Leighton Chappell, VP] Action: External Committee Confirmations

The Senate will consider appointing the following Senators to represent GSS and graduate students on campus committees, commissions, boards, or other entities for the rest of the GSS year:

- Commission for Women: Jessica Barfield
- **Vote to Confirm External Committee Nomination:**
 - Senator #99 made a motion to approve the external committee nomination
 - Senator #10 seconded
- **Question from Senator #6:** What happens if these Committee roles are not filled?

Response from George: The bylaws are explicit that if these positions go unfilled by the senate that they will be opened to the population of graduate and professional students, but that entails advertising it to over 6,000 people.

- **Question from Proxy for Senator #15:** Can proxies serve on External Committees?

Response from George: The bylaws aren't explicit about this, but I don't see why you wouldn't be able to have a proxy serve on an external; committee if there is interest.

- **With over 2/3 majority vote "Yes", the external committee nomination is confirmed.**

6:08 [George Fields, President] Discussion: Internal Committee Assignments

- We have completed almost all internal committee assignments.
- The committees are listed on the screen [see appendix for slides].
- For everyone who completed the interest form, you were placed on a committee that aligns with the interests you indicated.
- For those who did not complete the form, you were assigned based on which committees needed additional Senators.
- Please let's all remember that as Senators we are required not only to serve on these committees, but also to be active and engaged with them.
- It is essential to our mission of improving the graduate student experience on campus that we take advantage of what we can accomplish together through these committees.
- I have tasked the committee chairs with scheduling the first committee meetings.
- Once you have identified which committee you have been assigned to, watch out for an email from the respective chair. If you haven't heard something by the end of this week, reach out and we will make sure you are properly connected with the chair of your committee.

6:12 [George Fields, President] Discussion: External Committee Review & Call for Volunteers

- Last meeting and via email we advertised several positions on many university committees that require graduate student representation.
- I want to stress how important it is that we have graduate students sitting on these committees. This is how we ensure the graduate student voice is heard and has a say in campus decisions.
- I also want to reiterate that serving on an external committee exempts you from serving on internal committees, meaning if you take on one of these roles it will take the place of you serving on an internal committee, unless you would like to do that as well. This is a great opportunity for Senators who are looking to make an impact through representing on these committees with less expectations than serving on an internal committee. I will provide more information later this meeting about these positions, and I encourage you all to please look out for another call for these external committee positions via email in the next few days.
- **Committee Positions Still Open:**
 - Classroom Upgrade Committee
 - Commission for Asian American and Pacific Islanders
 - Council for Diversity and Inclusion
 - University Tech Fee Advisory Board
 - Dean of Libraries Student Advisory Committee
 - Commission for Disability
 - Commission for LGBT People
 - Commission for Blacks
 - UTPD Advisory Council
 - Open Education Advisory Board
- **Question from Senator #33:** Is there any way that we can get more information as to the time commitments for each of these external committee positions in the follow up information email?

Answer from George: The information listed has all the information available to us, so please look it over. If you have any interest in any of these committee positions, click the link and fill out the form. This list will be expanding because we are always seeking ways for us to have more representation across campus.

6:19 [George Fields, President] Discussion: Open Floor

- **Comment from Senator #72:** First deadline for travel awards is this Saturday. The website is up to date and has all the information students need to apply. You can also email Kassie Hollabaugh at gsstravel@utk.edu with questions. We want to award as many students as we can. There are also Academic Support Awards. Students can only get 1 Award, either a Travel Award OR an Academic Support Award within a year. Travel awards can only be awarded to students who are first author and first presenters for conferences that are in person.

Response from George: The academic support awards budget was \$350,000. We allocated \$250,000 to travel awards because we expect an uptick in travel meaning

there's \$100,000 budgeted for academic support awards. Half of the budget for academic support awards (\$50k) has already been used up so please emphasize to your constituents that they need to apply sooner rather than later. We did have money left over from last year and with approval from Dean Thompson and Provost Zomchick we allocated that money and we have bolstered the academic support awards by about \$53,000.

- **Comment from Senator #20 (via zoom):** Many graduate students travel daily to the Bredesen Center or ORNL but there is not much in terms of travel support to and from these places for students.
Senator #77 seconds this comment and emphasizes how difficult transport and access to these places are for grad students and how incredibly helpful it would be to have solutions to support the transportation needs of students.

Response from George: I'm glad you all brought this up because this is an additional issue I can bring up to the university to find permanent solutions to issues adversely impacting students. I will add it to my list, and I will report back on this next session.

- **Comment from Senator #4:** I have a concern regarding issues with owners of private parking lots towing cars illegally and also providing no signage or warning about their towing policy. Even though the university does not provide that notice or warning, the graduate students still have to pay that money to gain access to their car. Also, is there also a way to facilitate communication between the owners of the private lots and the graduate students that use them?

Response from George: In last conversation with Moira Bindner, they are working on a better communication plan regarding discrepancies for private lots, parking on game day, and better parking in general. We are working with UT Parking towards a solution for better communication. To your point about private lots: Some instances where people are being towed from private lots where the parking times and tow policy are not clear. We will work on this further and report back.

- **Question from Senator #93 (via zoom):** What is the cap for the Travel and Academic Support Awards?
Response from Senator #72, Kassie H.: For Academic Support, the cap is \$400. For travel awards there is not necessarily a cap. We cannot award a student's entire travel, but within the applications there are multiple categories for you to fill in and we also have a formula using that information to determine how much each student is awarded to keep it a fair process. We take into account things like where the student is traveling, what kind of presentation they are giving, how much funding they already have, and how much their expenses are going to be, and at the end the formula determines the amount we can award.
- **Question from #91:** Are GSS Senators allowed to apply for the travel and academic support awards?

Response from George: Yes! Absolutely

- **Question from Duren Thompson (from the Ombud's Office):** Are those caps per semester or per year?

Response from Kassie: They are per year - awards are once every academic year which goes from September 1 to August 31.

- **Question from Senator #67:** Why do we not hear from the nominees directly before we vote to confirm them to the executive and external committee positions?

Response from George: In the past we've allowed people a chance to make a statement or say something to the senate prior to confirmation, but as you can imagine it takes a huge amount of time for everyone to make statements ahead of time and puts a huge footprint on time for the agenda. It is definitely something we can consider, if not meeting them in the meetings face to face, we can have them submit material explaining why they would be a good fit for these roles that could be distributed before voting to confirm. We are in no way trying to create a veiled process. I can even check if the people who have been confirmed so far if they would be willing to share that information and experience, and if so I will share that and even if not, I will make this a practice from now on.

- **Question from Senator #16:** Can you make videos and then share the link with the senators that show who the nominees are and to allow them to make statements so that the other senators can get familiar with names and faces so everyone knows who they are before voting?

Response from George: Yes – this is absolutely something we can do in the future. The only issue is that these processes require a lot of time and effort, but to be clear I have absolutely no issue with this and this can be something our Communications Director can help with in terms of creating video bios to get those name and faces and experience circulated.

- **Question from Senator #77:** I want to bring up the issue of software available through OIT for students, one in particular is Engineering Equation Solver.

Response from George: Something we can look into to make sure the apps and technology and all other resources are available and accessible to all grad students.

Follow-Up Question from Senator #95: I think what Senator #77 was trying to say is that the software is not available for us to use anywhere on campus, and we need to communicate this to make it so it can be available for students.

Response from George: I'm thankful for that clarification and I'm sorry I missed the mark on that – This is something we can investigate, and I can see if this falls under something the Tech Fee Advisory Board can handle for us and figure out the process for how we can get access to apps and software that students need.

Follow-Up Comment from Senator #77: Thank you for that because this is essential software for us to have access to and it is also a very commonly available software, and it

is strange and uncommon for this software is not available through the UT apps or library resources.

Response from George: I will look into this issue in particular but we can also definitely look into a broader analysis of what software is out there and what software is being used by professionals in our fields and figure out why the university has decided not to use that software or if they are simply not aware of the need for it.

- **Comment from Senator #89:** To continue on with the conversation about software – covering the cost of software needed is potentially, and correct me if I'm wrong, a good opportunity the Academic Support Awards – I know of at least some students who have been able to get reimbursed for the cost of software through the Academic Support Awards. So this might be a good temporary solution for that problem.

Response from Senator #72: Clarification – In full disclosure, the GSS Travel Awards does not review the Academic Support Awards the business office of the Graduate School does that. There is a list of things on the website that you can get reimbursed for, but if there is something you'd like to be reimbursed for that isn't listed, go ahead, and email them and ask because chances are they might let you. Great idea!

- **Question from Senator #1:** Cost of printing is a huge barrier for a lot of people, especially for those who TA and teach. I know that the Grad School and the Architecture program does not cover the cost of printing fees for graduate students, and we are spending hundreds and hundreds of dollars for a single project just on printing alone. That could be up for reimbursement, but I think a reduction of these fees would help greatly.

Response from George: I encourage that we try to find an alternative solution for the university to cover the costs accrued by printing instead of using the Academic Support Awards to cover since these are costs that we're accruing as employees of the university not necessarily costs going towards academic success, so that is definitely something I want to look into. That is something that the university can eat a little of the cost on to provide addition support especially when we cannot get relief on parking, office space, etc.

- **Comment from Senator #99:** Comment on printing – there is a way for the university to provide reimbursement or receive vouchers from the print shop that should be covered by the Tech fee or some other fee.

Response from George: This is a great point, and I want to follow up on that to see what is allowed and what can be included or excluded from that.

Additional Comment from Senator #99: UCopy always charges to an account so if you have an internal account number, they will charge it to that. We should be able to bring this up to the higher administration to come up with a solution like this.

- **Question from Senator #84 (via zoom):** Comment on Travel Awards – what is the mechanism for advocating for policy change in order to help with travel costs. My constituents (from the College of Social Work) in particular are traveling a lot for the field practicum, I personally travelled more than 200 miles a week, so we could use some

financial assistance and reimbursement for costs that are not necessarily associated with research but associated with the field practicum.

Response from Senator #72: The reason why we have strict rules on eligibility for travel awards because we have laws at the state level that could consider any of the money coming from this mechanism and from the Graduate School as income and can make it taxable, and therefore we cannot award for other things. The needs are set by Dean Thompson to avoid these discrepancies. With Academic Support there is a little more flexibility to what they can cover, but for Travel Awards we simply cannot do it because of the laws that are at the state-level which are out of our hands.

Follow-Up Question from Senator #84: Thank you, so are you saying that there is a possibility to advocate through Academic Support for that?

Response from Senator #72: You can ask? But I really don't think it would be possible and they probably won't be willing to reimburse for things like milage when it is more geared towards technology and resources needed for research, but you can definitely ask.

Question from Senator #28: If I can clarify that a little bit because we had a similar question last meeting – you're saying milage is considered income in how it is reimbursed so it can't be covered by Travel Awards – do you know if there is another resource on campus or another way to do that to have it covered?

Response from Senator #72: Not just for milage, but the way money is handled via reimbursement through travel, the way it is given to students through the reimbursement process is the same way that we get paid, so because of that it can be considered income. Because it can be considered income, at the state level, they have laws written that it is therefore taxable. So they cannot give money unless it meets these specific requirements.

Follow-Up from Senator #28: So other potential sections of the university that could provide reimbursement would be a similar situation where it is potentially taxable, but I don't know if those exist, I guess was my question?

Response from Senator #72: I don't know if those exist either, but if so then yes, it would also run into the issue reimbursement being considered taxable income.

Follow-Up Question from Senator #75: Could a potential solution to that be a tax code number?

Response from Senator #72: Potentially but that is something that the Graduate School would have to tackle and from conversations with Dean Thompson it does not look like she would be willing to work on that.

- **Question from Senator #99:** One of my constituents spoke to me about their concern over inequity and help for graduate students joining the university if one does not have a source of income before joining the university, how can you be expected to be able to cover the cost of food, rent, housing, fees, etc? Is there a way we can work on an advance on our salaries from our stipends for the first month to cover that?

Response from George: Yes, and even more frustrating that many stipends are paid until the last day of the month. One of the aspects of the conversations with Dr. Cuevas is the master leasing agreements to mitigate the risk of apartment leases. In terms of the costs of

moving and moving in, the goal is to reduce the costs by having off campus housing provided through the university. As to loans or advances in pay to cover costs of moving and first month expenses, we can look into this further and take it to the office of finance.

- **Question from Senator #52:** My constituents are asking about the SEF emergency funding – it is unclear what is considered an emergency for graduate students. The guidelines suggest a one-time medical issue. For people with ongoing or long-term medical issues, how do we find out how to be covered and what is covered?

Response from George: I will find out more information and get back to you. It comes down to policy and maybe that will be someone we bring in as a guest speaker to address this issue in particular.

- **Question from Senator #77:** I think I speak for all graduate students, but I compared the upper and lower limits to pay stipends to graduate students of UTK to other schools, and UTK is much lower compared to other universities in this region of the southeast, and the argument used to be because of our low cost of living, but that has changed significantly, and cost of living has gone up a lot. Not all students get the same amount of stipend. Why there isn't a single number for stipends, and it is an issue that there is so much inequality of stipend amounts for students in different fields/programs.

Response from George: I will talk to Equity & Diversity and Institutional Advocacy to work on this issue and see who can take on the investigation of how UTK compare to other universities in this region.

Follow-Up from Senator #77: Also, UTK does not have a policy to increase the stipend every year. So the stipends are the same for students in their 5th year as they were when they started. There should be some percentage increase every year.

Response from George: The university has increased stipends in recent years, but they don't have a set number for yearly percentage increase. It is definitely something we can look into further. That would be a great mechanism and tool to assign yearly raises and increase in stipends as a part of our program/progress reviews.

- **Question from Senator #31:** College of Arts and Sciences is slated to be split up into 3 separate colleges which will greatly affect many of the students in the room. There is a lot of ambiguity on how this will affect funding, access to resources, and even what colleges different departments will be moved to. What does this mean for students? Students and faculty need more transparency for this plan, there are major worries that this will come at a cost to the students.

Response from George: This was brought up at the Faculty Senate Meeting and 70-90% were against the breakup of the college. There is a considerable disconnect between the students and faculty and the administration on this issue- particularly Dean Lee's plan of a provisional dean model. Under this model, all the concerns and ambiguities have yet to be answered. There is also a growing concern that the breakup was marketed very differently to individual departments in order to get it approved. The problem is that the plan has already been approved and there has been little to no information or advertising for it.

Follow-Up from Senator #31: This restructuring will start next year – it's a 2-year experimental plan. A lot of money will be needed to fund the admin and new deans for

these new colleges. There is a lot of worry that funding and allocation of resources will not be equitable between the different departments/colleges.

Response from George: We have been pushing for graduate students will have a voice at the table and how these ambiguities will be answered. I informally propose we bring this up at the next session and get a feel for more about what this is about and what our concerns are.

Response from Senator #31: If you would like, I am willing to share and circulate information published about it.

Response from George: Yes, and I'll add on the material published by the university on this matter.

Announcements

- A QR Code was circulated by a senator in Geography for a survey to help advocate for better understanding of university policy in relation to international student housing.
- Also there is an opportunity for free headshots on September 29th.

Adjournment

- Leighton Chappell [Vice President] asks for a motion & a second to adjourn this meeting.
 - Senator #9 made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Senator #10 seconds the motion.

7:05 [Leighton Chappell, Vice President] GSS Session 2 Meeting is officially adjourned

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm in SU 169

Upcoming Events

- **GSS + SGA Town Hall** - Tuesday, October 25, 2022, around 5pm in SU 169

Appendix 1 – Senate Meeting Attendance

Department by College	Voting Number	Name	Present
Architecture	1	Kay Kriegel	Y
Architecture	2	Rachel Paganelli	Y
Landscape Architecture	3	Carl Carlton	Y
Anthropology	4	Brianna Gardner	Y
Anthropology	5	Tatianna Griffin	Y
Biochemistry and Cellular and Molecular Biology	6	Lauren Walden	Y
Biochemistry and Cellular and Molecular Biology	7	Morgan House	Y
Chemistry	8	Trevor Wilson	Y
Chemistry	9	Elizabeth Crumley	Y
Earth and Planetary Sciences	10	Chance Sturup	Y
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	11	—	—
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	12	—	—
English	13	Kate Wright	Y
English	14	Karen Norwood	Y
Geography	15	Kayla Rouhlac	Y
History	16	Stacie Beach	Y
Life Sciences	17	Megan Elliott	Y
Mathematics	18	Eli Brooks	Y
Mathematics	19	Shannon Hall	Y
Microbiology	20	Sayali Mulay	Y
Microbiology	21	Diana Ramirez	Y
Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures	22	Morgan Schneider	Y
Music	23	Sarah Buzalewski	Y
Music	24	Alexis Kilgore	Y
Philosophy	25	Francis Nyamekeh	Y
Physics and Astronomy	26	Tanner Mengel	Y
Physics and Astronomy	27	Debshikha Banerjee	Y
Political Science	28	Katherine Trubee	Y
Political Science	29	Hannah Flannery	Y
Psychology	30	Golnaz Forouzandehfar	N
Psychology	31	Ian Warren	Y

School of Art	32	—	—
Sociology	33	Zaina Shams	Y
Theatre	34	—	—
Advertising & Public Relations	35	Josh Shockley	N
Communication and Information	36	Winston Roberts	Y
Communication and Information	37	Jessica Barfield	Y
Information Sciences	38	Francesca Watkins	Y
Information Sciences	39	Dusty Bryan	N
Journalism & Electronic Media	40	Aman Misra	Y
Child and Family Studies	41	Hannah Thompson	Y
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	42	Emily Ballesteros	Y
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	43	Nathan Vann	Y
Educational Psychology and Counseling	44	—	—
Educational Psychology and Counseling	45	—	—
Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport Studies	46	Emily Mayfield	Y
Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport Studies	47	Austin Jackson	Y
Nutrition	48	Nick Gill	Y
Public Health	49	Catherine Warner	Y
Public Health	50	Sandra Wairimu	N
Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Management	51	Michelle Von Geis	N
Theory and Practice in Teacher Education	52	Tabatha Rainwater	Y
Theory and Practice in Teacher Education	53	Amanda Carter	Y
Accounting and Information Management	54	Jazmin Campuzano (Proxy)	Y
Accounting and Information Management	55	Kainat Bhayani	Y
Business Analytics and Statistics	56	—	—

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Economics	58	Ivan Anich	Y
Finance	59	—	—
Management & Entrepreneurship	60	Katie Layton	Y
Management & Entrepreneurship	61	Tan Kim	Y
Marketing	62	—	—
Supply Chain Management	63	—	—
Supply Chain Management	64	—	—
MBA – Working Professionals	65	—	—
MBA – Working Professionals	66	—	—
Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications	67	Samuel T. Monarch	Y
Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications	68	Emoni White	Y
Agricultural & Resource Economics	69	Bishal Bista	Y
Animal Science	70	Jake Watts	Y
Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	71	Alexis Gillmore	Y
Entomology & Plant Pathology	72	Kassie Hollabaugh	Y
Food Science	73	Fernando Rivera	N
Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	74	Joe DeMarchi	Y
Plant Sciences	75	Kollin Johnson	Y
Cent/Interdisc Rsrch Grad Edu (Bredesen Center)	76	Adedasola Ademola	Y
Cent/Interdisc Rsrch Grad Edu (Bredesen Center)	77	Sara Sultan	Y
Comparative and Experimental Medicine	78	Lufuno Phophi	N
Law	79	Jake Gray	N
Law	80	Ronald Young	N
Nursing	81	Jeanne Bernier	Y
Nursing	82	Adaora Ede	N

Social Work – Distance Education	83	Marlon Wade	N
Social Work – Distance Education	84	SueLynn Hartness	Y
Social Work – Nashville	85	Marguerite Braun	Y
Social Work – Nashville	86	Alissa White	N
Social Work – Knoxville	87	Kristin (Nicole) Wiggs	Y
Social Work – Knoxville	88	Aritra Moulick	Y
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	89	Austin Conte	Y
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	90	Rohit Ghanta	Y
Civil & Environmental Engineering	91	Mohammed Elbushra Elsheikh Elnur	Y
Civil & Environmental Engineering	92	Vivek Chawla	N
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	93	Mojtaba Dezvarei	Y
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	94	Francisco Zelaya	Y
Industrial & Systems Engineering	95	Samuel Affar	Y
Industrial & Systems Engineering	96	—	—
Materials Science & Engineering	97	Zane Smith	Y
Materials Science & Engineering	98	Max Neveau	Y
Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering	99	Anirban Roy	Y
Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering	100	Breanna Schaeffer	Y
Nuclear Engineering	101	Emily Hutchins	Y
Nuclear Engineering	102	Evan Williams	N
Space Institute	103	Kyle Ackermann	Y
Space Institute	104	—	—
Veterinary Medicine	105	Allison Coyle	Y
Veterinary Medicine	106	Nicole Harris	Y

Appendix 2 – Visual Aid from Meeting (below)

Graduate Student Senate

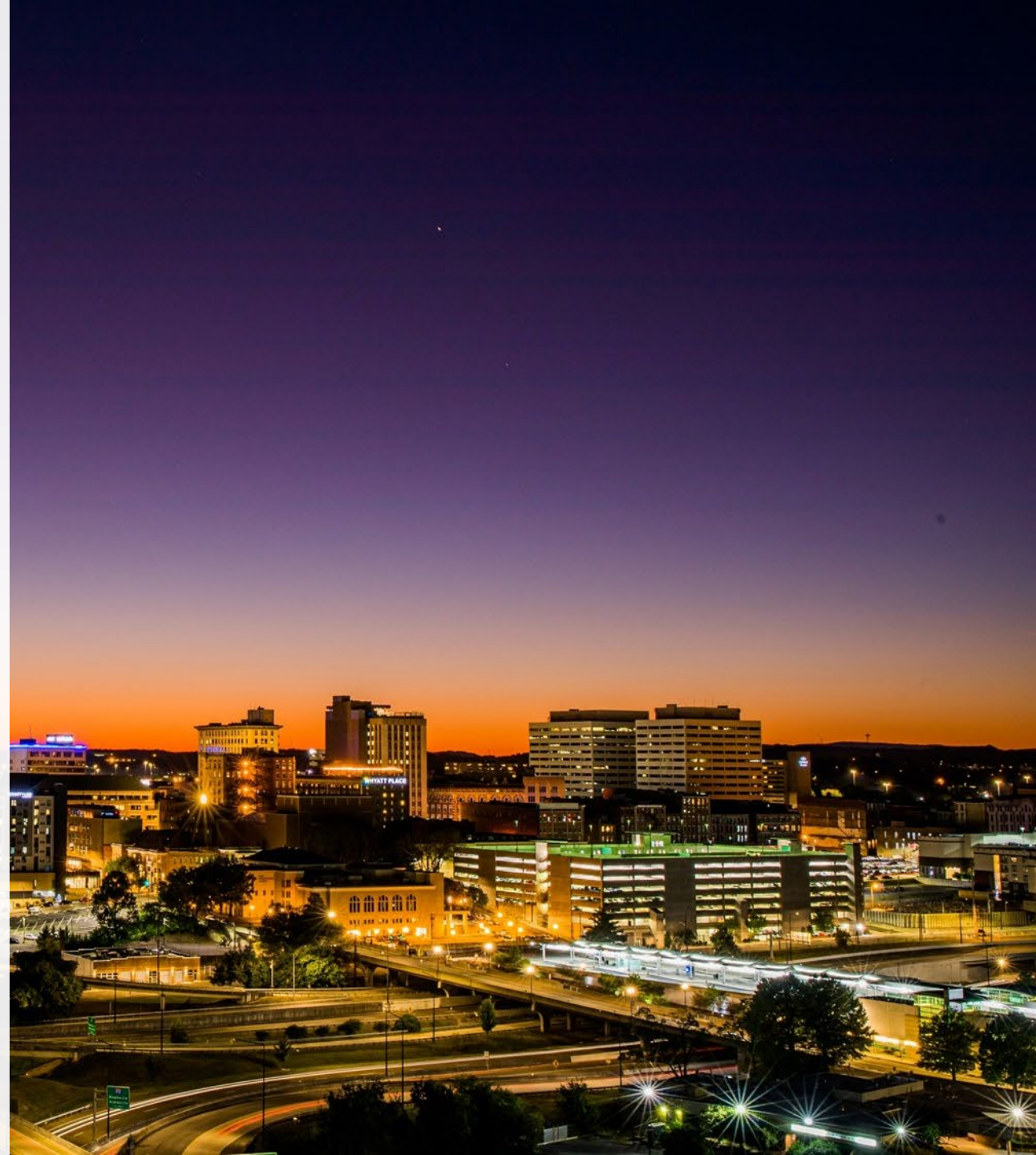
Session 2
September 28, 2022



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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GRADUATE
STUDENT
SENATE



Agenda

Opening

- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Review of Agenda
- ✓ Public Comment
- ✓ Refresher: Senate Rules and Procedures

Approval of Minutes

- ✓ Approval of Minutes from 5/10/2022
- ✓ Approval of Minutes from 8/30/2022

Scheduled Guest Speakers

- ✓ N/A

Reports

- ✓ President's Report – George T. Fields

Unfinished Business

- ✓ N/A

New Business

- ✓ Action: Executive Committee Confirmations
- ✓ Action: External Committee Confirmations
- ✓ Discussion: Internal Committee Assignments
- ✓ Discussion: Open Floor

Announcements/Member's Privilege

Adjournment

Senate Rules and Procedures

- Robert's Rules of Order
 - Ensures order and civility throughout meeting
- To be recognized:
 - Raise name card and the Senate Chair will recognize you by voting number
 - When recognized, state your name and voting number for the record
- At times, there may be time constraints on comments
- Always, refer to the Senate Chair for clarifications on Senate Rules

President's Report

Senate Seat Numbers Increased

On the Issues:

International Student Support Resource Group

Food and Housing Insecurity

Parking and Office Space

Student Healthcare on Campus

Executive Committee Nominee Confirmations

Alternate Justice

Treasurer and Finance and Annual Fundraiser Committee Chair

Communications Director

Committee on Institutional Advocacy Chair

Executive Committee Nominee Confirmations

- Alternate Justice
 - ✓ Hannah Flannery
- Treasurer and Finance and Annual Fundraiser Committee Chair
 - ✓ Anirban Roy
- Communications Director
 - ✓ Zaina Shams
- Committee on Institutional Advocacy Chair
 - ✓ Tabatha Rainwater

We still need the Graduate Student Senate Advisory Committee Chair position filled!

External Committee Nominee Confirmations

Chancellor's Commission for Women

Still Need:

Classroom Upgrade Committee

Commission for Asian American and Pacific Islanders

Council for Diversity and Inclusion

University Tech Fee Advisory Board

Dean of Libraries' Student Advisory Committee

Commission for Disability

Commission for LGBT People

Commission for Blacks

UTPD Advisory Council

Open Education Advisory Board

External Committee Nominee Confirmations

- Commission for Women
 - ✓ Jessica Barfield

Discussion: Internal Committee Assignments

Discussion: External Committee Review and Call for Volunteers

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Open Floor Discussions

What needs are not being met on campus?

What can the GSS be doing better to recognize and meet needs?

What can GSS leadership do to facilitate Senator involvement?

Announcements/Member's Privilege



Any Announcements?
Events?

← QR Code for International
Student Housing Survey

TEACHFORAMERICA

FREE HEADSHOTS

for all  students

September 29
1:00PM - 3:00 PM EST
Student Union Breezeway



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The image is a promotional poster for a free headshots session. It features a dark blue header with the text 'TEACHFORAMERICA'. Below this, the main title 'FREE HEADSHOTS' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Underneath the title, it says 'for all' followed by the University of Florida (UF) logo (an orange 'U' and 'F') and the word 'students'. The event details are listed on the right side: 'September 29', '1:00PM - 3:00 PM EST', and 'Student Union Breezeway'. On the left side of the poster, there is a stylized illustration of a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing an orange t-shirt, and holding a white camera up to her eye as if taking a photo. Small white sparkles are scattered around her head. At the bottom right of the poster, there is a credit line: 'Photography by Kennedy Davis @KennedyDavisPhotography'.



Adjournment

Refreshments are at the back of the room!

Next: 10/27, SU 169 @ 5:30PM

Town Hall: 10/25, SU 169 @ 5:30PM