



## GSS Session 4 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5:30 pm

Student Union, Room 169

**Senators Present:** Refer to Appendix

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Dr. Dixie Thompson, Dean of the Graduate School

**Guests Present:** Student Health Center Leadership members:  
Dr. Spencer D. Gregg (Director), Darrell Brackett (Associate Director),  
Debbie Blair (Business Manager)

### Opening Remarks

#### 5:35 PM Call to Order

- **Attendance** [visual count by Karen and Katherine]
- **Review of Agenda**
- **Public Comment**

*Members of the public may address GSS members on any item appearing on this posted agenda or matters impacting students.*

### Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from 10/27/2022
  - Motion to approve: Senator #6
  - Seconded: Senator #26
  - Voice vote
    - unanimous “yea” voice votes for approval (no “no” or “abstain” voice votes)
    - **Minutes for 10/27/2022 are approved.**

### Guest Speakers – Student Health Center Leadership:

**Dr. Spencer D. Gregg [Director], Darrell Brackett [Associate Health Center Director], Debbie Blair [Business Manager]**

**6:02 PM** Dr. Spencer D. Gregg, Director of the Student Health Center

- Health center has been under a lot of stress much like other health facilities in the region. Our numbers have not gone up substantially, but we do have an uptick of respiratory illness as well as still getting covid cases.
  - About student health insurance, it was asked “how come I lose insurance at the first of august when I am a continuing graduate student?”

The answer is that it is not a rolling insurance policy, a whole new policy is developed at the start of every new academic year. If you change cost centers (financial sources like grants/fellowships/dept stipend) it also must be processed and changed by the health center. They must work on policies for over 2000 graduate students. Typically, the failures occur due to departments not submitting their grad student names of students that will be enrolled/covered. Often, insurance companies can retroactively cover things that occurred during the gap. If you must fill prescriptions during the gap, save the receipts to get reimbursed later by insurance when coverage resumes.
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- **Question from Senator 75:** can we opt out of the insurance and later be reimbursed that amount?

**Answer from Dean Thompson:** no.
- **Question:** Why does the SHC require appointments?

**Answer:** From a physicians’ office standpoint, we need to be exclusive by appointment because a walk-in clinic means you can have many hours of wait time and priority is given to those who are most severe. They serve 200-250 students a day. About 60% of appointments are available if you call at 8am day of. Leave a voicemail message to make an appointment to be seen. The nurses will call back (so keep your ringer/sound on) and if you answer you are likely to get an appointment that day. If you miss the call, you will not get an appointment. Most students who call will be seen within the same week which is incredible for the Knoxville health care market where appointments with a physician can be months out. We are doing our best to accommodate students and especially grad students. We don’t want to be in an adversarial relationship with anyone
- **Question from Senator 76:**

Is there a reason why the appointment must be a phone call instead of an online form?

**Answer:** It was tried for about 6 months before the online system got shut down because there was no way in the online system to prevent people from making multiple appointments in the same day and filling up spots.

  - **Follow-up question:** it sounds like a software issue that could be fixed technically?

**Answer:** it is not - we’ve talked with our software vendor about this and there is no way for them to make it where they limit only 1

appointment to be scheduled by someone. Until that is fixed, we won't implement it.

- **Question from Senator 6:** Why can't we book appointments in advance esp. for students who have recurring appointments.

**Answer:** You can – you just have to talk to the nurse before you leave to schedule it in advance.

Follow up: I was told by my nurse that we can't do that.

Response: We will follow up with all of our nursing staff to make sure they know they should schedule recurring appointments in advance.

- **Even though the SHC is closed on weekends, it has an answering service that will provide info on medical services/providers.** But they don't work for the health center during normal hours, which is why they will recommend you call first thing in the morning during the weekdays.

- **We are open to feedback and questions and suggestions for improvement, so please feel free to reach out to us with your thoughts and ideas on what we can do better.**

- **Question from Senator #71:** If we submitted questions online in advance, will we get a response or follow up Q&A session?

**Answer from George:** Yes, there will be follow up written responses.

## 7. Reports

### a. President's Report: George T. Fields, GSS President

- I want to start by taking a moment to talk about the event we co-hosted this morning with the Big Orange Pantry and Basic Needs.
  - The Big Orange Pantry Open House this morning and the purpose of this event was to introduce students to the pantry and its resources by offering breakfast and coffee, as well as programming pertaining to basic needs resources on campus.
  - We had a good turnout, so I think this was a success. Looking forward, our goal is to ensure graduate students are aware of the basic needs resources on campus.
- Leighton and I met with Vice Chancellor Cuevas on October 24.
  - The topics discussed included office space and parking.
  - To this end, we will be meeting with Dr. Brian Browning as well as Dr. Cuevas on December 2nd. This meeting should provide a way forward on these issues.

- Leighton and I also had a chance to meet with Chancellor Plowman on November 1st.
  - The goal of this meeting was to discuss ways in which the student governments can be better voices for students.
  - From this meeting, we have asked for regular meetings with the Chancellor, which should start in the Spring.
  - Once these are confirmed, I will send out a survey asking for feedback on topics for us to discuss with her and other administrative campus leaders.
  
- In terms of committee updates, I can update everyone on the efforts of the Travel Awards Committee.
  - During the last cycle of awards, the Travel Awards Committee awarded 45 students a total of \$24,300, with the average award amount being about \$540.
  - Year to date, we have awarded 133 students a total of \$73,000, with the average award amount being \$550.
  - We have completely exhausted academic support award funds.
    - We awarded almost 400 students a total of almost \$150,000, with the average award amount being about \$338.
    - I will provide a final update on the totals for that award at the January Session.
    - In summary, we have provided direct financial support to over 500 graduate and professional students. That number will increase significantly as the academic year progresses and we're able to award more travel awards.
  
- At the last Senate Session, Tabatha Rainwater, the Institutional Advocacy Committee Chair, introduced for discussion the topic of parenting scholars and their position on campus. She demonstrated the need for the university to set a standardized policy for how parenting scholars are accommodated in the classroom and in the larger campus community.
  - We promised a resolution on this topic at this Session, but after further discussion, we have opted to take until the January Session to work with campus partners and other advocacy groups on campus to formulate our best proposal for how the university should address this topic.
  - With that said, if you would like to be a part of that conversation, please reach out to Tabatha. We should expect a resolution to be circulated and ready to be voted on by the January Session.
  
- I want to again encourage Senators to be active in their committees and to do their best to attend future Senate Sessions in person.
- I asked all Senators to submit the name and contact information for their proxy to Karen Norwood by today.
  - As of now, we have 17 out of 93 proxies designated.
  - This is an expectation so that if you are unable to attend there is someone in place to step in and represent your constituents for you.

- Even if you do not anticipate ever missing a Senate Session, you still need to designate a proxy.
- I am not setting another deadline for you all to submit proxy information. If you don't have a proxy in place and must miss a Senate Session, there will not be much we can do to excuse it.
- I want to introduce an initiative we have started in conjunction with the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association. The notion of shared governance is that as representative bodies that inhabit adjacent spaces on campus and represent different, but related constituencies, we are in a position to share the job of governing. This entails being included when decisions are made and being responsible when our constituents face problems. To this end, we have been exploring ways to work together in advocacy.
  - In 2018, the SGA passed a resolution asking the university to use resources to promote inclusive housing and counseling services for members of the LGBTQ+ community.
  - For four years, that resolution remained largely unanswered.
  - On October 17, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution that mirrored the one originally passed by the SGA.
  - Tonight, I am introducing a proclamation endorsing that Faculty Senate resolution, but that is later.
  - The point here is that the issue of providing inclusive housing and counseling resources for this campus population has been an issue for over four years now.
  - Because we lacked communication and collaboration with the other senates, it fell to the wayside until recently.
- This is only one example but consider others:
  - parking (an issue both graduate and undergraduate students face every day),
  - office space (an issue both faculty and graduate students face every day as space on campus becomes tighter), etc.
  - These issues impact us all and our lack of communication and collective effort has been the downfall to our efforts of enacting change.
  - The way forward under the notion of shared governance is one in which the three senates work together toward our common goals and have constructive conversations when our goals conflict or misalign.
- Looking forward to the Spring semester, I am excited to see what we can accomplish together. I hope to see most of you tonight at Maple Hall for some free catered food and bowling, all of which is paid for.
- Outcome from the housing task force: with specific focus of needs and wants pertaining to grad students. Has neared its end and will be working on a plan within the next 2 weeks. Received about 800 responses, roughly 12% of the grad student population (which is a great turnout).

- Any questions? – No questions at this time.

- **Unfinished Business – None**

- **New Business**

- **Action: External Committee Nominee Confirmations**

*The Senate will consider the following Senators for leadership positions representing GSS for the rest of the GSS year.*

External Committee Role	Nominee
Classroom Upgrade Committee	Amanda Carter
Commission for Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI)	Sara Sultan
Commission for Blacks	Adaora Ede
Commission for Disability	Hannah Thompson
Commission for LGBTQ People	Kay Kriegel
Council for Diversity and Inclusion	Kayla Roulhac
High Hazard Chemical Committee	Kassie Hollabaugh
Open Education Advisory Board	Sara Sultan
UT Police Department Advisory Council	Kassie Hollabaugh

- Motion to confirm nominees: Senator #10  
Seconded: Senator #75

- Questions/comments/concerns?

**Question from Senator 16:** are there still positions open?

**Answer from George:** Yes – we have several bodies within the faculty senate and various councils. There are more – as we get them we will update them and ask for grad student representation. At the very least I can try to submit the names.

**Are these positions able to be filled by students not in GSS?**

**Answer from George:** Yes, we offer them first to member of the GSS, if they go unfilled for 2 senate sessions, we open it up to people not on the senate. The goal is not to be exclusive, but we want to make sure we are filling these positions with students who will put in the time, do the work, and show up.

Role Call Vote: CONFIRMED!

- **Action: A Proclamation Endorsing Faculty Senate “Resolution to Support Housing and Counseling Services for the LGBTQ+ Community on the UTK Campus”**

*GSS President, George T. Fields, will review a document endorsing a resolution passed by the Faculty Senate.*

[Document shared]

GSS Senators have a 1-year term. These issues transcend across years and years, and if we try to

focus on just our year, we will miss many of the issues that have been happening for a long time. We need to build on the momentum to continue to push the issues. This action is going back 4 years. The Faculty Senate passed a similar resolution on October 17 of this year [linked document]. This resolution mentions where we rank as a university in terms of support for the LGBTQ+ community, where we are lacking, and what we can do better. Tonight, is our opportunity to show support to the Faculty Senate and the SGA.

[Reads proclamation statement out loud]

It is very straight forward, it is a very short document. We need to motion before we can continue.

- Motion to approve action item to move this to senate floor:
  - Motioned by Senator #99
  - seconded by Senator #71.
  
- **Question from Senator 89:** Is there a way to include the link to the faculty senate resolution in the body of the text?  
**Answer from George:** To clarify, to avoid stepping on the faculty senate's resolution we don't want to distribute something they have yet to circulate it yet. Our response will be sent to the Faculty Senate. Whether they choose to include the original SGA statement is up to them.
  
- **Question from Dean Thompson:** This was passed by the faculty senate?  
**George:** Yes, October 17.  
**Dean Thompson:** Are the minutes from that session available and something we can link to?  
**George:** We currently have a link to the endorsement, but we aren't able to link to original. As part of shared governance, I can't dictate what offices they share this to, but I can say whichever offices will at least know that the GSS endorses it, and to that end we'll make sure that that is communicated out.

Move into a raise of nametag vote (similar to a voice vote).

**Majority voting in affirmative** (no "no" votes; 2 total abstains (#95 and #58))

### c. Discussion: Open Floor

*Senators may bring up any topic of their choice to share information, start a conversation, or ask questions.*

- **Question from Senator #31:** Do you think we can ever get Donde Plowman here?  
**Answer from George:** I'm glad you took question 3 to heart. If that's what you want, then I will try to get that to happen. I will say it is very difficult to get any kind of meeting with her, but I can certainly seek that out and see if it is

something we can arrange for January. I will be in contact and see if we can make that happen.

- **Question from Senator #6:** A couple meetings we brought up getting access to programs and software technology and wanted to know if there are any updates to that.

**Answer from George:** That has unfortunately fallen to the wayside, but I promise to continue to work on it and follow up with the senate before the next meeting and send an update via email. I'll set a deadline for myself for December 1.

- **Question from Senator #91:** Regarding the housing issue, I checked the website, and I was wondering especially for international students if there is any resources for us on rights and responsibilities and resources for housing.

**Answer from George:** The housing task force that was commissioned based on our resolution from May. There's a few points in that that I can share at this point, because they are concrete enough that we can reasonably expect they'll make their way into the final recommendations. One of those is that we are asking the University to establish a single point of contact for off-campus housing. Not a website a person right? Somebody that we can contact about the obstacles that we face get guidance on, even if they don't have the right answer, they can at least help us navigate it. Another thing that we've been particularly adamant about is trying to eliminate some of the barriers for international students to get off campus housing, some of those being credit history, guarantor requirements. We largely have come to the conclusion that the way to do that is through Master Lease agreements where the university leases the apartment for you, and then leases it back to you at what would be a lower rate than the market rate. And so that's one of the main tenants of our recommendations. But those haven't been published yet, and I can't give any further detail on that, because, even though Austin and I both sit on that task force, there are stakeholders from different offices on campus, and I can't speak for them at this point.

- **Question from Senator #89:** To extend that question/comment that there was a publication by center for global engagement that gives information for international students on housing. It is a pretty decent resource even if purely just for the information. I can share it on slack.

- **Question from Senator #71:** When you talk about shared governance, can you explain what that means?

**Answer from George:** Shared governance is because we represent large populations of campus means you split the responsibilities and representations and given part of the decision-making process for those constituents. At the very least that the Senates and SGA has a seat at the table for decision making procedures. The idea in practice is also members from the other senates attending each other's meetings. The invitation has been extended for them to attend our



sessions as well, but that is still a work in progress. The idea is we can figure out issues that can be a joint resolution or supporting with endorsements. I have meetings with the other two presidents, and we talk through the issues and obstacles we are facing and we formulate strategies to overcome those. The goal long-term is to include more people... the three groups are vastly different, but there is some overlap and through shared governance we can work together to achieve overlapping or related goals.

- **Question from Senator #43** (zoom): is there a way to include grad students on grant writing etc....?

**Answer from George:** So I will say that for previous years the allocation for graduate student travel was two hundred and twenty thousand, but this, or for our rather direct support for graduate students, including academic support and travel, was two hundred and twenty thousand. But the division for student life has allocated on a yearly basis, moving forward an additional one hundred and thirty thousand. And so there's already that allocation from student life bolstering our resources at this point I don't know if we're in a position to ask for more, because they've already increased our budget for that by a half right, fifty percent. But we can certainly explore that, and now I want to turn it over to Dean Thompson, if you don't mind to answer the question about Grant writing.

**Answer from Dean Thompson:** We currently have an annual budget of \$350k and we are currently using that for academic support and travel awards. We had carry over during covid because people simply weren't travelling. We need to reassess what the new normal is and go from there to see if we need more money. In terms of grant writing there are two ways. Some academic units provide classes, and the Office of Research provide professional development opportunities for grant writing and proposals, etc...

- **Question from Senator #10:** I also had a question of grants. How soon will the next batch of funds be accessible for travel awards for spring?

**Answer from George:** the academic support awards are exhausted for the rest of the academic year, they were first come first serve. Travel awards are still available as there are funds allocated to the 5 different funding periods for the travel awards.

- **Question from Senator #77:** Housing – is there any discussion about on-campus graduate housing for grad students?

**Answer from George:** the university used to have housing for grad students, but as old buildings have been phased out and repurposed, there is no on campus grad housing. It is currently not being considered by Cuevas. We are at a 4-to-1 disadvantage in outnumbered by undergrad population. I don't think there has been any plans for on-campus grad housing, but I think especially with the housing task force at work, there might be a recommendation that as the university expands its footprint and purchases more land that grad student housing be included on that.

- **Question from Senator #93:** Is there any agenda regarding the inflation rate and the GRA/GTA stipends?  
**Answer from George:** When it comes to stipends, there are a few things at work. Going forward, one thing we can do as a senate is to circulate a similar survey where grad students can report their cost of living and their stipend rate which will give us data to work with to push for stipend increases. Or at least some way for the university to be cognizant of how our current stipends are increasingly inadequate.
- **Question from Senator #44:** Has anyone come to talk about the divisive concepts legislation? And if not, can we get that? Some departments have held information sessions, but this would be a great forum for that discussion.  
**Answer from George:** I will work with Dean Thompson to find out who on campus would be best versed in this topic to speak with us in a future session. This is also something the faculty senate and SGA are addressing as well.  
**Additional comment from Katherine:** it looks like the faculty senate passed a resolution defending academic freedom to research and teach divisive concepts on March 7, so maybe that's something we could do. Another shared governance proclamation with them.  
**George:** To that end, that is something we will talk to Hannah the legislative steering chair to draft a proclamation.

**Zane:** If you have any other questions, feel free to bring it up to us after the session or via email.

**Announcement from Dean Thompson:** Tomorrow night is the vigil for global peace on the humanities amphitheater lawn at 6:30. D of Students and center for global engagement. A lot of unrest in the world that is impacting many members of our campus community. If you have the time please come out to rally for peace.

### **Announcements/Member's Privilege**

*Senators may share out any information to the group. This could include announcing any of the following: upcoming events in their department, GSO, or anywhere on campus, sharing a deadline for a grant or scholarship, raising awareness about a new or underused resource on campus, etc.*

### **Final Attendance + Adjournment - we maintained a quorum**

**Motion to adjourn: Senator #10**

**Seconded: Senator #80**

**Adjourned at 7pm.**

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**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm in SU 169

**Upcoming Event(s):**

- GSS Social at Maple Hall: Tuesday, November 15 from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Global Peace Vigil: November 16, 6:30 pm at HSS North Lawn Amphitheater
- Hunger and Homeless Week Tabling: November 14 - 18 on Ped Walkway

## Appendix 1 – Senate Meeting Attendance

<b>Department by College</b>	<b>Voting Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
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	N
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	Hope Ferguson	Y
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	12	Morgan Fleming	Y
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	N
Microbiology	21	Diana Ramirez	N
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	Y
Psychology	31	Ian Warren	Y

School of Art	32	—	—
Sociology	33	Zaina Shams	Y
Theatre	34	—	—
Advertising & Public Relations	35	Josh Shockley	Y
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	Y
Journalism & Electronic Media	40	Aman Misra	Y
Child and Family Studies	41	Hannah Thompson	N
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	42	Emily Ballesteros	Y
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	43	Nathan Vann	Y
Educational Psychology and Counseling	44	Taylor Baird	Y
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	N
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 <u>(PROXY)</u>	Y
Finance	59	—	—
Management & Entrepreneurship	60	Katie Layton	N
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 <u>(PROXY)</u>	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	Y
Law	79	Jake Gray	Y
Law	80	Ronald Young	Y
Nursing	81	Jeanne Bernier	Y

Nursing	82	Adaora Ede	Y
Social Work – Distance Education	83	Marlon Wade	N
Social Work – Distance Education	84	Suelynn Hartness (PROXY)	Y
Social Work – Nashville	85	Marguerite Braun	Y
Social Work – Nashville	86	Alissa White	Y
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	N
Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering	99	Anirban Roy	Y
Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering	100	Breanna Schaeffer	Y
Nuclear Engineering	101	Emily Hutchins	N
Nuclear Engineering	102	Evan Williams	Y
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 (next page)**

# Graduate Student Senate

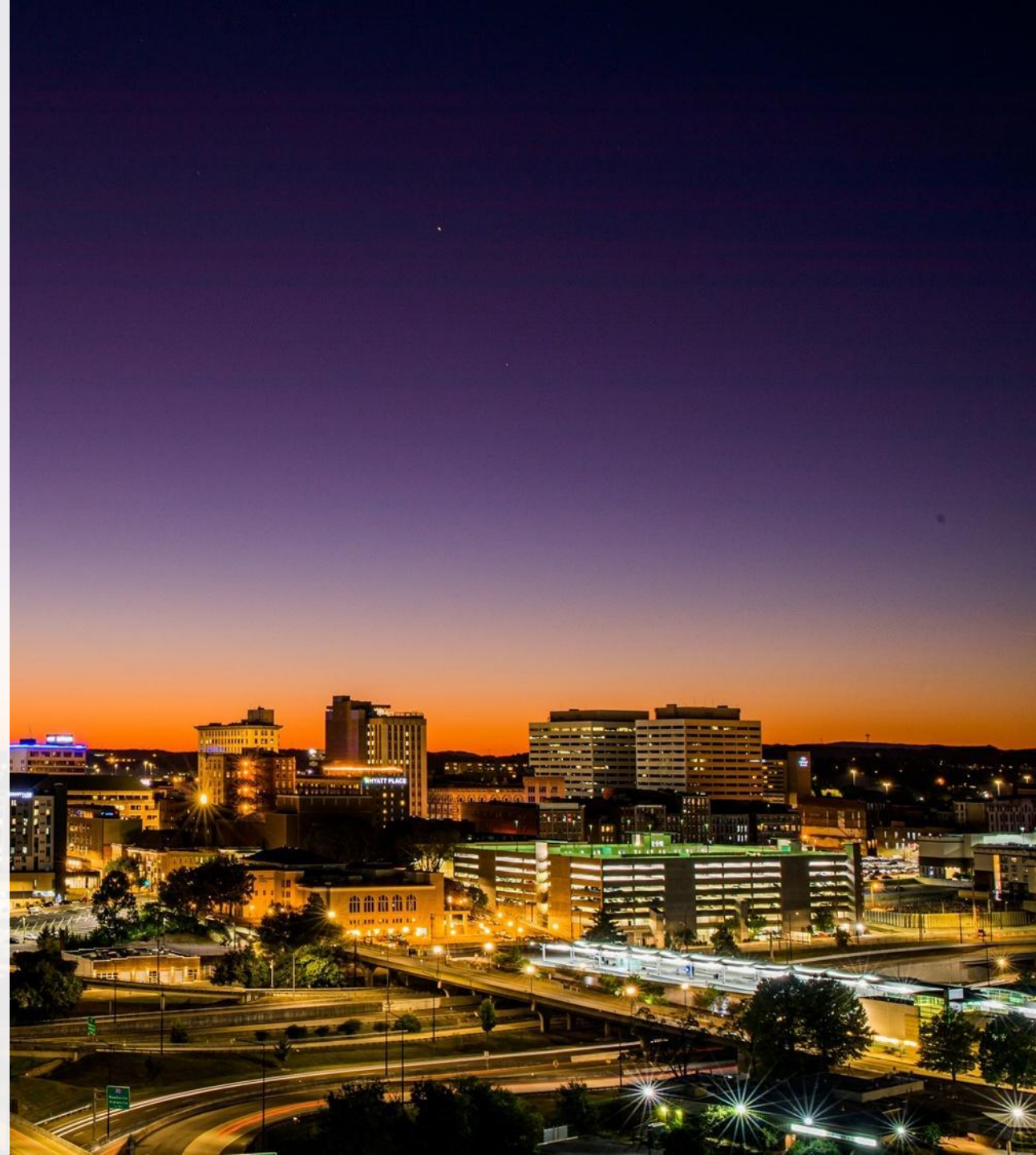
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# Agenda

## Session Opening

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Review of Agenda
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes

## 6. Guest Speakers

- A. Student Health Center Leadership
  - Dr. Spencer Gregg, Director
  - Darrell Brackett, Associate Director
  - Debbie Blair, Business Manager

## 7. President's Report

## 8. Unfinished Business

- A. N/A

## 9. New Business

- A. External Committee Nominee Confirmations
- B. A Proclamation Endorsing Faculty Senate "Resolution to Support Housing and Counseling Services for the LGBTQ+ Community on the UTK Campus"
- C. Discussion: Open Floor

## 10. Announcements/Member's Privilege

## 11. Adjournment

# Scheduled Guest Speakers

**Dr. Spencer Gregg**

Director, Student Health Center

**Darrell Brackett**

Associate Directory, Student Health Center

**Debbie Blair**

Business Manager, Student Health Center

# President's Report

George T. Fields  
GSS President

# External Committee Nominee Confirmations

- Commission for Blacks
  - **Adaora Ede**



- UT Police Department Advisory Council
- High Hazard Chemical Committee
  - **Kassie Hollabaugh**



- Commission for LGBT People
  - **Kay Kriegel**



- Commission for AAPI
- Open Education Advisory Board
  - **Sara Sultan**



# External Committee Nominee Confirmations

- Classroom Upgrade Committee
  - Amanda Carter
- Council for Diversity and Inclusion
  - Kayla Roulhac
- Commission for Disability
  - Hannah Thompson

# **Action: A Proclamation Endorsing Faculty Senate “Resolution to Support Housing and Counseling Services for the LGBTQ+ Community on the UTK Campus”**

George T. Fields  
GSS President

# Discussion: Open Floor

- What needs are not being met on campus?
- What can the GSS be doing better to recognize and meet needs?
- What campus entities should we invite to answer questions?

# Upcoming Events

- GSS Senator Social at Maple Hall
  - November 15, 8-10pm; Maple Hall
  
- Global Peace Vigil
  - November 16, 6:30 pm; HSS North Lawn Amphitheater





# Adjournment

Final Attendance

Refreshments are at the back of the room!

Next: 1/25/23, SU 169 @ 5:30PM