

GSS Session 7 Agenda

5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 7, 2022 Student Union, Room 169

- [5:33 pm] Call to Order Attendance Review of Agenda
- [5:34 pm] Public Comment
 - none

Approval of Minutes

• none

Scheduled Guest Speakers

• none

[5:36 pm] Reports

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

Provost Meeting

- On Thursday, March 2, the GSS hosted a listening session with the Provost regarding upcoming constructions on campus and how they will affect units and constituent groups on campus.
- To clarify, Provost Zomchick is the head academic officer of the university and is involved with decisions affecting academic units, but he is not over facilities and how space is used on campus.
- Although only a handful of Senators were able to attend, we were able to make graduate voices heard and to convey concerns we all have about how the growing pains of the university will affect us as graduate students and our academic units.
- We are working to summarize the notes from that meeting and will share them in the coming days.

<u>GPSAW and Awards Banquet</u>

- The Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW) is March 27 – March 31 this year.
- This week is dedicated to recognizing and appreciating the great graduate students we have here at the university, as well as those faculty, staff, and organizations who support graduate students.

- The GSS is hosting the GSS Awards Banquet on Monday, March 27, 2023, from
 6:00pm to 8:30pm in the Student Union (SU) Pilot Company Ballroom on the 2nd
 Floor of Phase II.
- Although this event is invite-only, Senators of the GSS are invited to attend, firstcome, first-serve. There will be a limited number of RSVP spots for Senators.
- We will have several prominent administrators in attendance including:
 - Dr. Deborah Crawford, Vice Chancellor for Research
 - Dr. Ferlin McGaskey, Director of Professional Development from the Office of Teaching and Learning Innovation
 - Dr. Mandi Beeler, Director of the Jones Center for Leadership and Service
 - Dr. Tyvi Small, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Engagement
 - Dr. Byron Hughes, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students
 - Dr. Beth Schussler, President of the Faculty Senate
 - Dr. Dixie Thompson, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
 - Dr. John Zomchick, Provost; and
 - Dr. Donde Plowman, Chancellor
- An RSVP will be circulated within the next day or so.
 - If you are attending the banquet, RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 5:00pm.
 - The RSVP will close and no additional RSVP requests will be approved after that deadline.
 - Remember, there are a limited number of seats open for Senators, so RSVP sooner than later if you wish to attend.
 - I really hope Senators can attend and help us recognize our fantastic graduate students!

• <u>Update on Resolutions</u>:

- University Growth and Planning Transparency:
 - Following the listening session with Provost, at which we were promised transparency and involvement in future university growth, we are still pursuing a resolution regarding new constructions.
 - This resolution will focus on ensuring the university's administration is proactive and plans ahead regarding how university growth affects units during the planning stages of said growth.
 - By ensuring this type of proactivity is maintained, we avoid future situations similar to the one we have seen played out with Dunford, Greve, and Henson Halls.

• Graduate Stipends:

- I am actively tracking down data on graduate stipends from HR.
- Vice Chancellor Bolton has been very helpful in getting this data, as the classification of graduate students on stipends as "students" make tracking the relevant data down.
- Once I have that information, we can move forward with the resolution on graduate compensation.
- Use of Campus Space:

- The last resolution I want to bring to your attention is the one focused on the use of space on campus.
- The resolution will specifically address the growing needs of graduate students regarding workspace and collaboration space, and it will request that the university conduct a space study across campus noting underutilized or mis-utilized space on campus.
- More information on these resolutions is forthcoming.

• Restructuring Meeting with Dr. RJ Hinde

- As you all know, we hosted a listening session with Dr. RJ Hinde, Interim Executive Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- During this meeting we inquired about the effect of the college's restructuring on specific academic units (especially smaller ones), and on us as graduate students.
- Although Dr. Hinde ensured that any negative effects, if any, would be minimal, we pushed for graduate representation in the restructuring process, and Dr. Hinde has followed through.
- He has requested that the GSS provide graduate students from specific academic units to serve on the search committees for the divisional deans in the college.
 - To specify, the three divisions being piloted in the restructuring include Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
 - We need to submit graduate students for these search committees as follows:
 - Arts and Humanities: Art or Philosophy
 - Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology or Physics and Astronomy
 - Social Sciences: Sociology
 - If you are a Senator from one of these units, either consider serving in this capacity or contact your colleagues within your department. I am looking for these names ASAP. This is our chance to impact who will be leading new divisions in CAS, so please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and as soon as you have identified someone.

<u>ChatGPT and the Role of AI in the Classroom</u>

- The following is from the ChatGPT generation program (not a representation of George's words as GSS President):
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be dangerous if it is not designed, developed, and used responsibly.
 - Here are some reasons why AI can pose risks:
 - Bias: AI systems are only as unbiased as the data they are trained on, and if that data is biased or incomplete, the AI system may perpetuate or even amplify that bias. This can result in discriminatory or unfair outcomes for certain groups of people.
 - Unintended Consequences: AI systems can have unintended consequences due to their complexity and the unpredictability of human behavior. For example, an AI system that is designed

to optimize traffic flow could inadvertently cause accidents or congestion in certain situations.

- Security Risks: AI systems can be vulnerable to attacks from malicious actors who seek to manipulate or exploit them for their own gain. This could lead to serious security risks, such as the manipulation of financial markets or critical infrastructure.
- Job Displacement: AI has the potential to automate many jobs, which could lead to significant job displacement and economic disruption. This could particularly affect workers in industries that are easily automated, such as manufacturing and transportation.
- The following is no longer AI generated, but is now George's own words:
 - The previous points I made regarding the potential danger of Artificial Intelligence (AI) were generated by AI through ChatGPT.
 - AI poses a significant danger and risk to higher education and the classroom.
 - The ability of students to use this in place of hard work and original thought means that the university must take precautionary measures to ensure the quality of our educational, research, and professional outputs.
- To that end, a university taskforce has been established to address the use of AI in the classroom, specifically targeting ChatGPT.
 - We have been asked to submit three graduate students to serve on this special task force.
 - If you share my concerns regarding this development, consider serving.
 - This is open to any graduate students, so if I do not hear from interested Senators by the end of tomorrow, other graduate students will be considered.
 - We need to fill these positions ASAP as this is a developing situation with immediate implications.
 - Reach out to me if you have any questions.

Elections

- The elections for GSS President and Vice President are fast-approaching.
- These positions, though a significant time commitment, are an opportunity to lead this organization and to take the hard conversations and issues facing graduate students to the administration.
- I implore you all to consider running for these positions.
- Please contact Nick for information on the election process, and reach out to Leighton or me if you want to learn more about our daily schedules and workflow.
- Nick will review the election process in more detail later tonight.
- Basic Needs Survey

- You may have seen a survey being circulated regarding a survey being conducted by the Basic Needs Office to better understand what obstacles and insecurities students face.
- The results of this survey will influence how the limited resources we have will be allocated to address aggregate needs across campus and the community of students.
- Please take time to complete the survey based on your own experiences, and take promotional materials for the survey from the back of the room to disseminate in your units. The deadline to complete the survey is March 31.

Unfinished Business - None New Business

Action: Judiciary Committee Justice Confirmations

- The Senate will consider the following Senators for the role of Justice on the GSS Judiciary Committee for the rest of the GSS year.
 - i. Kollin Johnson
 - ii. Nicole Wiggs
 - a. Motion to discuss: Senator #16 Seconded: Senator #72
 - b. Question from Senator #89: Just as a reminder how many total justices can serve and how many are filled?
 Answer from George: The judiciary consists of 3 primary justices and an alternate justice. Right now, we have Nathan Vann, who is a primary justice, and Catherine Warner, who is serving as the alternate justice, largely because she was a justice with me last year on the committee, and with the vacancy that we have in that alternate position. We slotted her over so that she could serve in a leadership role of organizing, maintaining the committee and making sure that it continues to function. So we have 2 vacancies we are
 - b. Roll call vote: Confirmation Passes

Action: External Committee Nominee Confirmations

trying to fill.

- The Senate will consider the following Senators for leadership positions representing GSS for the rest of the GSS year.
 - i. Faculty Senate Libraries and Information Committee
 - Rachel Paganelli

- ii. Faculty Senate Research Council
 - Max Neveaux
- iii. Title IX Prevention Team
 - Taylor Baird
- iv. University Technology Fee Advisory Board (TAB)
 - Kollin Johnson
- a. Motion to discuss: Senator #71 Seconded: Senator #75
- b. No questions or discussions.
- c. Roll call vote: Confirmation Passes

Discussion: Legislation Writing Guide

GSS Senator #71, Alexis Gillmore, will review a document outlining and explaining the various types of legislation the Senate can pass and providing examples of how they are used and relevant templates.

- We have been working in the Legislative Committee on a Guide and a process that is designed to help Senators write legislation.
- We really wanted a consistent procedure that everyone follows, and everyone is aware of so everyone has access to that information as a sort of power that they can use to get things done and that we're also all playing by the same set of rules and doing the same thing. We're going to be working on it, piloting it and hopefully making changes based on your feedback as we're looking at it tonight, and as you take some time to look at it after tonight and let us know what you think.
- A lot of you probably are aware of difficulties that grad students face on campus, whether it's from your experiences or your constituents or other connections. Legislature is one of the tools that we have when we want to communicate, when we see problems, and we want to direct resources toward them. It's not the whole package. It's very limited in some ways, but it's one of the tools we have as the Senate.
- This is the document that I'm excited to share with you all: <u>https://tiny.utk.edu/legGuide</u>
- We can use legislation for a few different reasons. You can read the details if you're interested in it, but you know there might be a problem we want to bring attention to. We want to propose a solution to folks who might be able to implement it, or we just kind of want to stay our position on something or respond to something that's happening.
- Legislation is not always going to be the best tool for us to use to solve a problem, but it's a piece of a bigger action, right? We are also in relationships with folks, stakeholders who are affected by an issue, people who are affected by an issue, people who have the power to make a change - so we need to be in conversation and relationship with those folks.

- Resolutions are, I think, the most common piece of legislation that we're using right now
 as the Senate. This is a way for us to propose a solution to a problem that is not a problem
 we are going to solve, but we're asking someone to recognize our need and respond to it
 in a way that we suggest.
- An example of that is the resolution for graduate student housing task force. The task force happened, and it made recommendations to folks who are thinking about university planning and space and housing.
- Another kind of legislation we can use is a bill. This is something that just governs what we're doing within the Senate, so if there's a problem that we can solve and take care of, we could pass a bill to legislate what we're going to do. Obviously, we don't have to do that for all our actions as the Senate, but it's an option we have if we need it.
- A proclamation is just a formal way for us to endorse or kind of pass on legislation that was written by another governing body, so perhaps the SGA or the Faculty Senate, and when we do that, we're basically saying we agree with it. Then we're passing it on to our audience, or whoever might be paying attention to what we're doing.
- An open letter is, I think, probably something that you're familiar with outside of maybe being a legislative body, but the idea is that we could use this to communicate with a single person our perspective or opinions in an emerging situation- and it would also be public and open for other people to read. You can look at some examples of these different types of legislation in the document.
- A joint resolution would be a resolution where we pass the same text with 2 different governing bodies, saying that we both want to do this thing.
- So the exciting part what we've been working on is this process for writing legislation
 within the Senate, and how we're going to encourage and go about doing that and also
 ensure that any legislation that we pass it meets a high quality standard of being relevant
 to what's going on at UT and demonstrating understanding of the university and the
 students' needs, and also that it's well researched and credible, and that the tone is really
 thoughtful and intentional.
- We have some templates of each of these 4 types of legislation, so that you can start writing them yourself and thinking about how you want to do that.
- We are going to be piloting with folks who are bringing legislation to us this semester and are trying to get it passed. The idea is that you will start with an idea of any form -- it could be, you know, very beginning or very thoroughly thought out. Then you'll bring it to the Legislative Steering committee. Hannah is the chair of that committee right now. Then the committee will help you to form a team that's going to work on that legislation in writing it. Maybe you've already done that. Maybe you have it, but you can bring it to us at any sort of stage in the process. After the team is formed and the legislation is drafted, the draft legislation is then reviewed by the Legislative Steering Committee, and that review is really not intended to be like a political review of like "yes, we on the committee would vote yes, for this piece of legislation that you're suggesting" -- but just

that as I was saying before to see that it's meeting that quality standard of being inclusive and relevant to UT Knoxville, and that it's formally written in our style, and is ready to be shared with the public. That is what we're looking for in that review process.

- After the review process, the proposed legislation is distributed to the Senate chair. After that, it goes on the meeting agenda, and then we use Robert's Rules to introduce and discuss and vote on the legislation ... and then I think you probably know how this goes if the legislation is voted.
- I know you haven't had that much time to look at it, but my two asks for you are:
 - 1) if you have a project you're interested in writing legislation, for, based on this talk to our committee, and,
 - 2) if you have any thoughts now or thoughts later as you're reading this, please reach out to us, and let us know how we can make this better.
 - a. Hannah Thompson is the chair of the committee and you can email her at <u>hthomp28@vols.utk.edu</u>.
 - b. I'm Alexis Gilmore. My email is <u>agillmor@vols.utk.edu</u> and we are happy to have your feedback so thank you for your attention.
 - Question from Senator #89: Obviously, you've identified grad student fees as a big legislative resolution that happened in the last year, as well as the housing task force, and I assume parking -- is that a current thrust for the steering committee and are there any other major things that the committee is currently doing? What are the legislative actions of interest right now?
 - Answer from Alexis: I'll let Hannah answer that question, but I sort of want to reframe your question too. That we are here to serve the legislative needs of the whole Senate right? So what ideas do you have? Bring them to us, and we will help you with like getting that language and that formatting, and that research, or whatever it is you need. So we're not necessarily working on our own projects. But we're here to support the projects of the entire center.
 - Follow up response from Hannah: So currently there is a resolution underway around the buildings and a few other things, and we're also starting to look at the bylaws and the Constitution as well. And I think that diversity, equity, and inclusion is also working on something.
 - Comment from Dean Thompson: Great work!
 - **Comment from Senator #16:** I just want to say that having served for multiple years on GSS, I want to say that I appreciate you all are trying to build this process, I see a need for it, and I think it will make a big difference.

Discussion: GSS Elections

GSS Program Coordinator, Nick Jakel, will review the GSS Election process and answer questions.

- Our GSS website has a lot of great resources and information especially on the election process.
- The important dates to be aware of is that voting will happen from April 3rd -5th
- This is in order to line up our elections with the SGA's election, so that way we can
 really get the vote to a higher turnout than we did last year where we really had a
 few hundred people turn out. So that was our goal to try to sync up our elections.
 That way there isn't confusion about who can vote in what election this year.
- Right now, we have openings for the President and Vice Presidency roles because they're one-year terms. The deadline to apply for those also on our website - is March 23.
- You will just need to email me and gss@utk.edu. The following information on the screen and then, after a quick eligibility check, you'll be able to be added to the ballot and can run for one of those roles.
- There's some information about compensation, and some other eligibility notes here in terms of being an enrolled student for the next academic year.
- I'm happy to answer any questions.
- The election is happening at the same time, and graduate students are able to vote for a couple of positions in SGA, which I think is pretty cool that we get to have some influence in that organization as well, too any questions.
- Question: Do the SGA or undergrads get to vote for the graduate students in GSS? Answer from Nick: No, only graduate students get to vote for the GSS.
- Comment from George: A quick point about compensation it is processed as a fellowship because it is not compensation, so if you have student loans, take that into account.
- **Question from Katherine:** What is the process for grad students to vote?
- **Answer from Nick:** They'll be able to vote online through VoLink. The link will be sent out when the election begins via email. You can sign in with your NetID and then you will be able to click through the options and vote.

Discussion: Open Floor

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

- Comment from Dean Thompson: One thing that I want to mention that's not specifically listed on the agenda today is our 3 min thesis finals. That's going to be a wonderful event. It's on March 20 ninth, which is Wednesday. We'll start gathering here between 1:00 and 1:15. We'll have some refreshments in this room. I think you'll be inspired and encouraged by your fellow graduate students who are going to be presenting a wide range of disciplines represented and I think it will be a really fun event. So I hope that you'll come out and cheer on your colleagues.
- **Comment from Senator #72:** I just want to give an update about travel awards. So our final deadline is April 1st, and that covers travel from the beginning of May through the end of August, so it's a huge travel period, and I know that you've all received this email from me, but I know that a lot of conferences have not sent out acceptance yet for conferences, especially that are happening in June or July. August

students can still apply so they can provide us with that information later, after they receive that basically if they don't email me beforehand, once they get their application, I'll email them and work with students to get everything that we need so that's just a huge thing is like they can still apply their still eligible don't let that deter you from applying. We have already received, probably about 40 applications at this point, and we're still about 3 weeks from our deadlines. Please forward my email to the students in your department. I'm going to send another one out about a week before our deadline, just to remind people again, because I know a lot of them are waiting until closer to our deadline to see if they hear back or not it's just easier on students and me.

Final Attendance + Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Senator #16 Seconded: Senator #6

Meeting adjourned at 6:32.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5:30 pm in SU 169

Upcoming Event(s):

- UT Basic Needs Survey: <u>tiny.utk.edu/needssurvey</u> available now through 3/31
- <u>Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week</u>, March 27-31
 Game Night immediately after the GSS Session in Hodges Library on 3/29
- GSS Awards Banquet, March 27
- Grad Student Night at UT Baseball, 4:30 PM March 28
- Gather in the Gardens -
- Get to Know GSS New Office Open House and Candidate Meet & Greet March 31
- Tie Dye Event at the Pride Center March 31
- GSS Elections April 3-5

Department by College Voting Number Name Present Architecture Kay Kriegel Y 1 2 Y Architecture Rachel Paganelli 3 Ν Landscape Architecture Carl Carlton Anthropology 4 Brianna Gardner Υ Y Anthropology 5 Proxy Biochemistry and Cellular and 6 Lauren Walden Υ Molecular Biology Biochemistry and Cellular and 7 Υ Morgan House Molecular Biology Chemistry 8 Trevor Wilson Y Chemistry 9 Elizabeth Crumley Y Earth and Planetary Sciences 10 Chance Sturrup Υ Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 11 Hope Ferguson Ν Υ Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 12 Morgan Fleming (Proxy) English 13 Kate Wright Υ Y 14 English Karen Norwood (Proxy) 15 Υ Geography Kayla Rouhlac 16 Υ History Stacie Beach Υ Life Sciences 17 Megan Elliott Υ **Mathematics** 18 Eli Brooks Y Mathematics 19 Shannon Hall Υ 20 Sayali Mulay Microbiology Microbiology 21 Diana Ramirez Ν Υ Modern Foreign Languages and 22 Morgan Schneider Literatures Music 23 Sarah Buzalewski Υ Music 24 Alexis Kilgore (PROXY) Υ Υ 25 Philosophy Francis Nyamekeh Physics and Astronomy Tanner Mengel Ν 26 Y 27 Physics and Astronomy Debshikha Banerjee Political Science 28 Katherine Trubee Υ **Political Science** Konstantinos Sygkounas Ν 29 Psychology 30 Golnaz Forouzandehfar Υ Psychology 31 lan Warren Υ School of Art 32 ____ Sociology 33 Zaina Shams Ν Theatre 34

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Communication and Information	36	Winston Roberts	Ν
Communication and Information	37	Jessica Barfield	Y
Information Sciences	38	Francesca Watkins	Y
Information Sciences	39	_	
Journalism & Electronic Media	40	<u>Aman Misra</u>	Y
Child and Family Studies	41	Hannah Thompson	Y
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	42	Emily Ballesteros	Y
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	43	<u>Nathan Vann</u>	Y
Educational Psychology and Counseling	44	Taylor Baird	Y
Educational Psychology and Counseling	45	Amanda Ainsley Green	Ν
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	Ν
Public Health	50	Sandra Wairimu	Y
Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Management	51	Leah Coffey	Y
Theory and Practice in Teacher Education	52	Tabatha Rainwater	Ν
Theory and Practice in Teacher Education	53	Amanda Carter	Y
Accounting and Information Management	54	Olivia Bruck	Y
Accounting and Information Management	55	<u>Kainat Bhayani</u>	Y
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Business Analytics and Statistics	57	_	
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Agricultural & Resource Economics	69	<u>Bishal Bista</u>	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	Ν
Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	74	Joe DeMarchi	Y
Plant Sciences	75	Kollin Johnson	Y
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Social Work – Knoxville	87	Kristin (Nicole) Wiggs	Y
Social Work – Knoxville	88	Aritra Moulick	Y
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Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	90	<u>Rohit Ghanta</u>	Y
Civil & Environmental Engineering	91	<u>Mohammed Elbushra</u> <u>Elsheikh Elnur</u>	Y
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Graduate Student Senate

Session 7 March 7, 2023



GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE



Agenda

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 - C. Discussion: Legislative Writing Guide
 - D. Discussion: GSS Elections
 - E. Discussion: Open Floor
- 10. Announcements/Member's Privilege
- 11. Adjournment





President's Report

George T. Fields GSS President





Action: Judiciary Committee Justice Confirmations

Justice of the GSS Judiciary Committee Kollin Johnson

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Discussion: Legislative Writing Guide

Alexis Gilmore Senator 71, Legislative Steering Committee





Discussion: <u>GSS Elections</u>

Nick Jakel GSS Coordinator





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?





Announcements/Member's Privilege





Upcoming Events

- UT Basic Needs Survey (thru 3/31): tiny.utk.edu/needssurvey
- GPSAW: Monday March 27 Friday, March 31
 - Monday, March 27: GSS Awards Banquet
 - Tuesday, March 28: Grad Student Night at UT Baseball
 - Wednesday, March 29: GSS General Body Meeting & Game Night
 - TBA: Gather in the Garden
 - Friday, March 31: Get to Know GSS New Office Open House and Candidate Meet & Greet & Tie Dye Event at the Pride Center
- GSS Elections: Monday April 3 Wednesday April 5







Adjournment

Final Attendance

Refreshments are at the back of the room!

Next: 3/29/23, SU 169 @ 5:30PM



