



GSS Session 10 Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm, Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Student Union, Room 169

[5:34] Call to Order

Attendance

Review of Agenda

Public Comment

- Comment about the graduate stipends by Rose (she/her) MA student from Geography asking for support for raising graduate stipends and to support actions for childcare solutions for graduate students
- Danny Urquieta (they/them) we've made the push to raise graduate students to 24k a year across the board – but I want to ask you all to think about the money in the state to give people a better life in Knoxville, and I'm asking you all as graduate student members to consider this and the power you have to make change.
- Anne Smith 4th year PhD student in Sociology – if I did not have the outside support from being married, I would have had to drop out of the graduate program due to cost of medical care for disabilities. I hope we will consider investing in students who have chronic illnesses who are valuable members of the community.

[5:35] Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from 03.07.23
- Approval of Minutes from 04.20.23
 - Motion to approve minutes: Senator #16
Seconded: Senator #45
 - Voice vote: unanimous voice vote in “yes” to approve the minutes from 3/07/2023 and 4/20/2023

[5:40] Scheduled Guest Speakers

- William Vittetoe - Director, International Student and Scholar Services
 - We serve the immigration and onboarding needs of international students
 - What can we do to better support our international students and their onboarding
 - Why is this important?
 - Anywhere from 14-15% of our graduate students are an international student.
 - When we talk about retention of an international student, that retention is most severely impacted in the first semester.
 - We want to know how we can help international students overcome the barriers of getting an advanced degree abroad.

- I heard there is an ad-hoc committee to support and advocate for international students. We have invited representatives from that committee and GSS to join us as part of the process for planning
- Also seeking representation from GSS for International retention and recruitment
- Partner and coordinate with GSS folks to help with setting up social security, rides to the DMV, and help with getting set up with a bank account
- Question from Senator #76: You mentioned at our meeting that international students can't work outside of their appointment. Can you speak to and support international students being able to work outside their appointments

Answer: That is up to departments and something I cannot have a great impact on in deciding.

- Question from #77: I know there is support for airport pickups for international students, but that is only for a limited time in August. Would it be possible to extend that earlier since many students actually arrive and try to get set up in July?

Answer: This is useful feedback and something we are interested in working on.

- Question from #15: I know that when international students arrive, they don't have a credit score or social security number which are often requirements for housing. Are you doing anything to support and help international students find housing?

Answer: This is a great question. This is a known problem. The university is working on a lot of initiatives due to the housing crunch. Not having a credit score is definitely a problem and glad you made that point.

- Question from #30: We have to travel to embassy, there is a long time of waiting, and then wait to be approved. If we are approved, often have to surrender our passports while waiting for the new one is delivered to us. If we miss the meeting at the start of the term, we will have to defer our program. This is a big issue and every year there are always some students who are delayed waiting for their visas and have to defer their program. Is there any way for the university to be more flexible on these meeting dates so students would not get deferred?

Answer: There is an immigration regulatory deadline that the university has no say in. What if it is an arrival date set by the department? That is up to the department, and I would be willing to talk to those departments but ultimately it is something the graduate school and the academic department would need to agree and be a part of.

- Chancellor Plowman

- Giving thanks to senators in GSS for their service and the work done while in graduate school.
- The focus of many conversations has been raising the minimum wage of graduate student stipends. I agree we need to do something about that. Stipends are all over the place at the university. Some were above the minimum of what is being asked, but most weren't great. This summer, we will be going department by department to evaluate stipends and compare to the market rate. We have a timing issue where we are admitting new graduate students and still haven't resolved this issue. Departments set the stipends, but students brought up that the university sets the minimum and that is probably what we are going to work on in looking at stipends.
- In regards to the issues about space and representation on the space committee: I don't know how much the space committee is empowered to do. I don't really know what the space committee does. I don't have a problem with adding graduate students to the committee, but I don't know if that would have helped solve the issues brought up regarding space on campus. Our commitment is to support your progress and the mission of helping you complete your degrees and graduate and be able to go into your academic and professional careers.
- Another issue brought to us was childcare. We had a company do a survey and analysis and there is a huge demand. We are working on an RFP (Request For Proposals) for outside companies to build us a child care facility on campus. If I am honest with you though, I am not sure if that will be available for graduate students - it might be more geared towards faculty, but we are working on it.

- **Question from George:** It seems that in regards to our conversations related to space and parking, we've been redirected to the space committee.
Chancellor: I think your voice with Alan Bolton and myself – and I forgot to mention parking -- but in regards to parking we are looking at some new solutions for Fall. What we need to do is get residents in the dorms to park in other places and commute or bus to campus, and we are looking on how to do that. One of the things we also want to do is to try to spread out the campus class time tables so that the majority of classes aren't scheduled all at once. We have heard you about commuter parking and we are looking at several options.
- **Question from #76:** Do you have an idea of when the stipend raises will actually be implemented? And what leverage do you have with departments?
Chancellor: I don't know the timeline for stipends. I won't know until we figure out all the information and analysis on a department-by-department basis. August will be when we will speak with GSS again to share what we found.
In terms of leverage – I think I have considerable leverage, but what it comes down to is that we need to help the departments find the money.
- **Question from #58:** We appreciate you need to gather data to make a decision, but I've noticed in my own department that it seems like no one knows who actually has the ability to make decisions, and there seems to be no accountability. At the end of the day, we are only here 2-5 years, and we have no real influence on how we get paid. I would just like to reinforce that we need a leader to make something happen here. We do have many departments, but any work towards solutions hasn't gone anywhere since no one wants to make the decisions and everything is just operating behind a veil of information. Students have no say and everyone higher up think it is someone lower's choice.
Chancellor: That was very well stated and thank you.
- **Question from #91:** Has there been any progress on graduate student housing?
Chancellor: Long term yes, but short-term no. We will be building 3 new dorms, which means that will free up space ideal for graduate students. But that is not going to be completed immediately, so it is not a short-term solution unfortunately.
- **Question from #77:** Feedback for graduate advisors – graduate students do not have any say or ability to communicate about problems or feedback on our committees or advisors.
Chancellor: It is a best practice and it needs to be two ways that students can give feedback on their experience with their advisors. Anyone already do this? (Only one student from the department of Child and Family Services).
- **Question from #16:** One huge problem brought up every year is a fear of retaliation for advisor feedback. I actually reached out to ombud services, and it seems like something that no one was willing to find a solution in a way to prevent retaliation.
Chancellor: I want us to commit to setting up a best practices to make it possible to do this
- Question: Will stipend raises only apply to new students or will they apply to everybody?
- **Chancellor:** They will apply to everybody.
- **Question from #30:** We have a problem inside the department of 3 sections – they are all in competition for the money and there is an issue where clinical studies students can earn more in their clinic hours, but the lab students do not earn that extra money.
And also, the most vulnerable population here are the international students. If the university can provide them housing through dorms or an arrangement, that would at least give them time to get their documents, IDs, and be able to find housing when they move here.
Chancellor: Yes, I want to work with Dean Thompson on finding solutions for housing for our international students.

- **Resolutions:**

[5:54] **Unfinished Business - None**

[5:54] **New Business**

- **Action: A Resolution Addressing the Need for Increases in Graduate Stipends and the Establishment of Cost of Living Adjustments**

The Senate will consider a resolution addressing graduate student compensation.

- *Senator #72 reads through the resolution in full.*
- Motion to approve this action item: #33
- Seconded: #16
- **George:** This document was written between Leighton, Nick, and me.
- **Question from #4:** I think cost of medical care is not being factored into this.
Answer: A lot of those factors were on the table to be included in the resolution, and while that does affect a large number, it doesn't factor into the average for what we are asking for across the board for all graduate students. Conversations about that is something we need to continue doing especially next year in August so we can make the university aware of it.
- **Comment from #43:** I just wanted to make sure I tell you that we appreciate the time, effort, and energy that went into this especially since you won't be here to sit in the shade of this tree when it comes about.
- **Question #9:** Do we as senators have a copy of this?
Answer: It was sent out with the agenda.
- **Question from Zoom:** Will this resolution be shareable with departments?
Answer: Yes, it is an open document and shareable.
- **Question from #10:** I think it is important for us to address this clearly for all graduate students, masters and doctoral, especially when the Chancellor mentioned specifically doctoral students but not all graduate students.
Answer: Yes, we are stating this is for all grad students, not just limited to doctoral students.
- **Question #88:** When the Chancellor said her office will meet you after the summer break, does that mean our stipends will remain the same for the next school year due to contracts?
Answer: In terms of increasing the minimums across the university, this is not possible for the next academic year, and Dean Thompson has some addition info on that.
Dean Thompson: I have heard personally from 3 deans that they are raising minimum stipends next year. It is starting to get better. There is some progress happening.
- **Raise of Nametag Vote: Resolution passes**

- **Action: A Proclamation Endorsing Faculty Senate “Resolution for Creating a UTK Child Care Task Force”**

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

- *George reads the Proclamation Endorsing the Faculty Senate Resolution... out loud in full.*
- Motion to approve: Senator #52
- Seconded: Senator #10

- **George:** To be clear, this resolution is calling for a taskforce, there is a taskforce is already in progress.
- **Question from #52:** Are we going to have graduate student representation on that taskforce?
Answer: Whatever the form of the two taskforces combining, the GSS will advocate for graduate student representation on that.
- **Follow-up Question from #52:** Clarifying question – do we have timelines on when this taskforce is to start working?
Answer: They are already working on RFPs. And if there is no clear answer to what populations will benefit or get to use this service
- **Follow-up Question from #52:** A lot of graduate students have seminars scheduled in the evening, and we need extended hours for childcare since most childcare centers close at 6PM. Also, we need these services to be inclusive to all children so children with disabilities are not excluded.
Answer: Yes, we need to make sure we are voicing these concerns as we continue to talk to the administration about childcare plans.

- **Raise of Nametag Vote: Resolution passes**

- **Information: Swearing In of President-elect and Vice President-elect**

GSS President George T. Fields and GSS Vice President Leighton Chappell will swear in GSS President-elect Katherine Trubee and GSS Vice President-elect Hannah Thompson. Katherine and Hannah will have a few moments to provide remarks and will officially take office June 1, 2023.

- *Katherine is sworn in by George.*
- *Hannah is sworn in by Leighton.*
- Remarks by Katherine:
 - I want to thank everyone for their participation in GSS this year – we are stronger together. I also want to thank the graduate student body for affording me this opportunity.
 - George and Leighton have done many great things this year with Nick’s help. They’ve endorsed resolutions by the faculty senate and SGA, asking for LGBTQ+ community support and Childcare on campus.
 - We’ve also passed resolutions calling on the administration to address the needs of graduate students in terms of housing, transparency, and stipends.
 - George and Leighton have increased the outreach, impact, and operating capacity of the GSS this year. It is precisely this growth that Hannah and I believe will create more opportunities for graduate students.
 - We are committed to building communication, resources, and connections for graduate and professional students at UT.
 - If you are interested in joining our interim executive team, please let us know. We are super excited to get started planning next year!

[6:58 pm] Reports

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

- Today's President's Report is going to address this year in review, and I hope it will bring this year to a close by a sense of accomplishment looking back and a sense of ambition and drive looking forward.
- When Leighton and I first agreed to run together, we defined our goals for the organization and made campaign promises. As a political scientist, I knew how important campaign promises are and how often they are left unfulfilled. Leighton and I were careful to ensure that the promises we made were obtainable. Looking back, we can confidently say that we made significant progress on all the campaign promises made.
- **Space on campus, including parking and office space:**
 - as you all heard from Mr. Allen Bolton, the interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the March 29 Senate Session, significant attention is being paid to the way in which space is utilized on campus.
 - **Parking:**
 - We have worked to offer ideas on how parking could be restructured going into the next academic year and it seems to be the case that some of those ideas are being implemented.
 - We are still awaiting the announcement on exactly what that will look like.
 - **Office space:**
 - we have worked hard to advocate and explain why office space and collaborative space is so important to the graduate student population.
 - Our conversations with Dr. Cuevas and Mr. Bolton, among others, have instilled in them the longing for space on campus that many graduate students experience. To put it simply, it is hard for graduate students to be their best, and to contribute their best, when they have no physical home in the university and in their department.
 - To address all these concerns and to maintain the momentum that we built, we explicitly asked for graduate student representatives to serve on the University Space Committee. Going into the next academic year, continuing the conversation with administrators, and utilizing our positions on that committee will take our collective voice closer to the people making decisions regarding space on campus.
- **Regarding food insecurity on campus:**
 - we have made strides this year to better connect graduate students with food resources on campus, and we have advocated for the graduate student position to ensure that we aren't forgotten or discounted in conversations regarding access to basic needs on campus.
 - We have seen the conversation concerning Aramark and the status of food on campus reinvigorated with comments at the April 20 Senate Session, and there is still so much to do.
 - If the administration wants Rocky Top to be a top university, ensuring that no university employee, and especially those who are most vulnerable, struggle to meet basic needs requirements is a crucial and necessary step.
 - We have to keep pushing for equitable and fair food practices on campus, including access to healthy and affordable food and the freedom for members of the campus community to make the best decisions for themselves.
- Leighton made it a priority this year to **increase the awareness and reach of GSS among the campus community and with the administration.** I think we can confidently say we blew that goal out of the water.

- We have made connections with offices and administrators who had not heard of GSS before, we secured more seats on campus committees than ever before, we hosted more campus speakers at our Senate Sessions, we established connections through shared governance with the other elected bodies on campus, we secured new office space that is accessible and welcoming, we established connections with all of the academic units from whom GSS has representatives, we connected with dozens of graduate student-serving organizations, and we conveyed the voice of graduate students louder than before.
- The efforts made by the organization this year to enhance the position and voice of graduate students has generated momentum on campus and I am confident that the incoming administration will use that momentum to its full potential.
- **Regarding the need for the GSS to do more to support international students:**
 - though we started late this year in addressing that goal, we have made strides.
 - We established the ad hoc Committee on International Student Affairs and have established collaborative partnerships with several international student-serving offices on campus including the International House, the Office of International Student and Scholar Services, the Office of Global Engagement, and others.
 - As we heard from Mr. Vittetoe, who is the Director of ISSS, the work we are doing to support our international colleagues translates to a better and more inclusive campus environment for all of us.
 - We have been working to improve the onboarding process for international students, and as we progress into the next academic year, the GSS's role in supporting international students will progress and will solidify our position as one of advocacy and action among our campus partners.
- The GSS has spent years advocating for **the need to address the financial situation of graduate and professional students on campus.**
 - In recent years, the administration has taken steps to invest millions of dollars into graduate compensation and to increase stipend minimums periodically.
 - As I've stated before, stipends were last increased in Fall 2021, and we live in a different world now.
 - Leighton and I reevaluated the conversation surrounding graduate compensation and sought to base our requests for better graduate compensation in data on the current state of stipends. We have spent months working with campus partners to frame the conversation and to gather the data upon which the resolution today is based.
 - It was startling and yet not unexpected to find that the estimated average stipend in almost 80% of academic units falls below the Cost of Attendance minus Tuition and Fees and that the estimated average stipend in 97% of academic units falls below our calculated cost of living in Knoxville in May 2023.
 - Our hope is that the stipend resolution today will evoke a sense of urgency in the administration, both in the realization of the extent of the problem and the reality that graduate students deserve better.
- These campaign goals and promises were issues that Leighton and I recognized coming into these roles. Campaign promises made by organizational leaders become the tasks and aspirations for the organization itself, and the efforts and accomplishments in these areas are things that we should be proud of as an organization. The representative power of this organization alone has the ability to affect change, and we have done that this year.
- In addition to these accomplishments, the GSS did so much more.

- We directly supported, through **financial awards**, 876 students, or 13% of the graduate student population. The work that Kassie and the Travel Awards Committee did, as well as the support through the Academic Support Awards, totaled over \$400,000 of support from this organization by way of the Graduate School. We have made an impact.
- We also worked to establish strong connections with our partners in the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association through **shared governance** and hosted a joint Town Hall with our colleagues in the undergraduate senate. Our recognition of the importance of working together has led to important conversations being had with all stakeholders present, and it has created strength through collaboration on efforts that we all share and the opportunity to talk through our differences on efforts with which our interests' conflict.
- Personally, I am thankful for the opportunity to lead this organization this past year. I am especially grateful to Leighton for being there every step of the way, through hardships and triumphs. What I sought in a Vice President in March of last year I have since gained in a sincere friend. I also want to express my gratitude to the Executive Committee for working alongside Leighton and me to promote the GSS and to make all the organization's accomplishments this year possible. I am also grateful for Nick for his efforts to support the organization and to be the backbone to keep things running smoothly.
- Looking forward, though our time in office ends in 22 days, my passion for advocating for graduate students remains. I will continue to communicate the needs of graduate students with campus administrators and partners and will work with and support the incoming administration however I can. My interests in promoting shared governance, addressing the need for swift action regarding graduate compensation, food insecurity, and international student support will endure.
- Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication this year. My hope is that you will see the power this organization wields and will work with the incoming leadership headed by Katherine and Hannah to see greater things done in the near future. Thank you, and Go Vols!

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.

[6:55] Final Attendance + Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Senator # 16
Seconded: Senator #10
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 PM

Next Session: TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

- GSS Senator Appreciation Social (RSVP Only) - Wednesday, May 10 from 6:00-10:00 pm - Main Event Knoxville: 9081 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

Appendix 1 – Senate Meeting Attendance

Department by College	Voting Number	Name	Present
Architecture	1	Kay Kriegel	N
Architecture	2	Rachel Paganelli	N
Landscape Architecture	3	Carl Carlton	N
Anthropology	4	Brianna Gardner	Y
Anthropology	5	Proxy	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	N
Chemistry	9	Elizabeth Crumley	Y
Earth and Planetary Sciences	10	Chance Sturrup	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	Y
Microbiology	21	Diana Ramirez	N
Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures	22	Morgan Schneider	Y
Music	23	Sarah Buzalewski	N
Music	24	Alexis Kilgore	Y
Philosophy	25	Francis Nyamekeh	Y
Physics and Astronomy	26	Tanner Mengel	N
Physics and Astronomy	27	Debshikha Banerjee	N
Political Science	28	Katherine Trubee	Y
Political Science	29	Konstantinos Sygkounas	N
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	N
Communication and Information	36	Winston Roberts	N
Communication and Information	37	Jessica Barfield	Y

Information Sciences	38	Francesca Watkins	Y
Information Sciences	39	—	—
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	Taylor Baird	Y
Educational Psychology and Counseling	45	Amanda Ainsley Green	Y
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	N
Public Health	50	Sandra Wairimu	N
Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Management	51	Leah Coffey	Y
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	Olivia Bruck	Y
Accounting and Information Management	55	Kainat Bhayani	Y
Business Analytics and Statistics	56	—	—
Business Analytics and Statistics	57	—	—
Economics	58	Ivan Anich	Y
Finance	59	—	—
Management & Entrepreneurship	60	Miranda Epperson	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	N

Agricultural & Resource Economics	69	Bishal Bista	Y
Animal Science	70	Jake Watts	
Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	71	Alexis Gillmore	Y
Entomology & Plant Pathology	72	Kassie Hollabaugh	Y
Food Science	73	Fernando Rivera	Y
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	—	—
Law	79	Jake Gray	N
Law	80	Ronald Young	N
Nursing	81	Jeanne Bernier	N
Nursing	82	Adaora Ede	Y
Social Work – Distance Education	83	Marlon Wade	N
Social Work – Distance Education	84	Suelynn Hartness	Y
Social Work – Nashville	85	—	—
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	N
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	90	Rohit Ghanta	Y
Civil & Environmental Engineering	91	Mohammed Elbushra Elsheikh Elnur	Y
Civil & Environmental Engineering	92	Vivek Chawla (PROXY)	Y
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	Chulin Chen	Y
Materials Science & Engineering	97	Zane Smith	Y
Materials Science & Engineering	98	Max Neveau	Y
Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering	99	Anirban Roy	N

Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering	100	Breanna Schaeffer	Y
Nuclear Engineering	101	Emily Hutchins	N
Nuclear Engineering	102	Evan Williams	N
Space Institute	103	Kyle Ackermann	N
Space Institute	104	—	—
Veterinary Medicine	105	Ashley Callahan	N
Veterinary Medicine	106	Nicole Quaglia	N

Appendix 2 – Visual Aid from Meeting (next page)

Graduate Student Senate

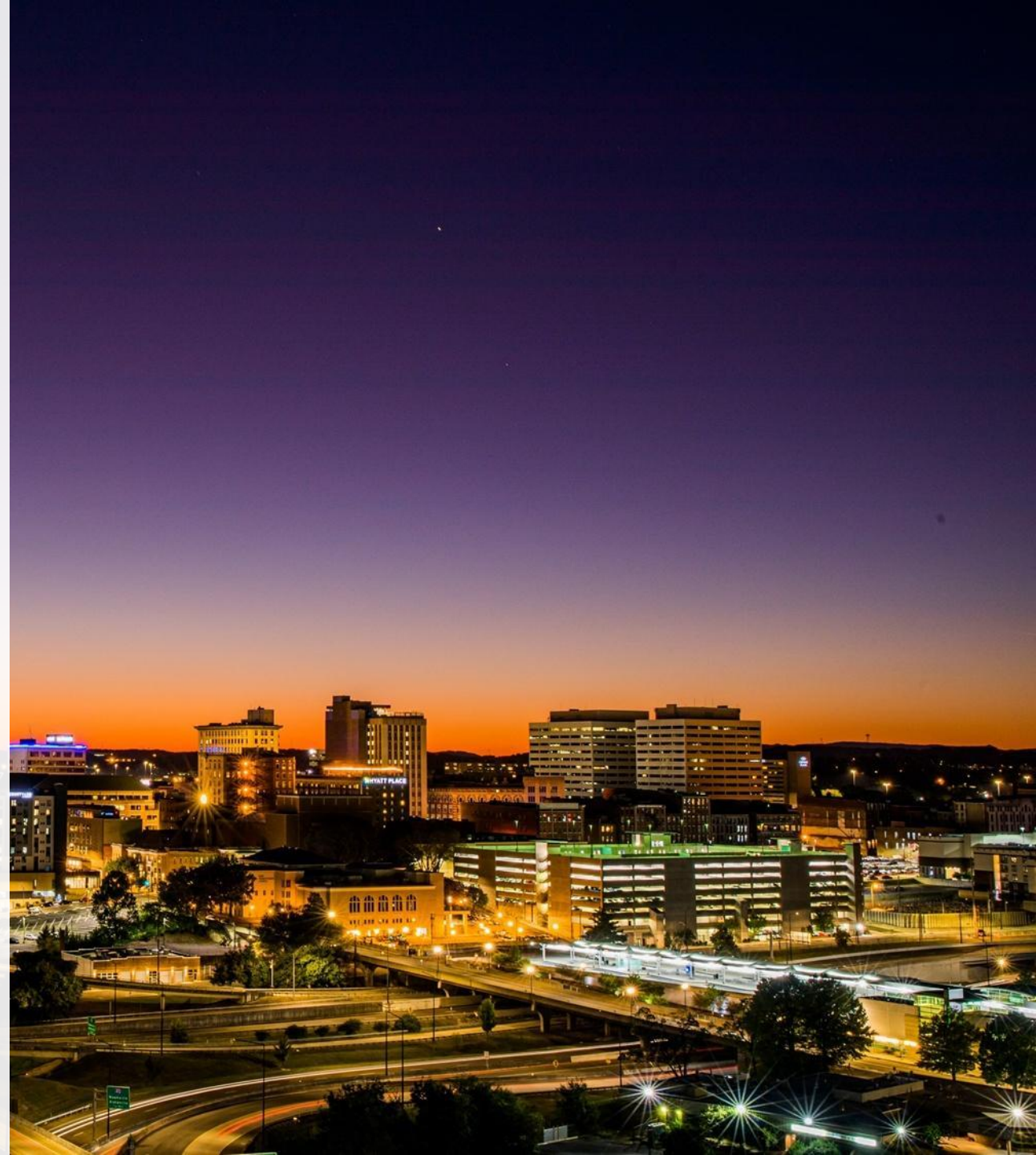
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Agenda

Session Opening

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5. Approval of Minutes

6. Guest Speakers

- A. William Vittetoe
- B. Chancellor Plowman (6pm)

7. President's Report

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- A. Action: A Resolution Addressing the Need for Increases in Graduate Stipends and the Establishment of Cost of Living Adjustments
- B. Action: A Proclamation Endorsing Faculty Senate "Resolution for Creating a UTK Child Care Task Force"
- C. Information: Swearing in of President-elect and Vice President-elect
- D. Discussion/Open Floor

10. Announcements/Member's Privilege

11. Adjournment

Scheduled Guest Speakers

William Vittetoe

Director, International Student and Scholar Services, The University of
Tennessee Knoxville

Donde Plowman

Chancellor, The University of Tennessee Knoxville

Action: A Resolution Addressing the Need for Increases in Graduate Stipends and the Establishment of Cost of Living Adjustments

Kassie Hollabaugh
Legislative Sponsor

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George T. Fields
GSS President

President's Report

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Information: Swearing in of President-elect and Vice President-elect

George T. Fields, GSS President
Leighton Chappell, GSS Vice President

Katherine Trubee, GSS President-elect
Hannah Thompson, GSS Vice President-elect

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

- GSS Senator Appreciation Social (RSVP Only)
 - Wednesday, May 10, 6-10pm; Main Event Knoxville



Adjournment

Final Attendance

Refreshments are at the back of the room!

Have a great summer!