

## General Assembly Meeting (UCC1117)

**September 11, 2024 5:30 PM**

- 1. Call to Order – 5:36 PM**
- 2. Approval of May 2024 minutes – Voted on and approved!**
- 3. Presentation from the Office of the Ombudsperson**
  - a. Problems on campus can be brought to the office for resolution.
  - b. The office is bound to the 4 codes of ethics and standards: confidentiality (safe space), impartiality, informal and independent
  - c. Co-resolution: They assign a single ombudsperson to each client to enhance understanding and assist individuals during the mediation process.
  - d. The end-of-year report includes end-of-data analysis, which reaches out to the leadership for potential changes.
  - e. Past reports provide data on some contexts, including demographics (staff/students/grad students; college, etc.), which can be found on the Office of the Ombudsperson website.
  - f. Office location: Jefferson Building 308
- 4. Executive Council Introductions and Reports**
  - a. President: Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny
  - b. Vice President: Joey Small
  - c. Treasurer: Stuti Gupta
  - d. Executive Associate: Hee Kyoung Jung
  - e. Membership Officer: Priyanka Newase
  - f. Parliamentarian: Caleb DeWitt
  - g. Webmaster: Sabrina Ahmed
  - h. Social Media Director: Kshitija Kale
  - i. Travel Funds Director: Brooke Yeager
    - Cycle 1 is closed.
    - After recruiting committee members, we will begin scoring the applications.
- 5. Graduate College Welcome and Updates**
  - a. Dean Ana M. Rodríguez-Rodríguez
    - Aims to meet international students' needs.
    - Aims to increase graduate college visibility.
  - b. Dean Campo
    - Encourages students to participate in the travel funds committee.
    - Encourages graduate students to come to her to discuss employment issues.
- 6. COGS Updates**
  - a. Blitz training is ongoing. Volunteering encouraged.
  - b. COGS requires certification as a public union – 50+1% yes vote needed.
  - c. Currently bargaining salaries and international student fee.
- 7. GPSG Updates – Travis Fischer**
  - a. Cycle 2 for student organization funding through GPSG is currently open and will close on September 27, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

- b. Office of DEI renamed to Office of Access, Opportunity and Diversity.

## **8. Grad Council Updates – Tennessen**

- a. Grad College completed its review last year; here are selected highlights
  - Conduct a review of the Grad College strategic plan – Grad College does A LOT, so what are the priorities moving forward
  - Develop document of best practices for program coordinators
  - Develop career development outcomes (e.g., first destinations survey)
- b. Plan to develop working groups this year to examine certain policies; suggestions include:
  - Updating academic misconduct policy; reference recommendations/guidelines about AI use
  - Credit sharing between dual degrees; credit policy stating that students cannot accumulate no more than 24 hours before declaring degree program
  - English placement tests for international students
  - Potential assessment/evaluation of fellowship support processes for faculty and students
  - Lack of knowledge of disability services and how to implement accommodations in courses/as supervisors

## **9. Brief PowerPoint on GSS nomenclature**

- a. Reviewed senator responsibilities, governing bodies and councils

## **10. Positions that need to be filled:**

- a. GSEC – Discusses matters related to graduate student employment
  - Sabrina Ahmed
- b. Student Advisory Board for University Counseling Service – Discusses the current and future needs of mental health resources and services on campus for both undergraduate and graduate students
  - Has not been elected

## **11. GSS Committees**

- a. **International student**
    - Hosts events and other spaces for international students
    - Bringing up issues – e.g. international student fee
  - b. **Service and social**
    - Hosts seminars and events
  - c. **Teaching**
    - Two projects are ongoing – Peer teaching observation, and surveying TAs across departments to identify their needs
  - d. **Jakobson**
    - Research showcase as a main event
    - Lots of even planning and logistics involved
- c. **Travel funds**
- Contact Thomas or Brooke for information.

## **12. Email for GSS Senators to Send to their Departments**

## **13. Open Discussion**

- a. Introductory courses in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning will be offered this fall and successful completion of four courses is eligible to earn a certificate.
- b. International student fee – Some departments started to pay the fees for the students with the help of GPSG and COGS.
- c. Senator responsibilities - Attending the general meetings; giving the GSS updates on what is happening in the college, etc.
- d. Committees are available for senators.

**14. Adjournment – 6:29**