Graduate Student Council

General Body Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
6:00 PM Reitz Union Auditorium
AGENDA

- Welcome
- State of the GSC
- Officer Reports
- Invited Announcements
- Open Discussion
State of the GSC

GSC and its Role in Graduate Education at UF

2017-2018 Specific Goals

1. Work to establish a Graduate Student Census
2. Pass legislation with SBG to increase the amount of money which can be offered for travel grants
3. Develop and publish new grants website
Reports: President

Points for your Consideration

1. *Eligibility maintenance and attendance is the role of the representatives*
   a. Attendance procedures have been streamlined
   b. Attendance reports and eligibility will be posted on the new website
   c. Check our website, facebook and listserv emails for the meeting schedules
   d. Share the events and information from these meetings with your colleagues
   e. The passing on of GSC rep responsibilities in your departments is up to you

2. Graduate student support needed to fill open positions and to represent GSC
   a. 2 open e-board positions
   b. Multiple committee positions

3. We look forward to working with you all over the course of the coming year!
Reports: Vice President

- Christine Swanson
- PhD student - Forest Resources and Conservation
- Interim webmaster
We are working on revamping the GSC website and streamlining the grants applications to all be at one location!

We are looking for someone who wants to lead this endeavor. If you are interested in being the GSC webmaster, please let us know!
Reports: Treasurer

- Ralph Tayeh
- Masters Student - Construction Management
- Budget for 2017-2018:
  - Budget for Travel Grants: $122,035
- Expenditure to date:
  - Travel Grants: $19,935 (57 grants)

E-mail: ralph.tayeh@ufl.edu
Reports: Secretary

- Anthony Raborn
- Ph.D. Student - Research and Evaluation Methodology
- Discussion: New Sign-In Procedures
  - MUST sign in with myself or another board member
    - If you do not, you WILL be counted absent for that meeting
- Attendance Reminder
  - It is YOUR responsibility as department representatives to maintain your attendance
    - I will NOT send any absence notices or warnings of impending ineligibility
Reports: Social Committee Chair

Sherry Zhou

3rd year PhD - Research Evaluation methodology

Social Events:

- 2017 Fall -- GSC Tailgate, Graduate Students Mid-term Break
- 2018 Spring -- Welcome Social, Graduate Students Annual Award Ceremony
Join us for the GSC Tailgate

We'll have giveaways, food, and drinks to celebrate GradGators!

Time: Sep 30th (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
Location: Reitz Union North Lawn

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The UF Student Government
Reports: International Affairs Chair

Jiahui Wang

Fourth-year PhD student (Educational Technology)

Work:

Coordinates with international center

Coordinates the international student orientation

Promote Career Resource Center workshops for (international) graduate students
Reports: Graduate Affairs Committee

Jason Johnson

3rd Year PhD student in Mathematics (Number Theory)

- Graduate Student Census
- Other duties as assigned
Reports: Grants Committee Chair

Charelle Trim; MS student - Geology

- [http://ufgsc.org/](http://ufgsc.org/)
- No late applications will be accepted
- Check website for department eligibility
- Reviews are done the first Monday following end of cycle
- Email gscgrants@gmail.com for questions about grants, to rsvp for grant review and to regain eligibility

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Reports: Graduate Council Representatives

Representative:

Madeline Sciullo
*Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering*
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Alternate:

Seth Assan
*Higher Ed. Admin. & Policy PhD Student*
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Reports: Faculty Senate Committees

Faculty Senate: (3 Representatives)

1. Mirna Amaya
2. TBD
3. TBD

University Libraries Committee: (2 Representatives)

1. Christine Swanson
2. TBD

Research and Scholarship Council: (1 Representative)

1. TBD
Meet Dr. Heather White
Interim Dean of Students
Open Issues & Announcements

Next meeting:
October 11th, 2017
Reitz 2335, 6:00pm
What: Chasing Coral Screening
Where: First Magnitude Brewery
When: Thursday September 21st

Film starts at 6:00 PM
Panel discussion at 7:45 PM

Can’t make it? Watch it now!

NOW STREAMING | NETFLIX
GAU is a Labor Union that represents all graduate assistants at UF

- GAU negotiates and enforces our contract with UF
- GAU has won tuition waivers, stipend raises, fee relief, health insurance, sick leave, and more
- We continue to fight for equitable pay increases, additional fee relief, and better health insurance
- Our goal is to create and maintain an environment at UF in which GA needs are understood and respected
- Join now! Our strength is in numbers! We’re not just a union – we’re a community of GAs!

Ways to get involved:

- **Become a volunteer!** Mark “yes” on your membership form to join our volunteer email list.
- **Join a committee!** We have committees on healthcare, organizing, family and childcare, membership, etc.
- **Become a steward!**

Become a member! Fill out your form, and we’ll see you at the next GAU Happy Hour!

Check us out [www.ufgau.org](http://www.ufgau.org)
Like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/)
Become a member! [Join Now!](https://www.ufgau.org/join-now)