1. Welcome and Introductions: Name, Cabinet position, year/program, Fall Break(?) plans
   a. Executive Board (Madelyn – absent; Marie – late)
   b. Cabinet members (Katie, Rachel, Ashley - absent; Lauren T., Lauren R. – late)

Meeting earlier because of fall break next week. Quick intros: what are your fall break plans?

2. E-board Updates
   Chief of Staff – Anginelle Alabanza
   a. Update on Cabinet budget $1800 left for rest of fall and spring semester (future meeting food has already been accounted for)
   b. Fundraising Ideas document
   c. Panera can help with fundraising. Needs to be submitted in advance. On dropbox: filled with access to fundraising ideas

President – Dylan Russell
VP for Internal Affairs – Brian Coussens
Need a speaker for senate meetings. If you have anyone in mind that you think senate would like to hear from let him know. Usually plan a month in advance.

VP for External Affairs – Anel Jaramillo
Submit your minutes/reports for the committees you serve in. This is due 1st of every month.

Dylan, Rob, Megan and Anel went to SAGE Fall Summit. This year the white paper topics will be on 1. Debt/taxes 2. Research funding 3. Campus Wellness (mental health & sexual assault)

Secretary – Madelyn Percy
Not here doing field work but remember everyone has assignments to check the website for errors. Due after thanksgiving.

Treasurer – Marie Eszenyi

3. Recap from last month
   I. National Public Lands Day – Sabrina
      20 attendees went really well. Cleaned bamboo in Eno state park. Pictures in dropbox.
   II. Fall Equinox Harvest Party – Autumn
      Went well even thought there was a rain threat. All the food got eaten. Low key thing. Already talked to venue (Johnnys) to do another event in the spring.

4. Updates and Upcoming Events
   I. Louisiana Digital Drive – Alyse
      a. October 6th – 14th: publicize to your departments; ends on Friday!
• Kicked off last Thursday. There is a sign in the pit. Anginelle forwarded the flyer for everyone to distribute to friends and departments. Will take donations until this Friday.

I. Civic Engagement Task Force – Sabrina/Megan/Leah
• Update on October goals
  Voter registration happened last month got 30 people registered and a few pledges “that they will vote”. Was able to work with student government to get it turned it.
• Reception dinner with NC candidates (need 150-200 attendees)
• Still planning. Goal is to have it last week of October. Waiting to hear back from Senator Ross if she will attend. Will be hosted probably in school of government. Med deli will be catered. –Will need a lot of attendees for this event, free dinner included
• Also Future events: march to the polls (Oct 27), no ID no problem campaign

II. Senior Citizen Prom – Anginelle
• Rescheduled to Friday, 10/28 at Seymour Senior Citizen Center, 6-9PM
• Need: Prom dates, overall event volunteers
• Had to reschedule because of rain now will be (10/28). Still need volunteers. Currently no cabinet participation which is vital since this is a cabinet initiative

III. Halloween Social – Autumn
• Monday, 10/31 from 8-11pm at The Northside District
• Dress in costume, free appetizers – publicize on facebook
• Confirmed. Northside will remain open until 2am but we are only hosting until 11pm. Its on rosemary st. Great place to hang with students and then make it out to Franklin (which starts at 830pm). Last time talked about doing it earlier but others were concerned of not having enough time to change costumes and still wanted to give out candies. So gives people enough time.
• Vice Chancellor for student affairs: Crisp hosts a free thanksgiving dinner for students still in town. Wanted to get a group of graduate students to have a table at the event. Contacted him but still waiting on details. Once that’s done we can start advertising our presence at the dinner. All will be welcome. She went last year and did see lots of grad students (some with their families). This will be a good way to have a “free” social. Can also plan something after to go and get drinks etc. AA: suggestion to talk to Joanna to reach out to international students in the area during that time

IV. Self-defense seminar – Lauren R.
• Tuesday, November 1st at 8PM – Woolen Combatives Room
• Got confirmed will be with sergeant of public safety. Will do an intro class and will be open to men and women. Not a lot of people have rsvp on facebook so spread the word. There is a cap (25 people) so make sure to register.

5. Discussion Topics
I. HSL Meditation Space Funding request - Kevin

- **Name:** Relaxation room vs meditation/quiet space on plaque
  
  Strong opinions? Maybe people will be scared of “meditation” because they may not know how to do it and will turn people away. It’s also a religious connotation. People like “relaxation room” but people may take this as a place to chit chat etc. Will rules be posted? How to meditation etc.? This will allow us to use relaxation but with clear guidelines on inside – All agreed

- **Spot in Health Sciences Library on 4th floor.** Will be intended for grad students to take a nap, meditate etc. There are spaces on campus and used primarily by undergrads. Unfortunately those aren’t being used as meditation rooms. Awaiting response from student wellness. Requested funds for 2 chairs (only need 1). Still looking to pay for yoga mats (to be covered by GPSF). Will like to request $120 funding for these mats.

  AM: How many? Not sure will need to look up. Usually approx. $40 each. Can only fit 4 mats at a time in the room. All in favor. Funding approved unanimously.

II. Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee – JP

- **$4 to RESPC in student fees.** What should the committee’s priorities be?

- **His external appointment is on RESPC.** Part of the student fees ($4) goes to this committee. 6-7 undergrads and 2 grads vote and brainstorm renewable energy projects. Recent projects was establishing a solar green house. Recently approved putting solar array on Friday Center. Also a lot of education components like displaying art pieces. A lot of these projects aren’t financially feasible because we have our own energy plant and currently renewable energy isn’t as effective and it’s costly. So what projects do you all want to see done? Currently working on lab efficiency. Putting together a guide of resources that could decreased energy use etc.

  MD: Campus is very inefficient. Make a push for just basic knowledge to turn off lights. Also use in discrete locations vs big solar panels

  AM: some buildings don’t have more efficient bathrooms since not all have them (automatic lights etc).

  Looking at projects to show UNC’s commitment for renewable energy. Smaller scale projects are more feasible.

  MH: adding to foot traffic areas so people can see value

  Also looking at doing it in Kenan stadium. AM: Sometimes the lights are just on for no reason.

  JK: Rain water ideas? Also more building specific?

III. Transportation and Parking: possible fee increase – Mo

They collect money from our student fees and other places. Currently proposed an increase to student rates. Problematic on a couple of levels: putting this on students and not communicating message.

Have adopted principles without student input. They consider parking and transportation should be self-funded. Saying that it’s so expensive that it can’t be self-funded so need to have students pay for it instead. This is not true. Their numbers don’t show this increase in expenses needed
but it actually shows a surplus. They have proven that parking is really expensive. Ex: $2m for
1400 new spots. $500 to maintain each spots.
Also they feel like they have been funding us and each time they decrease it. What's happening is
they are trying to pull back from the funding they gave us to fund transit. We need more
information. They haven't proven that its going to be more expensive or that this will lead to
increased services. Idea to write a letter that GPSF doesn't agree and we need more information.
AM: sits on student fee advisory committee (SFAC). Gave a presentation to the committee. She
was on that ACT committee last year. She agrees historically there is a tense relationship
between students and transportation. Past increases have been $7 and $9 so that why this
smaller increase ($5) was more accepted by students. Student fees pay for some routes 100%
while others only 38%. They want us to pay more because they say we use it more. Yet this isn't
fair as we are in a marginalized position as students. They expressed they aren't interested in
that. Also going to increase meter parking by $0.50 an hour.
If we are paying so much more than we should be partners at the table. We should have more
input, what type of buses etc.
AM: When they get our fees its not direct and its in away that we are not allowed to get into the
inner workings of how its being spent. That's why there is this tense relationship. It did pass
through SFAC. Friday it will go to SFAS. Then after only Bradley will be on the table for the final
decision. So let her know your thoughts before the Friday meeting. She did vote in favor but
because of her past experience with the transportation fees.

IV. International Coffee House Nov (2nd )- CGI- Joanna
- Funding request: $100, not expecting to use it all. Approved unanimously.
- Team up with writing center and switch off who provides coffee or food
  25 people attend approx, may be more this year because working with Global Grads
  (started by previous chair).
- Feb 1st, is the next one.

VI. Graduate First Generation and Racial Literacy Group – Manny
Met with director of student success. There is a first generation grad student org. They define
first generation very broadly (parents did not earn PhD). Provides resources for students to
succeed. Also there is a racial literacy group: a safe place where people can have a conversation
about racial issues. They would love to have graduate students present. Next meeting will be Oct
24th 12-1pm with free food. Topic will be presidential election

V. Safety during holidays – Lauren R.
Crime increases during November and Dec. Things to do: don’t post when you’re out of town,
leave lights on. Watch out for porch pirates that steal packages from porch. Posted tips on GPSF
facebook.

VI. Inside Out Initiative – Lauren T.
Month want to talk about micro aggressions. Do you know?
LO: when someone says something casually that has underlying ramifications (casual ignorance).
Sometimes don’t notice that it happens. Important to look at because covert to major
discrimination may start with this. Examples:
AM: Teaching reviews only stating physical beauty
MM: Bad when you accept these things. Lots of signs during the debate.
People assume your not from US. Microaggressions.com has a huge list of these. Reads off quick
list. These happen day to day life. So what’s our call to action? 1. All of us have unconscious bias.
That’s okay we are all learning. If you realize it apologize if you can/ correct yourself and clarify
what you meant. 2. If you hear something let the moment breathe. Say something if the person
who experienced it doesn’t but feel it out
Observe, Think, Feel and Desire (Open the front door)
What happened?
What did you think?
How did it make you feel?
What would you like that person to know?

AA: Will be doing these inside out talks at the end of every meeting. IF there is a particular topic
youre interested reach out to them.

VII. Cabinet retreat: Potluck around Thanksgiving
Cancelled because not enough people. Will send out doodle poll to find
a good time and date.

Next Cabinet meeting: Tuesday, November 15th – 6:00pm in 1305 McGavran-Greenberg

Referendum on separation will occur before our next meeting. Date is not confirmed so be on the
lookout for things from the committee (Future of GPSF) that is putting that together. We voted last year
but we are having to do it again because of an error within the board of elections/ application of
election rules.

LO: FB site still up?

No. LO: good to update it since that was how she found out about it.

AA: we will compile a summarized document of what happened and why the majority (>51%) have
voted to separate. Summarize get more graduate fees allocated to us and better representation.