GPSF Cabinet Meeting – Tuesday, September 20th, 2016
6:00 – 7:30PM

Called to order at 6:10 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions: Name, Cabinet position, year/program, an embarrassing thing you did as a child
   a. Executive Board (Marie – late)
   b. Cabinet members (Katie, Rachel, Sarah – absent; Lauren T. – late)

Anginelle; CoS; ran up and hugged someone who was not actually her mom
Madelyn; Secretary; licked a Monet
Dylan; President; volunteered at a zoo in Ashe County and was chased by an emu
Anel; VPEA; got lost at a grocery store and started crying
Sabrina; City & Local Relations Chair; amateur kleptomaniac
Ashley; Special Projects Chair; pulled off ponytail and made a basket in basketball
Autumn; Social Chair; grew up on a farm, so lots of poop situations
Kevin; Disability Chair; watched Robin Hood with the fox and freaked out about whether his family was dead
Joanna; International Students Chair; tried flushing brother down the toilet
Amy; Legislative Chair?; used to walk into things
Gar; Diversity Chair; vomited on stage and cleared the auditorium
Andreas; visited a friend during the summer and cut all of the flowers in a garden
JP; Sustainability Chair; pebbles up the nose
Leah; accidentally pushed over an entire roll of carpets
Matt; TA/RA; almost sold his sister all of his Pokemon cards
Alyse; Health Policy; used to eat fuzz as if it was gum
Lauren T.; Diversity Chair; used to need to carry around a bag, so carried a bag with a shoebox
Manny; Student Opportunities; wore a pair of glasses around and turned out they were his gmas
Jen; PD Chair; when brother was really bothering her, chased him with a broom and pierced a door
Rob; Academic Policy Chair; got carried away with a q-tip
Megan; PR Chair/Leg Chair; convinced her older brothers were aliens
Mo; Transportation Chair; OJ and milk was a good combination

2. E-board Updates
Chief of Staff – Anginelle Alabanza
   • Update on Cabinet budget

New step for this year—Anginelle will share the budget with the cabinet every year. We started with $3100; the remaining budget should be ~$2000—this is all for programming. This document is going to be updated every month.
President – Dylan Russell
Presenting the big policy initiatives with the Board of Trustees for this year; their only exposure to GPSF is through the student body president. We are going to be pushing for an increase in stipends, walk through the five priorities (civic engagement, bill of rights, stronger GPSF, diverse and inclusive student body, become better advocates). Narrative that we’re sharing: the GPSF represents an evolving student body—UNC must get creative about how graduate students are represented around campus. We are moving away from the drama and focusing on a story. Bill of Rights—we are calling for nominations for the committee. From here, we will move forward with crafting the Bill of Rights.

Sexual assault response: Undergraduates reached out to us asking if we wanted to be part of their video and proclamation. Asks Cabinet to help come up with an appropriate response (or if we should even respond)

VP for Internal Affairs – Brian Coussens
Please hold on to the name tags that you received, then put them on for events. At the end of the year, please turn them back in so that we don’t have to purchase more plastic holders.

VP for External Affairs – Anel Jaramillo
Make sure to keep us up-to-date on what is going on with external appointments. If you haven’t heard from committee chairs, let Anel know.

For SAGE (Fall Summit, October)—we are collecting issues that need to be raised (e.g., student debt, campus climate, campus wellness, etc.). If anyone thinks of an issue that should be brought up, let Anel know ASAP. There will be other opportunities to help out

Secretary – Madelyn Percy
  • Updating the GPSF Resource Guide
Will need help, but not right now.

Treasurer – Marie Eszenyi
Will not be able to make the meeting

Keep updates under 5 minutes.

5. Updates from the past month
I. Great job on attending external appointment committee meetings!

II. Annual Dog Social – Autumn
September 3; our first social event—we brought it back. Showed up to dog park in Carrboro + arranged for an animal rescue agency to come out. We almost got rained out, but the dog park dried out and we had a great day. At least 30 people showed up. Easy to plan.

III. Update from Task Force on Civic Engagement Update – Sabrina (and Megan and Leah)
Accomplished a lot since the last meeting—recruited for the task force, had the first meeting; got ready to launch events. Focusing on three key phases: (1) Voter information (explaining voting laws in NC); (2) Registering people to vote; (3) Getting them out to the polls

First meeting, September 8; everyone has assignments and know when they need to get events ready. Next meeting is this Thursday (09/22). Putting together voter information packet (trying to make it very specific on local candidates that people should be aware of). Also registration drive, “No ID, No problem” campaign

6. Upcoming Events

I. National Public Lands Day Service Event – Sabrina
   - Saturday, 9/24 at Eno River State Park, 9-12:30
   - $75 for snacks

   Everything is set for the event (this Saturday), currently have 12-15 people confirmed so far. Project: bamboo removal to help native vegetation. Andreas is going to purchase snacks (granola bars and water). Should be out in time for the football game that afternoon. Carpooling will occur so that people who don’t have cars are okay!

II. Fall Equinox Harvest Party – Autumn
   - Thursday, 9/22 at Johnny’s Gone Fishing, 6-9PM

   Harvest Party at coffee shop/café; on a bus line so that people can get out there easily. There is parking as well. Will have cold spiced cider, hot pumpkin chai, sandwiches, smores, fire pit, etc. There will be a guy playing music inside the building later in the evening.
   
   Money is coming out from social budget

III. Senior Citizen Prom – Anginelle and Andreas
   - Friday, 10/7 at Seymour Senior Citizen Center, 6-9PM
   - Need: Prom dates, clean-up crew, overall event volunteers
   - Funding request: additional $60

   So far have 13 volunteers—most people want to decorate or be prom dates. Need a lot more guys to participate because there are a lot of single women that attend. So far have one guy who has volunteered to be a prom date, but need more!

   Last month requested $100; because we are reducing the amount of food budget, then she would like to ask for a little additional money. Seymour is paying for all of the food, but we are in charge of decorations, corsages, and a photo booth.

   All Cabinet members present are in favor of the modification to the request

IV. Self-defense seminar – Lauren R.
   - Sunday, October 16th – 4-6PM, location pending

   Planning a self-defense seminar; still waiting for the room to be confirmed, but it will be in Woollen. There will be a registration page.

   What kind of self-defense is this? Lauren has a contact in krav maga; if this is popular, then we can do this again.
7. Discussion Topics

I. Teaching for Research/UNC ARC Partnerships – Matt

CIRTL—NSF Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning. Why are we doing this: grad students were asked what their opinions were about being future educators. TAs are boiled down to grading and office hours, but there’s not that much teaching where the students are preparing on their own. 85% of grad students who wanted to teach felt that they were unprepared.

Biggest one is the Future Faculty Fellowship program—limited reach.

CIRTL resources are open to every grad student on campus: works on skill development in advancing and implementing evidence-based teaching and course design. They also provide a TON of resources and programming from successful learning communities (46 university network). CIRTL also provides tested means of teaching/learning evaluations and other resources.

Go to the CIRTL website (cirtl.net) and look at what we need from this program. Think about how humanities can be put into the equation, accessibility, etc.

II. Louisiana Digital Drive – Alyse

- Goods drive from October 6-14th, winning dept. receives ice cream party
- Funding request for ice cream

Will GPSF co-sponsor the digital drive? If so, could we offer some incentive like offering an ice cream party. Working with a shelter in LA that Alyse had previously worked.

The GPSF Cabinet will be able to sponsor the prize, but GPSF cannot because this drive has not gone through the Senate.

Click on the link, order what you want, and it goes directly to the shelter. Money cannot be directly sent, but at this point, goods can be sent easily. They are trying to focus on transparency, plus the goods are what are needed.

Requests $150 for ice cream prize; all Cabinet members are in favor of the request.

III. Grad School “Fair” – Kevin/Jen

There are no resources that can directly connect graduate students to undergraduate students who are interested in applying for and getting into graduate school. Want to have one student/department. CUAB is excited about this, and has funds that they are willing to spend on us. This will allow us to save money.

Trying to get international students, as well. Needs contacts for departments. Will require a lot of people to be a part of this. Jen (PD Chair) has reached out to the University Career Services. Would like the event to occur at the beginning of next semester.
Lauren R.: Contact pre-grad advising (paid position)

IV. Panera Bread donations for events – Andreas
Panera will donate for most volunteer events but they need 6-8 weeks. Fill out a form, then they kick it up to corporate, and then get approved. We should get a copy of the form.

V. Halloween social – Autumn
Having a party on Halloween! Currently talking to The Northside District to host the party. Interested in hearing thoughts about the feasibility of this, how many people may come, should we do free appetizers? We would like to rent out the space and have it available to grad/prof students.
Anginelle: How do we control the space?
We have worked with this bar before; they have a guy who stands at the door and bounces.
Would people go? If there is a large timeframe, then people can come and go. 8-11 or 8-12.
Can we partner with other organizations? Other graduate organizations may want to throw some money into this
Joanna: Target the international students because this is a distinctly American holiday.
After all of this, thinking about doing a Halloween happy hour OR a late night thing OR a 7-9 pre-game

VI. Inside out Initiative – Lauren T.
Gar and Lauren are trying to make campus a better place for people with marginalized identities.
Tiny workshop at monthly meetings during which Gar and Lauren will address issues that are important and propose solutions. Wants to help people connect to resources.
What to do when you misgender someone: There are the old “she/her” and “he/him,” but there are other pronouns for people with non-binary gender identities or for political reasons. One way to deal with this is to ask people for their pronouns, and in fact, go ahead and ask! This article is posted in the Dropbox under the Diversity Chair folder. We should share this on Facebook. The article is very reasonable.
When people misgender someone, remember that it’s not about you. Don’t make a huge, elaborate apology; just correct yourself (casually)
If you realize it later, apologize quickly in the future (don’t make a big deal about it)
If you notice someone misgendering someone else, that’s a good opportunity to correct that person later (and privately)

Pronoun use vs. preference: Ask what pronouns are used because that is less risky
Dylan: Could this also be written up in a little blurb for the newsletter?

VII. Sexual assault on campus – Lauren R.
Lauren would like to raise awareness. This relates to what Dylan mentioned at the beginning of the meeting—we didn’t want to remove agency from the victim, as it’s her story to tell. If people think that is the wrong approach, then we need input! We didn’t think it was appropriate to respond at the time.
Alyse: Agrees that we should focus on sexual assault and not on a specific case. The case has to go through the judicial system—highlighting one case doesn’t give the other cases justice.
Manny: What did the student body president put out? Student Government released a proclamation and a video
Lauren T: The statement that was put out by Chancellor Folt was disappointing because it was too specific and at the same time, not specific enough. The release from Student Government was actually not so bad.
Autumn: Make sure that we avoid referencing any particular case; we do not want to look foolish by putting out opinions. We should avoid putting ourselves in a position that we would later regret.
Alyse: Can we move on with action rather than releasing a statement? For example, the classes or education opportunities. We can actually do something
Autumn: Agrees with Alyse
Sabrina: We could release a statement that shows what we are doing. And maybe we could invite the community to join in
Alyse: Campaign to raise awareness.
Autumn: Turn the focus to more graduate student stuff—the university has worked very hard on undergraduate sexual assault policies, but there hasn’t been a lot of work done on what happens when graduate/professional students and faculty relationships get bad. We should press graduate/professional student concerns
Matt: Does shifting towards graduate students make us appear dismissive?
Autumn: We have to frame this properly—we are being proactive (without reference to anything else that is happening).
Anel: The University has been working on the issue of graduate students being different. There is a working group that is trying to consider the fact that we are employees on top of being graduate students. There will be attempts to make the system work better.

VII. Cabinet retreat: Cabinet BBQ vs. trampoline park?
- Sunday, 9/25 or 10/2?
Had a tie between BBQ and trampoline park—impromptu vote for event
BBQ: 9; Trampoline park: 10

Next Cabinet meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 11th
Called to a close at 7:35