Minutes

Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Student Senate Chambers
Attendees: Senators and general public

A. Call to Order—
   a. Meeting begins at 8:04

B. Call of the Roll

C. Special Guest – Geospatial Center’s Director, Patricia Carbajales and Graduate Travel Grants, Bridget Blood and Kathy Ehlert

   -Patricia Carbajales
   -Located on the 4th Floor of Cooper Library
   -www.clemsongis.org
   -All our services are free to support students who want to use GIS
   -We offer office hours and workshops
   -Geographic and spatial data mapping
   -Also have state of the art equipment- drones, 3D printing
   -Creative Inquiry offered: Drones to 3D printing
   -Moving into data analytics (see below)
   --Offer beginner to advanced training
   -This semester: Data Visualization with Tableau
   -Available to students: student group called Clemson Mappers
   -mapping disaster relief/storm predictions (mapathon)
   -GIS Day November 13th in Cooper Library- free pizza, donuts, and prizes!
-Geo-Ambassador Program—would like to teach GIS skills at the university level; hands on teaching

-Initiative (waiting on legal services): ability for students to check out drones—hope to have this offered in the Spring

Conservation Award**

-only 20 or so university offers these awards

-symposiums and workshops available

-ESRI recognized—nominate students of the year for prestigious awards; Yale, Harvard, UNC, and USC also offer award—small pool of universities

-Located at Cooper in Room 412 and Room 406

-Would love graduate student feedback

Q: Will workshops be offered on Friday again?

A: We send polls to students to find out when students can attend; so we work around student availability. Tuesday evening was the most popular time this semester. Need at least 5 people to open a workshop on Friday again—They will be offered again in the Spring

-Workshops are free, you get a certificate of attendance—students have used for CV

-Keep adding and creating new workshops based on student response—however, they are not used for credit, hoping to change this in the future.

-List of projects on website to show diversity of uses, would love to add more! Any department on campus has a story to tell.

-Clemson University Campus Basemap Project—allows students to search campus for buildings, bus routes, places to eat, parking areas, etc.—working on doing interior routing, library book finder

Q: When is the mappers event?

A: November 13th is GIS Day! Will be held all day—Speakers from all over. Basically a big open house. Noon-1 is when pizza will be there. This event is open to everyone!

Graduate Travel Grant Presentation

-presenting to faculty senate next week

-most of the faculty does not know about GTG, hoping to spread awareness to students

-offering two help sessions for next application window—help session 7th and 13th
- Each college only receives 10% of the funding, there is no favoritism towards certain colleges.

- Only funded 3 travel grants a year, and 10 travel grants total

- Be a fair and honest reviewer - applications will be disqualified for misconduct and academic bullying

- If your department would like for us to speak to them about the application process, we would be happy to schedule a meeting

Q: How am I expected to apply so early if I do not know if I am even presenting at the conference?

A: Apply to grad travel grant as if you were selected to speak - if you are not, you can still go to the conference - require some documentation that you were a presenter; this could be a rejection letter!

Q: Is there funding for field work or required course travel?

A: We do not allot funding for required field work.

Q: CECAS has more than 10% of grad students, how is there enough allotment for them?

A: Not meant to be proportionally represented. We want a diverse body of students receiving funding.

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D. Executive Reports- President Miles Maynard, Vice President Kaitlyn Samons, Chief of Staff William Everroad, Pro-Tempore John Porter III

a. President, Miles Maynard

- Thank you to Mrs. Carbajales for taking out the time to come speak to us this evening.
- I have received good feedback from the committee’s, and they are on the way to doing some exciting things this semester. Please make sure you are on at least one committee
- I appreciate all those who came out to the soccer game this past Sunday. We appreciate your
efforts to help us get that 3-1 victory over Virginia Tech. P.S. we are number 8 in the country.

- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so activities keep that in mind if there is an idea to do a proceeds night/event.
- 3MT applications are live, so definitely sign up.
- Go Tigers!

b. Vice President Kaitlyn Samons

- The Transportation & Facilities committee is going to have a meeting with Dan Hofmann on October 9th at 2:30pm
  - asking if there are concerns/questions they would like us to bring up to Dan (contact Qianyi Gao - qgao@g.clemson.edu)

  c. Pro-Tempore, John Porter III
  - Still have senators who have not yet joined discord (and some users without full or distinguishable name)
  - Some senators have also still not completed their training, or began assisting any committee (on Canvas)
  - Internal committees are still in need of help of members
  - Planning next week to begin pilgrimage to departments
  - Please assist in getting the word out to friends other students in your or neighboring departments

  d. Chief-of-Staff, William Everroad

  - Search for Graduate School Dean is in full swing- ad has been published

E. Internal Committee Reports

  a. Communications
  b. Graduate Travel Grants

  - We had a feedback session on Friday open to previous applicants and awardees. On Monday, we met with the committee to try to work on that feedback and make changes. Highlights include:
    - Considering ways to adjust rubric criteria to better emphasize that fieldwork is an experience we should support with GTGs
    - Discussed potential ways we can increase our visibility across campus
    - We will be contacting Graduate Student Organizations to help us share this funding opportunity with their group members
    - We will be attending faculty senate on October 8th to talk about our program and field questions from the faculty. We hope this will spur an increase in the number of quality applicants this next funding period.

  - FYI next funding period is coming up in a month. Applications open at Noon on November 6th and closes November 15th. We will be hosting two help sessions from
5:30 - 7:00 pm.

- Thursday, November 7th - Application introduction and general questions
- Wednesday, November 13th - Application review and reviewer training

c. Research Initiatives
   - 3MT finals will be held November 8
   - Sign up link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUMGutHJc57hzbfEmfc7wUIS_wS3S4NusV2ZUCICKe6UZgbTQ/viewform
   - Met with ADR or contact for …
     - CoE, CECAS, CBSHS, CAAH
     - CoS, CALFS, CoB (planned) (would love help with reaching out to these ADR’s)
   - Finalizing locations and dates
     - Specific for each college
     - Updates next week
   - 3MT Support from GRAD360
     - Info session on October 18th
     - Half-day boot camp on October 27th (geared to people who have made it through the 1st round)

Q: What are the prizes

A: $50 prize at the college level- 4 people from each college have to qualify, can earn $250 for the winner, $150 to the runner up

d. Sustainability Update
   - This Sunday, there will be a cleanup on Kite Hill from 11-2 PM (there will be snacks!!)
   - VPR meeting update

e. Activities
   - We had a great time tailgating for the Women's Soccer game on Sunday. Our next event is a community service opportunity with Solid Green this weekend. More details to come.
   - Activities Committee has scheduled our events for the rest of the semester. If anyone would like to give input for events, it will be considered for next semester's slate. Our current projected events calendar for the rest of the semester is attached.
   - We are seeking senator input on some of our upcoming holiday events. Please fill out this google form to help us serve you best!
     https://forms.gle/cH8pKaDd86WSe9feA
f. Rules and Procedures
   - Role is to make the processes by which the Senate operates
   - Looking for 2 more committee members at least
   - Wanting to make content issues more tangible and clear to Senators
   - Will have more information to present in the next few meetings

F. External Committee Reports
   a. University Services and Affairs
   b. Diversity and Inclusion
      - Suicide Prevention Week approaching- can join for particular events but also still looking for committee members!
   c. Graduate Academic Affairs (Presented by VP Kaitlyn Samons)
      - Committee members check email for minutes from last meeting; and, next meeting will be the week after fall break--which is good forthcoming.
      - If senators or other graduate students still have questions or comments from Dr. Fleming’s talk at the last meeting, please funnel those to me at rmohara@clemson.edu, and I can bring them to the appropriate grad school committee--particularly as you all see issues around policies impacting the general welfare of graduate students. Those committees meet once a month and the next meetings are scheduled for after fall break.
   d. Parking and Facilities
      - Working on game day parking pass for graduate students so they can park on campus
e. Health and Human Services

1. As of today we were informed that we do not have any coverage for vision. Students need to meet their deductible $750, then make a copay of $20 before the insurance kicks in.

POI: met deductible by November, and still had to pay over $100 for testing for vision

Q: How do plans cover dependents?
A: Shows coverage of students, spouse, and 3 or more children

Q: Have we reached out to students whom this would apply to?

POI: Under the Affordable Care Act, the University has to charge the same amount for deductible for dependents

2. Mandatory vs. Voluntary students and how this affects insurance
- voluntary students are domestic and insurance is much more expensive
- mandatory is for international students

3. Refern needs a new building (hoping to expand office for psychology)

4. Health fee: Clemson wants $180 mandatory insurance for all students to reduce insurance costs
- School does not fund Redfern

5. Tele psychiatrist- skype therapy if you are on a long waiting list to see CAPS

6. EOB

7. Basic service offered by Redfern
- STD testing, and some Women’s Health
- 5-6 medical doctors- need more help and more space
- Do not have money to go towards new building- how do we make this a priority.
- Can we leverage the power of the presidency when communicating to Board of Trustees?

- Emily Knight: We are not expecting fees to go away, but we are fighting more for transparency. We are hoping to find a list of fees.

8. Enrollment

9. Greenville students- do not have a local health center to go to
- Clemson needs to get a new building in order for them to receive local health services
- A lot of students part of ICAR do not have transportation
I. Other Announcements and Open Remarks
   a. Committee Sign-Ups Google Form: 
      https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdoEEL4v0x8czdACTlnau-O7O0C
   b. ALL SENATORS MUST SERVE ON AT LEAST ONE COMMITTEE
   c. Representative of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) - Mental Health
      Awareness Organization- want students to go to High Schools and Middle Schools
      to talk about Mental Health; there is a chapter in Anderson

J. Good of the Senate
   -Here to join committees and pass on information to departments about events,
     finances, funding, etc.

   Attendance is taken at Committee Meetings

   Unicameral merging of Senate - A lot of updating of the rules and bylaws, so we are
   working on consolidating them into one document so it easier to learn and discuss

   1. Resolution before Senate to get Senate buy in that we should streamline bylaws
   2. Finding areas where bylaws have conflicts and decisions need to be made to the
      Senate later this semester or early next semester
   3. Wanting to streamline issues focused on Elections and Committees

   -TigerQuest invitations have been sent, so please accept those

11. Adjournment – 9:50 PM

12. Senate Secretary Katherine Allen: If you have events that you would like to share with the Graduate
    Student community, I WILL ADD THEM TO THE MEETING AGENDAS! Please email me at
    kallen5@g.clemson.edu with what you would like to include, and it will be placed in this section. During
    the meeting, you can give more details and answer any questions. Items received by Tuesday at 8 pm will
    be included in the agenda that will be distributed on Wednesday. Other items will be included in the
    meeting minutes.