



**General Assembly Meeting  
Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

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**Agenda**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. Called to order 6:02 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
  - a. Minutes from last time slightly adjusted. Minutes adopted and passed.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Connor Lewis: Accept as amended
  - b. Seconded:
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. Rachel Bauer: Thank you for sending the survey around departments about what graduate students need, and what graduate students feel is important with regard to student housing.
    - i. President Hallie had a meeting with administrators regarding insurance.
    - ii. Howe: Have we received notice that they (administration) are in violation?
    - iii. Bauer: Yes
  - b. Jackie: Brief recap of grad student awards banquet last week
  - c. Howe: Just had third cycle for travel awards. 97 applications: 8 applications were from non-presentation. 14 from departments in bad standing. 81 received some amount of money. 78,000 in unmet need.
    - i. Of the \$2,500 discretionary spending for non-presentations, \$2,200 allocated.
  - d. Baker: Sign in, food, email lists
  - e. Yue: GA appreciation party update—This Friday, on reading day.
  - f. Josh: Brief introduction
  - g. Kevin: Brief introduction, overview of goals: Make the national committee more powerful; make more progress towards goals.
    - i. Will restructure meetings to make them more inclusive for all members
    - ii. Anyone who is interested in national grad students affairs please reach out
    - iii. Past work--329 calls to legislators recently

- iv. Seeking members who have media experience
  - h. Mike: Brief introduction. Will continue turbo vote—goal is to register 1,000 graduate students for the fall.
    - i. Goal of creating sub-committee for state affairs—those interested should contact Mike
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Nursing school rep: Please participate in title 9 committee. If anyone is interested in addressing issues of violence, racism, etc. please contact
  - b. Jordan Heaut, Public health: If anyone is interested in gender based pay issues, please contact. Please email or speak after the meeting
- VI. Liaison Reports
- VII. Special Orders
  - a. At-Large Representative Elections
    - i. Jackie: anyone here to run for at-large rep?
    - ii. Lewis: nominated Jason Entsminger—cultural and applied economics
    - iii. Alex Howe: second the nomination
    - iv. All aye, no nays or abstentions—Entsminger elected as at-large member
  - b. Recognition of 2015-2016 Executive Board
  - c. Old board is awesome! The GA thanks them for their time and effort
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. None
- IX. New Business
  - a. Consideration of Resolutions
    - i. Resolution No. 1516-16: A Resolution to Recognize Representation Election Results—Mr. Howe
      - 1. Lewis: Move to forgo the reading
      - 2. Unanimously Adopted
      - 3. Howe: Having a union is important for an R1 institution is important for a variety of reasons
        - a. GCW, if adopted, will represent different interests for graduate students
        - b. Outline of goals for each “whereas” clause
        - c. University may voluntarily recognize CGW, but are not legally obligated to



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4. Christopherson: Motion to amend the resolution as currently presented
    - a. Second: Jordan white, public health
    - b. Unanimously adopted
  5. 5 minutes for conversation:
    - a. Chrisgopherson: motion to vote for the resolution
    - b. Connor Lewis: Second
    - c. Unanimously adopted to vote for resolution
  6. 1 nay, 1 abstention, the rest yays in favor of adopting the resolution
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- ii. Resolution No. 1516-17: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Expand Categories Protected from Non-Discrimination—Mr. Howe and Mr. Lewis
    1. Jordan white: motion to forgo the reading
      - a. Seconded: Deena, social work
      - b. Unanimously adopted to forgo reading
    2. Lewis: Need for this resolution due to several pertinent groups left out of the non-discrimination clause based on current language
      - a. Howe: (humorous sarcastic tone) we did consider rewording this as “don’t be dicks”—however, wording it this formally is necessary to protect vulnerable groups
      - b. White: yields time to Sean McLaughery
      - c. Sean McLaughery: (non-group member here to speak on behalf of veterans)
        - i. Veterans should all be protected, meeting the broad inclusion criteria outlined
        - ii. Howe: Is the idea to add a comma clause after verteran?
        - iii. McLaughery: Unsure of formal verbiage, but general agreement with Howe’s proposal

- iv. White: Veterans who are not currently included based on current wording that should be
- v. Lewis: To clear up this issue: Can c
- vi. Entsigner: Opposed to change to not include dishonorable discharge. We should not vote in verbiage that leaves
- vii. Benjamin medicine: (to McLaughery) Where is that definition from?
- viii. McLaughery: We were careful with the wording, LGBT discharges are covered by honorable discharges
- ix. Jackie: Is there a nomination to extent discussion?
  - 1. First:
  - 2. Seconded:
  - 3. Unanimous vote to extent discussion
- x. Howe: Lots of terms here, thanks clarification on behalf of veterans. Would be ok with adding a clause such that...
- xi. Lewis: Additional protections could be delegated to subcommittee
- xii. Jackie: Is there a nomination to extent discussion by another two minutes?
  - 1. First:
  - 2. Seconded: Jordan White
  - 3. Unanimous vote to extent discussion
- xiii. Lewis: Reiterates last point
- xiv. Benjamin Vage: Why are we discussing in this manner? Why don't we default to...
- xv. Howe: Can you clarify?
- xvi. Vega: Clarifies point
- xvii. Howe:
- xviii. Vega: Why are we saying "the executive board should decide whether or not to discriminate against them?"



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- xix. Jackie: Is there a nomination to extent discussion by another two minutes?
  - 1. First:
  - 2. Seconded: Jordan White
  - 3. Unanimous vote to extent discussion
- xx. White: This should be a normal, inclusive non-discrimination law. Dishonorable discharge: an unprotected legal class
- xxi. Lewis: We should extent that to not discriminate against felons as well
- xxii. Christopherson: Maybe an option would be to table this until the fall, to convene a committee to flesh this out?
- xxiii. Lewis: Agrees with that motion
- xxiv. Howe: Should not let the perfect be the enemy of the good
- xxv. Chirstpherson: If we don't motion, this discussion won't end this evening
- xxvi. William Wills, Electrical engineering: What is the mechanism for denying membership, and how is that decided?
- xxvii. Howe: yield to christopherson, former GPC president
- xxviii. Christopherson: Who does this apply to?
- xxix. Howe: Applies to GA and executive board, and any function of the GPC
- xxx. Jackie: Is there a nomination to extent discussion by another two minutes?
  - 1. First: Christopherson
  - 2. Seconded:
  - 3. Unanimous vote to extent discussion
- xxxi. Christpherson: Motion to put to future s

- xxxii. Entsinger Point of order: just to clarify, matter to committee is in blue?
- xxxiii. Howe: Yes
- xxxiv. Jackie: As written, this is to refer this to the bylaws committee for a later discussion
- xxxv. Emily Armbruster, Biochemistry: If this were to happen to that clause, would the old wording be struck? In my opinion, it would be good to add what we do agree on
- xxxvi. Howe: If that is what you are looking for, you should vote against the current motion
- xxxvii. Jackie: All in favor of the current motion?
- xxxviii. 3 nays, 4 abstentions, rest yays—motion adopted. Resolution deferred to constitution and bylaws committee

b. Announcements & Upcoming Events

- i. General Assembly Appreciation Event—May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Physics Building Roof (Rain Location: Physics Library room 223A)
  - 1. Jackie: Friday, appreciation day and you may bring somebody else
  - 2. Kyle: We are holding a fundraiser for a colleague, a graduate student, who was found to have stage 4 colon cancer. 11% chance to live. Making a big event to celebrate with him. Around spring break, had his tumor removed, thankfully was back to classes much earlier than expected. Has attended all classes; fundraiser to celebrate his strength. Encourage all GA members to take a look at website: “collaborationcancer.com”. has helped the outlook of our entire department. Fundraiser is to mitigate some of his cost.

X. Open Forum

- a. Christopherson: Rollins society would like to voice concerns about current funding from GPC regarding this funding. If GPC intends to wane funding over the next few years, and if this comes up again, members of the Rollins society wishes to have deep important discussions about this and how important it is to graduate students.



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- b. McCune: Rollins society has had 22 years to become self-sustaining, and has failed to do so.
  - i. Rollins is funded too highly
  - ii. The resolution that was not brought up was to wane funding over the next several years, so that they have time to become self-sustaining
  - iii. The fact that they do not have to follow typical guidelines is an unwarranted privileged position
- c. Bauer: To GA members who do not know what this is about... (brief explanation)
- d. Christopherson: GPC provides funding for other recognition events, such as gold chalk. Rollins society funding is not unwarranted.
- e. Jordan white: Most GPC inductees are recognized right before they graduate. It is not feasible to be self-funding since inducted members typically leave soon after joining. Rollins society should not be punished for this.
- f. Howe: Motion to adjourn the meeting
- g. Second: Dalisha Herring

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 7:01 p.m.