# Graduate Student Organization

# Meeting Minutes



March 17, 2021

### **Board Meeting**

Virtual Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom.

#### **Attendees Present:**

Ava Vargason, President
Talisa Kinsale, Vice President
Jasmine King, Secretary
Isabella Young, Treasurer
Jessica Beers, Outreach Chair
Mairead Heavey, Social Chair
Jordan Joiner, DPMP Division Representative
Merrill Froney, CBMC Division Representative
Laura Passero, DPOP Division Representative
Will Taylor

## **Reports:**

- DPOP Representative report given by Lauren Passero DPOP students are unclear if they qualify for Group 3 vaccinations. Will Taylor addressed this later and said they all UNC employees do qualify.
- CBMC Representative report given by Merrill Froney Most people are getting vaccinated/already are vaccinated
- DPMP Representative report given by Jordan Joiner Most people are getting vaccinated/already are vaccinated
- Outreach chair report given by Jessica Beers Med Assist fundraiser raised \$192, just short of the \$200 goal but thinks we can definitely reach it. Will work with Isabella (Treasurer) to get the funds to send to the organization with a thank you email. Next fundraiser can be a food drive.
- Social Event report given by Mairead Heavey Suggested an outdoor movie drive-thru or picnic for next social event since the weather is becoming nicer. Either go to Mairead's house as she has a projector and could set something up outside. There is also an outdoor movie theater in Chapel Hill. Merrill Froney said that the outdoor movie theater is expensive but that we could possibly get a deal for a large group. GSO could pitch in and either charge students ~\$5/car or pay for them completely.
- Treasurer report given by Isabella Young GSO got reimbursed for Holiday party and we are currently in the process of getting ESOP allocation for GPSF.
- Will Taylor update Emphasized to not forgot to remind students to register for the Fall semester to avoid
  any fees. Additionally, due to likely budget cuts from COVID, he emphasized the need for students to be
  NC residents to decrease tuition costs.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Jessica Beers will work with Isabella Young on sending fundraiser money to MedAssist organization once the \$200 goal is reached.

Ava Vargason will make a channel on Teams for the picnic social event.

Social Event will start to be planned for the Wellness Day and potentially division representatives will send out a survey to students regarding food options and location.

Start thinking about GSO Executive Board transitions.

## **New Business:**

ESOP-related Updates- report given by Ava Vargason

Students are eligible to get vaccines and the university is actively planning to be in person in the Fall.

# Future Events/ Programming

Either a outdoor movie or picnic. Ava Vargason suggested the idea of an outdoor picnic. Locations could be in Southern Village or outside GMB. Suggested that we could do this on the next Wellness Day, which is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Picnic dinner after work is favored outside of campus. The team needs to decide whether they want individually packaged food or not. GSO will sponsor this. The team will send out a survey to students about possible food options and location that they favor for the picnic.

GSO retreat once new leadership is elected

## **GSO** Executive Board Transitions

Elections will be held in May or June. Executive positions will hold a formal elections and division representatives can either keep their seat or hold their own election within the division. Each member will generate a Transition Package for the incoming leadership. Jasmine King & Ava Vargason suggested that we hold elections in May and the new leadership will shadow the current leadership for ~1 month until June for a seamless transition. Everyone agreed. Ava Vargason suggested to hold a retreat once the new leadership is elected.