

**General Meeting Agenda of the
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

January 28, 2008

Faculty Senate Chambers, DH Hill Library

I. Call to Order (7:00PM)

II. Approval of November 26, 2007 Minutes

Motion and approval, passed.

**III. Parking and Transportation Issues (Mr. David Gregory, Parking Services Manager),
7:10PM**

Mr. Gregory discussed several upcoming issues with transportation and parking on campus.

1. The Dan Allen Deck will be undergoing repairs on a beam in 2008/2009. This may mean a loss of 50 spaces or so in the C areas, during construction. The Dan Allen Paylot will increase in 08/09. The 1st level C spaces will now be Pay. New lights will be installed in the D.A. deck. Probably LED, and maybe as early as this summer. 2 major changes will occur in 2009; C and DD will be C/DD this will mean better space utilization and efficiency, parking in the deck will be restricted to employees and graduate students. There are no other parking changes for grad students.
2. Proposed price increases and decreases for 2008/2009. DD and DC \$300, EM zone \$240, EC zone \$175 (down), L (off peak hour permit) \$55. RD will also increase, and may be added to payroll deduction.
3. At the Vet School, the new Terry Center is eliminating 50% of the current parking. The Vet School has opened 2 pastures (Free parking) and at additional space at the Animal Physiology Building (free and C parking). Grad students will not have the normal option to upgrade to C permit, they will have to use the free spots. Any incoming student or new employee will not have an option to get a permit till the deck for the Terry Center is done.
4. Payroll deduction will continue in the same format as it is currently. You will be able to apply in mid July and will shut down on census day.
5. New software will be implemented in 2009/2010 to apply for parking permits. My pack portal is now your link to applying for permit. Assignments will be made in early June. Transportation will continue to direct mail permits to those who buy before Aug1.
6. Wolflink changes- Several reverse routes will be added in 2008/2009. This will reduce the amount of time it takes to run a route. Wolflink shuttle will be one of these routes, for more information contact Starr Wimberly. Werewolf will change very little.
7. A new deck on centennial across from Partner's Way deck will be going up in 2-3 yrs. This will add new spaces but there is currently plenty of capacity there.
8. There is a deck proposal for the West Lot that is still several years out, it would double the

number of spaces in that lot.

9. The current carpool program in place is directed through a grant towards employees. There is an informal carpooling option through Wolfrails link on the transportation website.

IV. Campus safety presentation (Mr. David Rainer, Assoc. Vice Chancellor Environmental Health and Public Safety), 7:40 PM

David Rainer has been involved with several task forces on campus safety recently. The UNC systems task force is more campus related than others so he will speak most about its findings. In general our campuses are very safe places. The number one crime on campus is opportunity theft. This occurs most often in the library and gym.

Challenges:

1. Our campus and buildings are open spaces. Anyone has access. (You can challenge someone to present their University ID if you think they do not belong in your building.)
2. We maintain confidentiality of records, personal and medical.

Recommendations:

1. Put together a threat assessment team comprised of police, residential housing, student affairs, and counseling to formalize campus procedures so that we identify people who may be a threat.
2. Hire a case manager who would work with counseling and the threat assessment team. The case manager would be the one person to call if you have a complaint/concern about a faculty member, student or staff member, ie. a disruptive student or roommate. Rep Question: Would the reporter be anonymous? We don't know yet, but it is always more helpful for us to have more info.
3. Educate professors and faculty about FERPA and HEPA. NCSU is currently setting up a website to disseminate information about FERPA and HEPA to faculty and staff.
4. Parents should be able to be tax qualified, ie. to have access to their student's grades, and disciplinary actions. The University is providing information about how to do this to parents of incoming students.
5. Educate students and staff about mental health problems etc. A program similar to AlcoholEDU called MentalHealthEDU would be adapted to our campus. Rep Question: Would Grad students who teach be included? Yes I think so. Rep Question: Would it be offered semesterly? We think so, probably online. These programs work best when mandatory, but we haven't figured out how to make it mandatory for faculty.
6. Conduct pre-employment background checks. The university currently does background checks on faculty, when moving to a new position within the campus. There are questions on the student entrance applications which NCSU does random background checks on incoming students to confirm that they are truthfully answered. Rep Question: What do you do about international students? This can be a problem; we can't get accurate information from most

foreign governments.

7. Emergency response on campus: We have about 57 law officers; we are one of the few campuses that have an accredited police force. NCSU has mutual aid agreements with Raleigh, & Cary police. We have written agreements with hospitals in the event that a campus building is a shelter for large numbers of people. All police in NC (and on campus) are trained to respond to an active shooter. NCSU police have interoperability with all emergency services, fire and other police departments. If you call 911 from campus, it goes to Raleigh Police, they transfer the call to NCSU, who can identify your location.
8. Emergency notification: How do you notify people in an emergency?? NCSU has a new Wolf Alert system to send text messages in an emergency. But only about 20% of people volunteer to receive them, and they are not identified as priority to a cell provider. So although they can be sent quickly there is no guarantee they will be received quickly. Solution: redundant communication. NCSU is also installing an alert tone system with voice capability. Battery powered in 11 locations on campus. Would reach North, Centennial, Carter-Finley, etc. However the tone is more penetrable than audible. Can also broadcast through campus radio and TV. Rep Question: At what level of disaster would these techniques be deployed? Delayed openings, campus wide power outage etc. Rep Question: Can we take over campus computers in the event of an emergency? No there is not one campus wide network. They could overtake the on the administration is on. Rep Question: Is there any effort to bring all security cameras onto one circuit? Yes we are in the process of doing this. We have also migrated almost all campus card access to the campus standard. There will be new campus key rule coming out soon too. Our biggest impediment to card access is cost (about \$5000/door.) Rep Question: Are there National Standards for these security issues? No.

V. President's Report (Ling Xiang)

1. University Council meeting updates:
 - a. UNC tomorrow commission: collect and research community comments. Made several policy recommendations. Next the Board of Governors will discuss.
 - b. 2017 enrollment goal is 40,000 (now at 30,000). How will our existing resources meet those demands? Expect 9700 grad students(50% increase). How will these grad students be taught. We will take a closer look at this issue with student government.
2. Preventing Sexual Violence Workshop 1.29.08. Brown room in Talley, 7-9 pm
3. Vagina Monologues – Feb5&6. 7 pm.
4. Maternity leave special task force: State has no guidelines for pregnancy policies for graduate students.
5. Open nomination of executive board members 2008-2009: any graduate student on campus is eligible to run for these positions.

VI. Executive Officer Reports

1. Vice-President for External Affairs' Report (Ali Kefeli): This council is responsible for the highest representation in the university standing committees in a long time. Bookstore standing committee still has openings.

2. Secretary's Report (Magen Eller): I forgot to bring tent cards. Please see me if you came in late so you will get counted for attendance.
3. Treasurer's Report (Alex Capaldi): Income and expenses. We have \$4500 in the line item for academic block grants and have received 2 applications so far.
4. Travel/Thesis Fund Administrator's Report (Brandy Benedict): Brandy has noticed a decline in thesis applications. Remind your constituents that the travel and thesis fund will pay \$50 for thesis binding. She is looking for ways to get this info into the online thesis editing process.
5. Electronic Communications Officer's Report (Catherine Beck): email her if you are not receiving UGSA emails. She is updating the webpage.

VII. Advisor's Report (Dr. Prema Arasu): Pay attention to expected enrollment increase because it will impact the quality of your experience here. Dr. Lomax will be presenting on this soon, she may be available to do it here. International collaboration is growing in a big way. In the works are a masters/MBA and Ph.D/MBA programs. Funding for the MBA portion is not likely covered by GSSP.

VIII. UGSA Committee Reports

1. Teaching Effectiveness – On schedule for teaching awards banquet. Nomination forms were revised, letters to admin was sent. Next step is advertisement for banquet.
2. Academic Policy – highest # of entries yet for graduate research symposium on March 18. Need 10 additional volunteers for that day, and a photographer.
3. Financial – discussed proposed changes to the budget. Biggest change is allocating 40% of TT to travel each semester and 20% to thesis over entire year.
4. Judicial & Legislative – no restrictions on who can apply for an executive position. The committee needs to see any revised constitutions. Proposed amendments to our constitution will be read at the Feb. meeting.
5. Political Action – Working on the spring community service event. Probably a blood drive. Announcement in Feb.
6. Publicity – Midnight oil will be out in Feb.
7. Social – Variety of events in near future. This Sat. speed dating event with SPOT NC at BucketHead Saloon. Also one on Fri for GLBT community in Chapel Hill. A possible happy hour with spot NC will depend on speed dating event on Sat. Fri. Everything you want to know about the grant process but were afraid to ask. Professional Development seminar. Mixer with duke coming up too. Possible iceskating event in March. Possible adventure landing event in April.

IX. University Standing Committee Reports

No updates.

X. New Business

1. Maternity Leave Special Task Force – motion for a task force to be developed and seconded. Passed. Would like members from political action and JLC. Volunteer to see what NIH rules are.
2. Motion to open nominations for 2008-2009 executive officers. Do we have any nominations for executive officers? Heather Kutchin, and James Pearson for Pres. JB for VP internal, Cat for ECO.
3. Motion to close nominations for VP-Internal. Seconded.
4. Motion for JB Clark to serve as VP-Internal. Seconded. Voice vote, passed uncontested.

XI. Open Floor

Announcement: Greek Life is looking for chapter resident advisor, free apartment, food stipend. Contact paul_whatley@ncsu.edu.

XII. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting, Monday, February 25, 2008