

NCSU MEAS Graduate Student Association
Meeting Minutes
12/5/2022

Present: Emily Pierce, Katy Hollinger, Tia Ogus, Rachel Alcorn, Rebekkah Rhodes, Tiffany VanDerwerker, Emily Havard, Rachel Kennedy, Amanda Sinning, Jonah Hazelwood, Kaitlin Karaffa, Cameron Siegel, Vendela Haag, Craig Jensen

Next Meeting: TBD

- Mental Health Check-in
 - Faculty have been told to respect wellness days and university holidays
 - Are there other ways the GSA can advocate for graduate student wellness?
 - Resources for mental health:
 - NCSU [Counseling Center](#)
 - NCSU [Health Center](#)
- Physical Safety Reminders
 - Bike and pedestrian safety
- Proposing edits to the MEAS Graduate Student Handbook
 - Soliciting edits from all graduate students to clarify and update - see Google Doc
- Financial Survey
 - Reviewed Preliminary Results
 - Discuss guarantors (international students and folks with poor backgrounds and limited relationships with parents)
 - A lot of apartment complexes require 3 to 6 times salary to rent
 - Look up last time the College of Science increased stipends with inflation to illuminate disparity
 - Submit article to Technician with results
 - Include post tax values
- Open Floor:
 - Construction of building has led to a lack of handicap/accessible parts of the building
 - Bus schedules are not reliable (not enough drivers) - can students work from home, are there other solutions?