

NCSU MEAS Graduate Student Association
Meeting Minutes
2/7/23

Present: Emily Pierce, Tiffany VanDerwerker, Emily Havard, Shreyas Dhavale, Hwa Huang, Cameron Siegel, Katy Hollinger, Kaitlin Karaffa, Rachel Kennedy, Joyce Smith, Madhi Hasan, Stephanie Sabatini, Rachel Alcorn, Tia Ogus, Lucy Roussa, Miranda Irby, Sean Melanson, Craig Jensen

Next Meeting: TBD

- Social activities
 - Intramural sports registration (contact Tia to join a team):
 - Soccer opened on 2/6 and starts on 2/26
 - Volleyball is already registered first game is today (2/7/23)
 - Happy hour trivia
 - Board Games:
 - [Gamers, Geekery, & Tavern](#)
 - [Sidequest](#)
 - End of semester kickball tournament
 - Possibly with food
 - Groupme!
 - General suggestions:
 - More outdoor activities
 - Dog walking
 - Park visits
 - Kayak rentals are available through [NCSU](#) and [Lake Crabtree](#)
- GradPack newsletter
 - Sent today (2/7)
 - Highlights: photo contest, prepping prof session, free yoga
- Faculty Meeting Updates
 - Brenda is leaving 2/20
 - 3-year plan to boost TA salaries
 - State legislature doesn't consider TA a job so pay doesn't keep up with cost of living
 - We will ask Lewis about this, follow up with the Dean via email
 - For computer assistance, put in request with IT help desk, not Jackie
 - IT putting permanent person in Jordan for a few days a week
- Financial Information
 - Share slides from Adam Schmidt (Vice President, Graduate School Association) about graduate stipends across NCSU colleges
 - Compare our college's stats with our department's
 - Hwa Huang is liaison to graduate student union
 - Last call to help with financial report to faculty

- All Council Updates:
 - [GSA travel awards](#) due on 02/15
 - Up to \$1,500 for conference travel or \$500 for general travel assistance
 - Working to secure gym access for fee paying students in the summer and potentially expanded student health access
 - Teaching award application to be released soon
 - Comes with a monetary award of \$100 to \$200 and a free dinner
- Website
 - Tiffany created a [GSA website](#) for us linked to MEAS page
 - Reminder to update MEAS website profile (email Laura for help)
- Review of opening GSA positions for next year
 - Co-presidents (2)
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Social Chair
 - International Rep
 - UGSA Rep
- Hwa Huang updated group about Graduate Student Union
 - Working on graduate student fees