

Graduate Student Council Meeting  
1.17.2021

Presidents Updates - Kacie:

1. Covid
  - a. Tests
    - i. Testing more often
    - ii. Conducting new antibody tests
    - iii. Different tiers of testing- certain people get tested at different amounts - depending on attendance frequency on campus
  - b. Housing
    - i. Dogwood is being cleared out for a quarantine
2. Preparing for unsettling times
  - a. Increasing police presence around campus
3. AntiRacism Summit - Feb 5th
  - a. Please Post Khadijah! :)
    - i. Only open to SU students/faculty
4. Meeting with your SGA Counterparts
  - a. Each GSC should meet with a SGA member counterpart to discuss what works best for their organization and what does not.
    - b. Must happen by Feb 10th!**
5. Karen Olstead Meeting - Coming up
  - a. Physical Space
6. Honors
  - a. [Alpha Epsilon Lambda - Graduate Students Honor Society \(gradschools.org\)](https://gradschools.org)
    - i. Honors society for grad students
    - ii. This will give graduate students an opportunity of distinction
    - iii. VP could take lead of this
    - iv. Is this a good idea or should we implement another method of distinction?
7. Events for this Spring
  - a. Council Sponsored Workshops (At least once a month for each event)
    - i. Fellowships
    - ii. Writing Center
    - iii. Finance
    - iv. Meet the Grads w/ Honors
  - b. Gala
    - i. Brainstorm ideas!
  - c. Other Ideas -
8. Goals
  - a. Better at communicating my efforts, keeping everyone informed
    - i. Possibly implement a newsletter
  - b. Figure out how to encourage better council attendance
  - c. Another donation drive events

- i. Shoe/jean drive

**Vice President - Cameron - N/A**

1. Goals

**Secretary - Summer**

1. Goals

- a. Send out a grad survey to inquire about virtual activities
  - i. Make a survey that is appealing that will want to make students fill it out
  - ii. Brainstorm different incentives to encourage students to fill out surveys on how to have more exciting virtual meetings.

**Treasurer - Cam - N/A**

**Social Chair - Mea**

1. Goals -- At least one event per month (4 big events, excluding January) Possibly an in person event??
  - a. Monthly Observances - start thinking about different kinds of events
    - i. Black History Month (February)
      1. Collaborate with one of the many multicultural student organizations to plan larger event
      2. Student-led forum? Open "mic"? Poetry/Speaking hour?
    - ii. National Women's History Month (March)
      1. Zoom Movie night?
        - a. Hidden figures?
        - b. Drive in? Figure out funding, working with parking lot space
      2. Lecture event?
    - iii. Autism Awareness Month (April)
      1. Collaborating with Cody Drinkwater
    - iv. Mental Health Awareness Month (May)
      1. Stress relief/ Guided mindfulness session via Zoom
      2. Guided yoga session with a UFC instructor (or Anna!) via Zoom
        - a. Can be other fitness sessions
  - b. March 6th -- Employee Appreciation Day
    - i. Thank you notes to SU Custodial Staff
      1. Arrange it on a nice display in their headquarters
      2. Maybe a virtual event?
  - c. Virtual Social Hour round two!! at the beginning of the semester (BYOB)
    - i. Game night, painting night, graduate research mini webinars (3 min blitz/elevator pitch, but more educational)
  - d. **\*\*NEED IDEAS FOR GALA\*\*** Most likely needs to be socially-distanced
    - i. Picnic event? Another
    - ii. Other Suggestions:
      1. A tailgate style in a campus parking lot (but not a tailgate, maybe TailGala?)
        - a. Designated areas for everyone's vehicles
        - b. Attendees would be required to bring their own food

2. Possibly a venue for beer
3. Personalized gala favors (tumblers, to-go cups, beer cups, etc.)
  - a. Can look for sponsors for personalization matters

### **Sustainability - Malik - N/A**

1. Goals
  - a. Get an SGA representative to communicate between us and SGA about information
  - b. Have meetings between SGA and GSC

### **Public Relations - Khadijah**

1. Goals
  - a. Send out congratulations cards to winter graduates
    - i. Will email Jessica for card order
  - b. Complete Following spree - goal to have **350** followers by start of spring semester
  - c. Has ideas to do things outside of social media to reach out. Possibly intermingle with other clubs and organizations
    - i. Virtual NACA Conference
      1. First week of February
      2. Will work on how to generate more ways of getting students involved, gaining more interest to our organization on social media.

### Other News:

**Assembly Meetings once a month on Sundays at 8pm!**  
**Add Summer to the stole list for spring 2021 graduates**  
**Add things to the calendar!!!**

### Attendance:

Kacie Cassar  
Mea Agazio  
Khadijah Green  
Summer Bingaman