



Minutes  
**General Assembly Meeting**

Thursday, February 2, 2023

4:00-5:00 pm

Room: NSCI 101

[Recording](#)

**4:00 - 4:05 pm**

**Agenda Overview and [Attendance](#)**

**4:05 - 4:10 pm**

**Welcome Message from our President**

- *Reminder: Please share information to your department graduate students; we rely on senators to disseminate information*
- *Elections*
  - *Nominations will open before March meeting; two week nomination window at the end of February; elections in March; co-lead meeting in April with current and next Eboard*

**4:10 - 4:25 pm**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Greg Bell, Dean, and Mary Early, Director, Graduate School**

- *Mary Early is the director of enrolled students*
- *University is changing graduation; there will be two commencements-a graduate and undergraduate ceremony; chancellor office wants feedback on speakers and process; feedback on alumni speakers; graduate speakers; one or other or both;*
- *Graduate commencement is the 4th for this semester;*
- *They are thinking that grad student will receive 4 tickets, but that number might change*
- *Information about QPR training will be sent out*
- *Researching different options for health insurance to talk about different options; been in contact with Shelley Queen ([slqueen@uncg.edu](mailto:slqueen@uncg.edu))-unsure if that includes online students*
- *Mental Health First Aid (another psychoeducational program offered at the University)*
- *Connecting with the graduate school early if encountering any challenges/problems-easier to proactive rather than reactive*
- *The graduate school is here to help and be an advocate for grad students*
- *Mary knows the policy-go to her first*
- *Make initial contact as soon as possible*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>There are three people who work with enrolled students</i></li> </ul>
<b>4:25 - 4:40 pm</b>	<b>Guest Speaker: Dr. Megan Walters, Associate Director of Career Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Next to Chick-fil-a in the EUC</i></li> <li>- <i>Offers mock interviews, headshots, review of cover letters; CVs, resumes</i></li> <li>- <i>Offers programming around teaching statements, research statements, equity statements</i></li> <li>- <i>Platform called Big Interviews to prepare for an interview; Platform called Handshake to find jobs/practica/postdocs, etc.</i></li> <li>- <i>Career fairs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Next one is Feb. 21; a list will be sent out</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Consortium of grad students career fair; happens every Nov.</i></li> <li>- <i>Always the right time to head over to Career Services</i></li> </ul>
<b>4:40 - 4:55 pm</b>	<b>Guest Speaker: Laura Drew, Program Coordinator, Graduate School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Writing boot camps, working groups 3MT, Showcase Poster Competition</i></li> <li>- <i>Hosting a career and professional development workshop prior to the career fair in Feb.</i></li> <li>- <i>Writing boot camps: one in the fall and one in the spring after graduation—three days of working</i></li> <li>- <i>Peer working support group: a support/accountability group</i></li> <li>- <i>Writing bashes: writing/working during the breaks</i></li> <li>- <i>Partners/works with writing center—Advanced Writer Program</i></li> <li>- <i>Tips/tricks are offered in the writing camps</i></li> </ul>
<b>4:55 - 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Programming</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) will be the first full week of April</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Student Engagement</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Collecting graduate student info to put on the website.</i>  <a href="https://graduatetestudentassociation.uncg.edu/graduate-student-research-and-profiles/">https://graduatetestudentassociation.uncg.edu/graduate-student-research-and-profiles/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Finance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>If you received funds last semester, then you cannot receive funds this semester</i></li> <li>- <i>RCF is a request <b>NOT</b> a reimbursement</i></li> <li>- <i>Window is 3/6-3/17</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>