
-Salisbury University-
-Graduate Student Council-

Constitution

PREAMBLE

Salisbury University (SU) Graduate Student Council (GSC) was created in the Fall of 2011 with the goal of representing all graduate students equally. The GSC is a completely student run organization. The GSC advocates on behalf of graduate students, and addresses their concerns with University administration and shared governance groups, USM officials, the Board of Regents, and lawmakers.

Article I. Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Graduate Student Council (GSC) of Salisbury University (SU), hereinafter referred to as GSC.

Article II. Mission

The GSC is the official political and social body for the graduate students at SU. The GSC's goal is to provide avenues for intellectual, professional, personal, and social development through grants, advocacy, public presentation of research, graduate community events, and campus service support.

Article III. Membership

- Membership in the GSC shall include all part-time and full-time graduate students currently enrolled at SU, hereinafter referred to as General Membership.
- The Assembly is the legislative body of the GSC. Members of the Assembly will be referred to as Representatives of the Assembly. Each graduate degree program at SU will have the opportunity to elect two students to represent their issues on the Assembly.

Additionally, two at-large positions will be available to any graduate student, part- or full-time.

- The GSC will consist of an Executive Council, the Assembly, and General Membership.

Article IV. The Executive Council

Section 1.

- The Executive Council will be comprised of an elected President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The President will appoint a Social Coordinator and Public Relations Coordinator; the Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary will confirm those positions.

Section 2.

Job Duties

- The President shall be the primary representative and spokesperson for the GSC, preside over all Executive Council meetings, appoint Social Coordinator and Public Relations Coordinator based on merit, maintain the common vision and goals, and promote the growth of the GSC.
- The Vice President shall assume official duties of the president if he/she is unable to do so, preside over the Assembly, coordinate ad-hoc committees, and assist the President in aforementioned duties.
- The Treasurer shall maintain financial records, sign all financial related forms and contracts, prepare the annual budget with assistance from the Executive Council, and chair an appropriations committee to allocate funds for graduate research presentations.
- The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of all Executive Council and Assembly meetings, distribute minutes in a timely manner after all meetings, maintain all official documents including the Constitution, record an accurate history of the GSC, and keep an up to date record of attendance.
- Social Coordinator shall plan, market, and execute all events, as well as work with the Public Relations Coordinator to advertise through the web and use of social media.
- Public Relations Coordinator shall maintain the GSC online presence through the website and use of social social media, as well as, oversee all issues dealing with technology.

- The Executive Council shall maintain the mission of the GSC according to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- The Executive Council is elected in accordance with the By-Laws.
- In the case of a vacant Executive Council position, the President will seek to appoint an interim position, or shall divide the remaining duties among the Executive Council members.

Article V. The Assembly

- The Assembly is the governing body of all graduate students at SU, as well as representatives of the voice and opinions of all graduate students.
- Representatives are elected in accordance with the By-Laws.
- Each Representative within the Assembly will be provided with one vote to cast, in which case they must be present.

Article VI. Meetings

- GSC shall hold, but are not limited to, Executive Council meetings, Assembly meetings, and ad-hoc committee meetings.
- Assembly meetings shall be open to general membership.
- A quorum of all GSC meetings shall be defined at two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership.

Article VII. Amendments

- Any member of the GSC may introduce an amendment proposal to the Constitution.
- A two-thirds vote of the quorum is required for the passage of any proposed amendments.

Article VIII. Equal Opportunity

- The GSC shall support and abide by all Salisbury University Equal Opportunity guidelines, and shall never discriminate against any person due to race, color, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex, except where sex is a bona fide occupational qualification.

Date of Ratification: November 11, 2011 by the Founding Members of the GSC