



Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

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Minutes of the September 14, 2026 Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Physical Science Building 401 & Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - A. E. Snell called the meeting to order at 5:01pm
 - B. *Members Present:* M. Abraham-Aggarwal, Y. Alay, N. Brennan, C. Chappel, A. Coogan, A. Cortez, C. Cox, J. Deskins, D. Freeman, D. Ghimire, D. Hwang, C. King, I. Kosar, Z. Liu, Z. Lynch, M. Mitri, R. Prude, A. Runnels, E. Snell II, J. Wilson, Y. Wu
 - C. *Members Absent:* L. Alshameh, K. Dahal, A. Garcia-Ortiz, L. Kim
 - D. *Also Present:* T. Lewis
- II. Approval of the August 31, 2026 Meeting minutes
 - A. D. Freeman motioned to approve the meeting minutes
 - B. The minutes were **passed** by unanimous consent
- III. Call for late additions to the agenda
 - A. No late additions to the agenda.
- IV. Committee Report
 - A. President
 1. N. Brennan reported the executive committee will be more transparent and give info on weeks they do not have meetings.
 - B. Executive Vice President
 1. Nothing to report
 - C. Operations and Staffing Committee
 1. Nothing to report
 - D. Appropriations Committee
 1. Z. Lynch reported that he will be sending out the form for adding assembly members to the committees.
 - E. Communications Committee
 1. J. Deskins reported they are going to send weekly updates about the going ons in the committees and the assembly
 - F. Finance Commission
 1. C. King reported that they will be taking attendance, they are working through the appeals for funding right now and will work to get the funding out. She took questions and comments.
 - G. Student Advocacy Committee

1. C. Cox reported they started working with a group on campus to reduce plasticware on campus, and will give a presentation at the next meeting. They are scheduling the first town hall, and they will come out with a date soon, and they are working on the TCAT transportation for second years.

H. Diversity and International Students Committee

1. Nothing to report

I. Programming Board

1. I. Kosar reported gala updates, such as location and time. He took questions and comments.

J. Faculty Advising, Teaching, and Mentorship Award Committee(FATMAC)

1. Nothing to report

K. Graduate School

1. T. Lewis reported they are working on the admissions for the next year, dynamics surrounding international graduate students, and the big red barn has opened for grad students.

V. Presentations and Speakers

- A. Marla Love, Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student and Campus life gave a presentation to the assembly. She took questions and comments.

VI. Business of the day

A. University Assembly Nominations

1. J. Deskins read through a description of the committees, then the assembly took nominations, questions and voted
2. Campus Codes Committee
 - a) No nominations at this time
3. Campus Welfare Committee
 - a) H. Basaman nominated herself.
4. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - a) No nominations at this time
5. Campus Planning Committee
 - a) No nominations at this time
6. Transportation Hearing and Appeals Board
 - a) No nominations at this time
7. H. Basaman was added to the campus welfare committee

B. Vice president of appropriations

1. Two candidates were nominated, they gave a speech and took questions, then the assembly voted on the person for the role.
2. A. Aftab was voted in by secret ballot.

VII. Open Discussion

- A. There was nothing discussed.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Z. Lynch motioned to adjourn the meeting
- B. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.

Respectfully Committed,

Erin Kenefick-Coppersmith

Clerk of the Assembly