



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
GRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

General Assembly Meeting

September 10, 2025

12 -1pm

In person: Gatton Student Center 330AB

Remote: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/86302582306>

1. Opening Remarks

2. Call to Order (President: Edward Olajide)

3. Brief introduction: E-Board, Chairs, Reps and Volunteers (President: Edward Olajide)

a. Logistical announcements (Vice President: Maisy Webster)

- i. Agenda will be shared prior to meeting days.
- ii. Election to be held following committee updates.
- iii. At least 10 minutes will be reserved for open discussions where everyone is invited to bring up ideas or concerns about themselves and/or programs or organizations.

4. Attendance



5. GSC Advisors introduction - Office of Student Organizations and Activities

- i. Liliana Gomez-Greene, Associate Director, Leadership and Service
- ii. Libby Langlois, Associate Director

6. Guest Speakers – Center for Graduate and Professional Services

- i. John Blaine, Director
- ii. David Robinson, Associate Director

- Details about the focus of CGPS and introducing the Start-to-Finish Mentorship Program

7. Executive Board Reports (as applicable)

a. **President**

- i. Next month's meeting – Alumni Gallery, WT. Young Library 10/1/25; 12-1pm
- ii. GSC Representatives good standing which include regular meeting attendance and participation in GSC activities and serving on at least one committee.

- iii. Meeting proxies are accepted but kindly notify the President or Secretary before the meeting.
- iv. Graduate Student Welcome Event in collaboration with SGA (Sarah Shepherd) - Appreciation to volunteers who serve at the welcome event; above 200 in attendance.
- v. The Chief of Staff automatically serves as the acting Chair in the absence of a committee Chair.
- vi. Website info – Media post request, website update request
 - [Home | Graduate Student Congress](#)

b. Vice President

- i. Start-To-Finish mentorship program.

c. Chief of Staff

- i. Each committee must provide an updated report on current activities.
- ii. Attendance must be recorded during committee meetings.
- iii. Kindly respond to emails about your committee if you are yet to do so.

d. Secretary (vacant)

e. SGA Representative

- i. SGA resources and activities
 - Grants for childcare, prep books, professional exams, group events – they will be posted on the website when available.
 - Offer legal services.
 - Wildcat market – fresh fruit and produce near WT. Young Library (after the meeting)

f. External Affairs Officer – Committee reports

g. Internal Affairs Officer – Committee reports

h. Treasurer (vacant)

i. Professional Student Affairs Officer (vacant)

j. Postdoctoral Affairs Officer (vacant)

8. Committee Reports: Chair/Co-Chairs (as applicable)

a. Awards

- i. Four cycles for the academic year, \$300 per awardee
- ii. GPSO – 4 cycles for the academic year, \$200 per awardee
- iii. Award for Representatives & Volunteers – 5 outstanding individuals per semester, \$100 each

- iv. GPSO funds are for groups hosting events on campus. Must be a registered UK organization, have a GSC Representative
- v. When available, all awards and funding details will be posted on the website.

b. Communications and Documents

- i. Media plans
- ii. Use the form on website to send requests for posts on GSC social media platforms.

c. Mental Health and Wellbeing

- i. Ongoing preparation for Mental Health Awareness Week – October
- ii. Getting a budget together

d. Professional Development & Networking

- i. New Chair – Ally Moseley
- ii. Meet with Grad School, SGA, CGPS and other organizations to potentially collaborate on events.

e. Institutional Research

- i. Review of the previous survey to identify strategic areas
- ii. Meetings coming up – still scheduling.

f. Institutional Advocacy

- i. Regalia closet – open to individuals graduating in December and May

g. External Affairs

- Monitoring local, state, and federal regulations that may impact graduate and professional students - <https://pres.uky.edu/monitoring-federal-changes-2025>
- Planning a pamphlet of info for local elections this Fall
- Organizing a hill day to talk with legislators in KY
- Explore affordable housing opportunities.

h. International Student Concerns

- i. International students
 - <https://international.uky.edu/isss/current-students/maintaining-visa-status>
- ii. International Staff, Professors and Researchers
 - <https://international.uky.edu/isss/international-staff-professors-and-researchers>
- iii. Socials for international students

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- iv. Potluck to help prepare for the rest of semester.
- v. Financial Literacy webinar (likely in November)

- i. **Professional Student Affairs** (vacant)
- j. **Appropriations and Revenue** (vacant)

9. Election (Vice President: Maisy Webster)

- a. Candidate introductions
- b. Voting

Results:

Secretary – Chowdhury Azimul Haque (F. Joseph Halcomb III, M.D. Department of Biomedical Engineering)

Treasurer – Kameron Cox (Martin School of Public Policy and Administration)

10. Open Floor/Discussions

Questions about

- Graduate School leadership
- Awards application funding cycles

11. Meeting Close

START-TO-FINISH

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM





BE A MENTOR
BE A MENTEE

A multi-tiered mentorship program helping students, staff, faculty, and alumni connect across all disciplines.



Program Kickoff on Oct. 14th

 Center for Graduate and Professional Services

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