

CHAT COMMENTS – MAY 3, 2022 GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING OFFICIATED BY DR. DAVID DALTON, GRADUATE COUNCIL CHAIR

13:00:49 From David Dalton – Graduate Council Chair and Assoc Prof, Languages & Culture Studies:
Dear all, I was asked by Andrea Pitts to share this link to the Statement from CLAS GPDs Regarding the GA Handbook:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KMvvgzhK416kT-3V1s5Yi5a20tkylat9bliJaMHKWSE/edit>

13:01:27 From Missy Eppes: Professor, Geography

The last slide appears to be a 180 reversal of the 50.5 policy whereby we were not allowed to have any salary on a grant that was higher than what is allowed on a Program TA. Is this effective immediately? Can the students whose portions of salaries were rescinded be re-granted ASAP?

13:02:04 From Trevor Pearce: Associate Professor, Philosophy

Andrea Pitts had to go teach but I'm here on their behalf. The linked document refers to "Proposed Policy in GA Handbook to Require 9 Credit Hours enrollment per semester for all Graduate Assistants," which was voted down in Grad Council in Fall 2021.

13:02:29 From Johnna Watson: Associate Dean Graduate School

In conjunction with the Office of Student Financial Aid, we provided several HEERF and CARES awards to some doctoral students throughout the last two years.

13:04:16 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

I also was promised much more, over \$10k annually, above what the current policy requires. This should not fall on the students' shoulders and they should be grandfathered in after committing to coming here.

13:06:25 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

Dr. Lorden, that is not true, many students have been denied their petitions.

13:06:34 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

It was possible for only one year and many were unsuccessful.

13:09:29 From Mike Uduebor: Vice President, GPSG (Graduate & Professional Student Gov't), PhD student, Civil Engineering

Many got a different stipend agreement through the eGA platform different from the contract initially given.

13:10:13 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

For the record, email promises are considered legally binding in employment law in a professional setting.

13:10:31 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

**in college of engineering my annual fees are \$5600

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13:12:54 From Missy Eppes: Professor, Geography

Joan, would it be possible to create levels of RA jobs within a single program requiring different levels of expertise?

13:13:19 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

Do other UNC system schools also follow this "maximum payment" policy?

13:15:45 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

So is there going to be any way to back-pay students who lost funds 2021-2022 when they shouldn't have?

13:21:34 From Trevor Pearce: Associate Professor, Philosophy

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13:23:27 From Trevor Pearce: Associate Professor, Philosophy

A request that students taking only 6 credits still be eligible for the tuition remission part of TAships. This is a good thing for a variety of reasons, described in this document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KMvvghzK416kT-3V1s5Yi5a20tkylat9bliJaMHKWSE/edit>

13:23:43 From Erin Basinger: Associate Professor, Communication Studies

I'll add to what Trevor said, a problem is how rushed this decision was. At the very least we need time to implement changes and need to grandfather in students who were promised tuition money.

13:24:00 From Trevor Pearce: Associate Professor, Philosophy

Especially important for 30 credit MA programs but also for Early Entry MA students, etc. etc. Students in 30 credit programs starting in Fall 2022 have already been promised this tuition support.

13:26:05 From Monica Rasmussen: PhD student, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

Thank you for allowing us to speak!

13:26:23 From Missy Eppes: Professor, Geography

Thank you for letting us join today! These are good directions! We look forward to this good change to the 50.5 policy.

13:26:27 From Kent Brintnall: Associate Prof, RELS and Graduate Council Member

Thanks, David, for inviting Provost Lorden to join us and for pressing an important set of conversations.

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13:39:10 From Pinku Mukherjee: CLAS Associate Dean and Professor (BIOL)

https://catalog.charlotte.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=30&poid=8197#:~:text=A%20course%20load%20of%209,full%20load%20in%20the%20Summer

13:42:49 From Angel Truesdale: Asst Prof & Social Sciences & Business Librarian and Graduate Council Member

Thank you!

13:43:02 From Katherine Hall-Hertel: Associate Dean, Graduate School

And GPSG will appoint a new student rep

13:43:09 From Joan Lachance: Associate Professor, MDSK and Graduate Council Member

Thank you!!!

13:43:48 From Mike Uduebor: VP, GPSG (Graduate & Professional Student Gov't), PhD student, Civil Engineering

We have a new president elect