



The BGSS Bulletin



Upcoming Events

Jan 1st -24th, Monday - Friday @ 8am - 4pm:
Second Nature Exhibition. FINA Gallery, CCS Building. This free art exhibition is open to the public. **The Reception Jan 19th @ 1 - 3pm** is also free and open to the public.

Winter Welcome Events:
All month long, the Student Experience Office is hosting grad events including tours, arts&crafts, and a day of tubing at Big White! Check out the Student Experience Office website for more info.

Jan 17th @ 11:30 – 1pm:
International Student Info Session in UNC 200

Jan 25th @ 7 - 9pm: Life Raft Debate in COM 201. “Watch as instructors from different faculties debate against each other to prove that their discipline is superior to all others when it comes to starting a new civilization.”

Department Updates

On December 13, 2023, The Graduate Council approved an increase in the PhD minimum funding level from \$22,000 to \$24,000, effective September 2024 for all students, incoming as well as continuing, in years 1-4 of their program.

The FoS would like to better preserve and showcase grad student theses and dissertations and have created a survey to collect ideas on how best to do this - if you have ideas or examples from previous universities you have attended, please fill it out or reach out to us with your idea and we will pass it along!



Baby Cougar! Photos Submitted by Siobhan Darlington

Progress Reports

-Elections for a new BGSS Executive Committee will occur this term! Please keep an eye out for emails throughout the term to nominate yourself and to vote for the new committee

-The BGSS will be requesting an onboarding checklist from the Biology Department to be sent to all new students

-For those who have had QR codes put on their desks, don't forget to scan in so that we can maintain our grad space!

Reminders

-Jan 16th: Applications open for May Degree Conferral

-Jan 19th: Last day for changes between credit and audit for Winter Term 2 courses

-Jan 22nd: Last Date for Supervisor to Submit Request for Approval of Proposed External Examiner for a Doctoral Examination for May Degree Conferral

We want to feature your artwork and photos! Email them to us and we will put them in the newsletter. We are also happy to advertise defenses and events!

