NCCGS 2021 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 28			
9:00-9:50 am	Welcome and Plenary - Welcome – Dr. Irene Pittman Aiken, President of the NCCGS and Dean, The Graduate School at UNCP - Greetings – Chancellor Robin Cummings, MD - Plenary – Dr. Suzanne Ortega, President, Council of Graduate Schools	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 945 0969 0804 Passcode: 412254	
10:00-10:50 am	Business meeting - All members are asked to attend in order to address several very important items, including votes for new positions, new president, and president elect.	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 945 0969 0804 Passcode: 412254	
11:00-11:50 am	Session I: Retention Metrics for Graduate Students - Dr. Brian Kloeppel, Dean and Chief Research Officer (Western Carolina University)	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 945 0969 0804 Passcode: 412254	
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9:00-9:50 am	Session II: Method to the Madness: Onboarding Graduate Students During Unprecedented Times. - Dr. Jill Huerta, Executive Director, Center for Graduate Life and Learning (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) - Dr. Aura Young, Assistant Director of Professional Development and Doctoral Support (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 942 2879 1222 Passcode: 057087	
10:00-10:50 am	Session III: Lessons Learned During COVID: Engaging Graduate Students in Wellness and Campus Activities. - Laura Padgett, Director of Graduate Enrolled Student Services and Development (Appalachian State University) - The presentation will address how Covid-19 restrictions and the remote work/learning environment created unexpected opportunities for new ways of engaging students in wellness and campus activities throughout the past year. The presenter will discuss initiatives such as opt-in wellness email campaigns, virtual professional development institutes, virtual mindfulness classes and the development of a virtual graduate student life center. Finally, the session will offer time for participants to share their own experiences and how they engaged students during this year of unprecedented firsts.	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 942 2879 1222 Passcode: 057087	
FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS 10:00-10:50	Session IV: Graduate Student Organizations' Best Practices - Chaundrea Mason (North Carolina Central University) - Brandy Geary (University of North Carolina at Pembroke) - Rachael Gliniak (University of North Carolina at Wilmington), - Sarah Shannon-Mohamed (University of North Carolina at Pembroke) - Group discussion of ideas and best practices, led by current and former students	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 921 3885 8969 Passcode: 527509	



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11:00 – 11:50 am	 Session V: Slate Users Group Adam Horton, Director of Technology Support for The Graduate School (University of North Carolina at Greensboro A conversation for graduate school staff who currently use Slate as their platform for admissions, enrollment, and as customer relationship management (CRM) tool. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, share best practices and solutions, and hear how other universities are using Slate. Questions and topics for discussion will be collected prior to the session as well as during the session. 	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 984 9503 7569 Passcode: 043340	
GRADUATE STUDENTS (but all are welcome) 11:00 – 11:50 am	 Session VI: Mindfulness verses the Anxious Brain (student geared) Counseling And Psychological Services (University of North Carolina at Pembroke) Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present and show up for each moment in life, no matter what it brings. Engaging in mindfulness assists in decreasing reactivity and overwhelm while being surrounded by all that is going on around us. Being present in the moment can be empowering and transformational. Join us to learn how you can practice mindfulness to reduce anxious thoughts, worries, and the what-ifs. 	JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 921 3885 8969 Passcode: 527509	