

❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda**  
**Date: September 02, 2015**

1. Welcome/Call to order – 5:07, Called to order by A. Mueller



Attendance:

Amber Mueller	Kendra Seckinger	Devin Sharp	
Linda Senbanjo	Courtney Chandler	Janelle Geist	Julia Peter
Eryn Dixon	Morgan Bunting	Danielle Abraham	Susan Klumpner
Sarah Rudinskas	Amber Plante	Kshama Doshi	Geoff Heinzl
Christy Perry	Nehal Mehta	Yanfeng Xu	Sally Hageman
O'Mareen Spence	Elizabeth Weingartner	Tyler Gable	Amanda Labuza
Laura Bozzi	Chieh-link Yang	Jon Van Ryzin	Alex San Nicolas
Quinton Banks	Toni Manuel-Monroe		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting – approved by A. Labuza, seconded by G. Heinzl.

3. Reports

- a. President

- i. Announcements –Town halls – PLEASE ATTEND! You can register via the Elm Weekly email, or you can just show up. See list of all town halls in upcoming events section.
- ii. Middle States Accreditation Committee – the last meeting was cancelled, next meeting on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- iii. Meet & Confer Committee

- b. Vice President

- i. Announcements – USGA next meeting 9/9/15. Note that the date listed in the Campus Life Weekly (Sept 12) is incorrect. Still need USGA senators. Sign up or email Kendra if interested.
- ii. Social Activities Committee – no news.

- c. Treasurer

- i. Account – balance & report from orientation. Current account balance: \$8543.29; \$4633 was made from Crab Feast ticket sales.
- ii. Budget – we have two accounts: a checking account & a state account. Our student fees go into the state account – currently working with Erin & Celeste to determine how much is in the state account. Changes in the budget: E-board meeting food was decreased, decreased drinks/utensil/plate budget for GSA meetings; GRC & Candidacy Ceremony will be two unique events with their own budget allotments; would like to add a summer social, therefore increasing the social budget; also want to have a service opportunity so this has been added to the budget; GSA-sponsored social hour (4x year) also added; overall proposed budget increased by ~\$3730. Proposed to charge \$5 for social instead of free.

Motion to approve the budget by D. Sharp, second by S. Klumpner. 2 abstentions due to conflict of interest (Meyerhoff, NOVA). Budget passes.

iii. Finance Committee – Travel award applications are due Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

d. Secretary

i. Announcements – if you are not getting GSA emails, please indicate so on the sign in sheet.

ii. Professional Development Committee – are going to try to collaborate with SNAC (Scientists for Non-Academic Careers)

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a. Grad Council rep

i. Announcements – Brandy on vacation

ii. U of M grad council – hasn't met yet. No reports.

b. PR

i. Announcements – no announcements.

ii. Communications Committee – Update on the Grad Gazette & future publications. Sign up for the communications committee. First issue of the school year coming out on Friday 09/04.

c. Meyerhoff – exec board meets Thursday. Student group budget will come next month. Met with PROMISE coordinator – event Friday 09/04.

d. NOVA – will vote on student group budget, as discussed during the August meeting.

Activities that help the local community and foster the learning of science. Spring grove BINGO night – give out prizes from Halal on the Lawn. \$35/event for snacks for 12 months = \$420. Port Discovery once a month (might be on TLC – should discuss with UMB marketing team) \$55 for the year to buy craft supplies. \$75 to go to RMH = \$550 total for the year. Lab tours for local high schools. Partnering with Upward Bound for transportation and SFN support. Spoke with Ms. Cyndi to get a supported student closet to store stuff. Proposed budget of \$550. To allocate on a per-semester basis, newly proposed \$275 proposed budget. Motion to approve \$275 for NOVA to spend on Fall 2015: motion approved by C. Perry, seconded by Q. Banks. Email re first meeting will be sent out soon.

5. Old Business – no old business.

6. New Business:

a. SNAC – Scientists for Non-Academic Careers – first meeting in on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm, Campus Center room 351. Representative Tyler Gable. Budget request at the last meeting, as presented by S. Todd, was for \$250. New budget request for \$170 for Fall 2015 Semester. Motion to approve budget by C. Chandler, seconded by J. Geist.

- b. Susan Klumpner, SW PhD: Diversity Advisory Council, DAC – purpose is to advance inclusion & diversity on campus. Would like to meet someone from each of the programs within the graduate school. If you know of someone that could talk about the intersection of race & culture, currently looking for a speaker for MLK Jr. event. President’s Symposium will have events cultural competency, more info to come via email.
7. Upcoming events
- a. Town Halls:
    - i. Student Life, Career Development and Support Services - noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, SMC Campus Center Elm Ballroom
    - ii. Research Scholarship and Entrepreneurship - noon to 2pm on Wednesday, Sept. 9, SMC Campus Center Elm Ballroom
  - b. Institutional Effectiveness – noon to 2pm on Wednesday Sept. 16, SMC Campus Center Room 351
  - c. Fall Fest – Sept 18 from 11am-2pm. Will need 4 volunteers to be at the booth to talk about the GSA.
  - d. Fall Social at Pickles Pub w/ USGA – Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, \$5.
  - e. USGA Fall Bullpen – Oct 02. Tickets will be on sale online soon.
  - f. President’s Events:
    - i. President’s Symposium & White Paper Project on Cultural Competency – Wed Sept. 9, 4-6pm, SMC Campus Center Elm Ballrooms
    - ii. President’s Student Leadership Institute (PSLI) – Applications are now open, and due Sept. 18, 2015 at 5:00pm. For more information, visit the program website (<http://www.umaryland.edu/islsi/presidents-initiatives/presidents-student-leadership-institute/>) or contact Pam Miller, [pmiller@umaryland.edu](mailto:pmiller@umaryland.edu).
8. Other business/Announcements
- a. No update on dental insurance.
9. Motion to adjourn meeting by A. Mueller, seconded by C. Chandler. Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

**Date of next meeting: October 07, 2015**