

❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda**

**Date: October 07, 2015**

1. Welcome/Call to order – meeting called to order by A. Mueller, 5:03pm.

Amber Mueller	Kendra Seckinger	Courtney Chandler	
Devin Sharp	Linda Senbanjo	Brandy Garzel	
Julia Peter	Eryn Dixon	Janelle Geist	Aida Kuzucan
Bilal Khokhar	Sally Hageman	Morgan Bunting	Susan Klumpner
Danielle Abraham	Sarah Rudzinkas	Geoffrey Heinzl	Kshama Doshi
Justine Yu	Elizabeth Weingartner	Jimena Perez	Ramon Martinez
Quinton Banks	Amber Plante	Amanda Labuza	Jon Van Ryzin
Alex San Nicolas	Chieh-ling Yang		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting - A. Labuza votes to approve last month's minutes, seconded by J. Geist. Minutes approved.

3. Reports

a. President

- i. Announcements - parking and transportation committee updates. Email from Christie re parking in Lexington garage. Part of the issue is due to construction. There also isn't as large of a turnover between daytime and nighttime students in terms of parking spots – the Parking & Transportation Committee is aware of this problem, there should be a meeting next week to address these issues. Voting tonight at USGA to buy 300 spots in the Market Center garage (across from the Lexington rooftop) (because the BioPark garage is closing).
- ii. Meet & Confer Committee – stay tuned.

b. Vice President

- i. Announcements - USGA funding request meeting recap and fall USGA social events. Next USGA event is the Pigtown Festival this Saturday. Show up with student ID, get \$5 voucher to use at the different vendors there. USGA has a pig in the pig races!!!! Go pig! There is also a student VIP tent (check it out). USGA is also hosting the Halloween Social, location & time tbd.
- ii. Social Activities Committee – they met.
  1. First event – 'grand opening' for the grad student lounge, which is maybe going to be available for use soon? Card-making event (for Ronald McDonald house, other charity) or breakfast event to get students to know where it is. Idea – Coffee & Cardmaking.

2. November event – volunteer event through the office of community outreach, probably partnering with someone who is on the list looking for volunteers. Decided not to do Ugly Sweater social at Camden due to budget restrictions. Instead, have more money go to GSA-sponsored GPILS social hour, possible holiday sweater theme social. Scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. Candidacy ceremony – possible gift ideas, Courtney & Kendra will be meeting with Dudley Strickland via support & with the program ceremonies to help plan the event. Also will be reaching out to mentors. Will also be talking to higher up administrative people to speak (deans, Dr. Perman).

c. Treasurer

- i. Account – \$8651.94
- ii. Finance Committee - travel awards due October 15<sup>th</sup>. Finance committee will grade these around then – Devin will send

d. Secretary

- i. Announcements – if you are not getting GSA emails, please indicate so on the sign in sheet. Candidacy Ceremony – Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, MSTF, 5-7:00pm (tentative time) Stay tuned for more details & committee meetings regarding planning. UMB GRC Photo book contest.
- ii. Professional Development Committee – should be meeting soon; will be talking about possibly joining forces with SNAC
  1. Next SNAC event – volunteering event on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00, Herring Run Park

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a. Grad Council rep

- i. Announcements – Brandy missed last week's meeting & has requested the minutes.
- ii. U of M grad council - interested in the GRC; ours is the same date as UMBC's GRC.

b. PR

- i. Announcements – Grad Gazette went out last week Friday. Do you want to write any articles? Email Linda! She is always looking for new authors & it's a great way to learn about the website & web content managing. 41% open rate.
- ii. Communications Committee

- c. Meyerhoff - funding request for social/fundraising event. November 6<sup>th</sup> (tentative, possibly the 5<sup>th</sup>) have a board game night & taco bar. Students being charged \$10. Requesting \$247 for food. Will be in MSTF. Potential raffle. We will be voting to approve this idea on the next week. Meyerhoff is a supported group, we have \$305 left for this semester for our supported groups.
  - d. NOVA – elections tomorrow. Will be hosting ‘Science Café’ in November, the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. Local high school students are coming here. Need 4-5 labs to volunteer to do science demos. Look for emails looking for volunteers or email Amanda Labuza.
5. Old Business: GSA hosted SNAC social, what did you think? Feedback: wasn’t advertised to non-GPILS students effectively, will try to remediate this in the future. Is this worth funding in the future?
6. New Business:
- a. GSA hosted GPILS Social 11/13/15 - volunteers needed for set-up.
  - b. GSA body Holiday Cookie Swap and Retreat - possible dates 12/2/15 6pm (after our meeting), 12/3/15 5pm (Thursday), 12/4/15 4pm (Friday). Tentative date is 12/4 at 4:00pm, before the GSA-sponsored ugly sweater social hour. Make your best cookies. Possibly also make cards – for who, to be determined.
7. Upcoming events
- a. President’s Events:
    - i. President’s Q&A – Oct 14, 11am – noon, HSFII Auditorium
  - b. UMB CURE Scholar program – accepting mentors on a rolling basis!
  - c. ABAE – next tutoring session is 9:45am – noon on October 17<sup>th</sup>; help mentor middle school and high school kids. Also partnering with CURE scholars & mentors.
8. Other business/Announcements - Middle States Accreditation process is on-going; finalizing recommendations for the Chancellor’s visit in November.

C. Chandler voted to end meeting, seconded by A. Plante. Meeting adjourned at 5:47.

**Date of next meeting: November 04, 2015**