

❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda**

Date: November 04, 2015

1. Welcome/Call to order – called to order at 5:07 by A. Mueller.

Amber Mueller	Kendra Seckinger	Courtney Chandler	Devin Sharp
Brandy Garzel	Janelle Geist	Eryn Dixon	Julia Peter
Sally Hageman	Susan Klumpner	Danielle Abraham	Morgan Bunting
Amanda Labuza	Jon Van Ryzin	Geoffrey Heinzl	Nehal Mehta
Laura Bozzi	Aida Kuzucan	Kimberly Filcek	Christy Perry
Lain Hostelley	Ramon Martinez	Kshama Doshi	Stephanie Catalano
Chieh-ling Yang	Sarah Rudzinkas	Quinton Banks	Alex San Nicolas
Amber Plante			

2. Review minutes of previous meeting - motion to approve by J. Van Ryzin; seconded by A. San Nicolas.

3. Reports

a. President

- i. Announcements
- ii. Meet & Confer Committee - update on recent meeting with Dr. Perman. Talked about insurance (medical & dental); still have not secured a dental plan, but they have found a broker that is investigating our options. Talked about starting a Business Certificate program for graduate students, possibly in coordination with the Smith School of Business (UMCP), or partnering with U. of Baltimore (which has an MBA process) or with the Law school (business-law track). See website for classes & seminars pertaining to business, etc. Also discussed potentially increased the GSA student fee, which is currently \$10. It hasn't been raised in at least 5 years. Students may have to start filling out time-keeping forms – UMBC has a template which may be comparable.
- iii. Update on GSA Student Lounge – looking for a Lounge Liaison for the GSA Student Lounge; would be in charge of keeping track of the sign-up sheet for those who want to reserve the lounge; there are also lockers, which we want to lease to students; the Liaison would be in charge of keeping track of locker rentals, and would help Amber draft the lounge rules & locker rental rules.
- iv. Update on reimbursement checks from orientation – checks are on their way soon.

b. Vice President

- i. Announcements – USGA meeting recap. Biopark is closing in the spring. The new parking spots will be in the Market Center Garage near Lexington Market. Fall Formal will be on Thursday December 10th, American Visionary Art Museum. Escort service is looking into expanding the number of people who drive the vans. Campus service fee is being increased by 5%, which will go into effect next academic year.
 - ii. Social Activities Committee – look for Candidacy Ceremony Committee sign-up sheet! Thursday, February 25th, 2015 in MSTF Auditorium & Atrium. Budgeted \$750 from GSA – trying to get more support from the different programs. Potentially moving the date to mid/late April.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Account – \$8501.26 in our account
 - ii. Finance Committee – travel awards have been awarded to the one applicant.
 - d. Secretary
 - i. Announcements – if you are not getting GSA emails, please indicate so on the sign in sheet. Look for sign-up sheet regarding the Candidacy Ceremony.
 - ii. Professional Development Committee – meeting rescheduled
 - iii. GRC – Wednesday March 23rd. See sign up sheet. First meeting will be before winter break.
- 4.
 - a. Grad Council rep
 - i. Announcements
 - ii. U of M grad council - Have the minutes from the last meeting. Proposed a change to their paternity leave to cover men, adoption, and other cases. Have new courses recommended for approval, but the only two courses that apply to UMB are for Nursing.
 - b. PR
 - i. Announcements – (Linda absent, sent her announcements to Amber) putting out the next grad gazette this Friday.
 - ii. Communications Committee – seeking new writers!!
 - c. Meyerhoff – vote on funding request. Requested \$247 for food, we have \$305 left in our budget for this semester for supported groups. Taco & Gamenight event, this Friday Nov 06. Due to many early departures from the meeting, we no longer have a quorum and therefore cannot vote to approve money.
 - d. NOVA – no representative present.
- 5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

- a. Presentation by Lindsay Black, a Post Doc – suggests hosting a session to make students aware of resources available for students if their PI or lab environments are abusive; one resource is the ‘whistle-blower’ hotline, seen at the bottom of our website. Since these resources are not well known, want to host a short seminar/Q&A lunch in the spring to make these resources known.
- b. GSA hosting GPILS Social 11/13/15 - volunteers needed for set-up & clean up. Food sponsored by Nandos.
- c. GSA body Holiday Cookie Swap and Retreat – date will be 12/4/2015 at 4:00pm! In Room 353. Bring a tray of your favorite holiday treats & wear an ugly sweater. There is a GSA-sponsored ugly sweater social our right afterwards.

7. Upcoming events

- a. President's Events:
 - i. The President's Symposium on Cultural Competence: Ira SenGupta – Nov 4th, 4pm, SMC Campus Center Elm Ballrooms
- b. UMB CURE Scholar program – accepting mentors on a rolling basis!
- c. Holiday Drives- there are several going on around campus. Project Feast has bins in various locations & is looking for gently-used clothing & non-perishable food donations. Also look out for blue boxes as part of the Staff Senate's Holiday Donation Drive for various organizations in the community.
- d. MSSA Fall Banquet – Nov 4th, 6-9pm, SMC Campus Center Elm Room A; join the Muslim Students & Scholars Association for a night of free Mediterranean food & desserts

8. Other business/Announcements

C. Chandler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Q. Banks seconded.

Date of next meeting: December 02, 2015