

❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda**  
**Date: February 4th, 2015**



1. Welcome/Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm. 6/6 executive board members in attendance plus 20 reps (representing 13 programs and 2 supported groups):

Representative	Program	Representative	Program	Executives	Position
janelle geist	biochem	laura bozzi	phsr	geoffrey heinzl	President
courtney chandler	biochem	sarah rudzinskas	pin	jon van ryzin	Vice President
nehal mehta	dmrt	nisha pulimood	pin	christina ross	Treasurer
lindsay croft	epi/hgen	amanda labuza	pin/nova	amber mueller	Secretary
christy perry	epi/hgen	ozell sanders	prs/MH	kendra edwards	Public Relations
elizabeth couser	gero	brandy garzel	psc	christy gaines	Graduate Council Rep
amber plante	mmed PhD	polly reinicker	sowk		
linda senbajo	mmed PhD	sally hageman	sowk		
elizabeth weingartner	mmi	susan klumpner	sowk		
seon yoon chung	nursing	dhanraj deshमुख	tox		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve January minutes by C. Ross . Second by J. Van Ryzin

3. Reports

a. President

- i. Announcements - graduate student lounge will be discussed with Flavius Lilly and Bill Crocket. Website re-vamp by Jenny Ownes to advertise our programs to prospective students. JO is looking for student profiles to feature on the website.
- ii. USMSC is petitioning that unpaid interns be protected by law from any form of sexual harassment (because they currently are not).
- iii. Visit from USGA President, Spencer Todd. Questions about exposure to biomedical work force and training.
- iv. Meet & Confer Committee - meeting to discuss GRC, Candidacy Ceremony and lounge

b. Vice President

- i. Announcements - USGA is working with campus safety app group to try to get that up and reunning, remind constituents to look for campus housing emails.
- ii. Social Activities Committee - volunteer event at Ronald Mcdonald house for breakfast tomorrow. French Toast bar, fun!

c. Treasurer

- i. Account - \$12,400 in account but Travel Awards will take away from that

- ii. Finance Committee - Travel Awards received 11 applications, gave \$ out to 6. Please tell students to use electronic submission method as it makes them easier to distribute to committee
  - d. Secretary
    - i. Professional Development Committee - Mentoring Service, Research Award - Committee is meeting tomorrow to discuss name for service and go over our scores for the Spring Research Award. We can book Presentation Practice Studio in advance for this service (more than 2 weeks), or study rooms in library if necessary.
    - ii. GRC Committee - volunteer sheet, GRC and CC is coming together - Please encourage students and judges to attend. Print 3 flyers and post them in departments. Still need volunteers for the day. Brandy is attempting to gather sponsors. Met with Matt Bolling about organizing the Social Hour on the second floor reception area. Still need to meet with CulinArt to see if it will fit into our budget. Alcohol License form online. Body thinks a reception here instead of Camden Pub will be more professional and encourage greater attendance
  - e. Grad Council rep
    - i. Announcements - no major announcements
    - ii. Next Graduate Council meeting in February
  - f. PR
    - i. Announcements - none
    - ii. Communications Committee - Feb. Gazette bout to drop
  - g. Meyerhoff - panel discussion coming up. Contact O. Sanders for details
  - h. Nova - named a new secretary from dental school, Rosalie. Organizing monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
4. New Business
- a. GPILS Student Advisory Committee- goal is to create greater student interaction within GPLS and graduate school: 3 dates they are volunteering at the Ronald McDonald house. Requesting \$240 to provide breakfast those three days. Does gpls provide funding? They have in the past but they have not committed anything to these events yet. G. Heinzl motioned to allocate \$240 to be used over 3 events at Ronald McDONald house, \$80/per event with the stipulation that the committee provide a volunteer list and at least one student volunteer at each event be from a graduate program outside of GPILs. A. Mueller seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Research Podcast: scientist driven interviews of students, postdocs and their peers to highlight new and interesting research. Goal is to use a format that allows students and post docs to practice communication skills without the aid of visual media. Looking for people who are interested in interviewing and being interviewed for a short podcast. Also looking for info and feedback. Send inquiries to VP J. Van Ryzin. This would be great for new students. Fact checking needs to be considered.
  - c. VP question: how do you all as students get your software? General body mostly gets theirs from the library or PI pays.
5. Upcoming events
- a. USGA Welcome Back Social & Speed Dating - February 6th
  - b. Science Olympiad Tournament - Feb 21st at college park (volunteer)
  - c. IPE Day - February 26h
  - d. Black History Month Events (see schedule on umb website)
  - e. GRC and Candidacy Ceremony - Monday, March 9th
7. Other business/Announcements

**Date of next meeting: March 4th 2015**

5:55pm motion to adjourn meeting by G. Heinzl, 2nd by L. Bozzi.