

❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda - Minutes in Red**

**Date: October 1st, 2014**



1. Welcome/Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm. 6/6 exec. committee members in attendance plus 26 reps (representing 14 programs and 2 Supported Groups):

Representative	Program	Representative	Program	Executives	Position
ari landon	biochem	chelsea rapp	mmi	geoffrey heinzl	President
janelle geist	biochem	wen liu	nursing	jon van ryzin	Vice President
courtney chandler	biochem	laura bozzi	phsr	christina ross	Treasurer
devin sharp	biochem	joe vandigo	phsr	amber mueller	Secretary
nehal mehta	dmrt	sarah rudzinkas	pin	kendra edwards	Public Relations
lindsay croft	epi/hgen	ozell sanders	prs	christy gaines	Graduate Council Rep
christy perry	epi/hgen	brandy garzel	psc		
elizabeth couser	gerontology	melissa bessaha	sowk		
jing wu	medt	sally hageman	sowk		
linda senbajo	mmed	john cosgrove	sowk		
amber plante	mmed	susan klumpner	sowk		
tierra johnson	mmed/MH	kshama doshi	tox		
zalak shah	mmed PhD	amanda labuza	pin/nova		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve September's minutes by J. Vandigo. 2nd by L. Bozzi.

3. Reports

- a. President - the alliance for the Chesapeake bay is having a clean stream volunteering from 9-12
- b. Vice President - student fee advisory board has made a recommendation to increase for shuttle system route to canton, support facilities fee, a professional development position for the entire student population.
- c. Treasurer - \$16,714.89 before Salsarita's dinner
- d. Grad Council rep - had their first meeting of the year. UMBC is now requiring all graduate students to take an ethics class. The UMBC shuttle to UMB is for UMBC students only.
- e. PR- the graduate school website is going live next week. Our GSA website will be available by the end of the semester

4. Old Business

- a. Vote on new grading system for travel awards

The major change is that number of the meetings a student's program rep attended in the past 12 months will count as 1/2 a point. Vote motioned by Christina 2nd by L.Croft. Passed unanimously.

- b. Open access week: Katherine Downton will give us a presentation on open access and we will discuss how to make it relevant to students

In recent years there has been a push for journals to be "open access". Open access is defined as free, immediate online access that is usable at the time of publication. It's important because much of the world's scientific knowledge is not free and accessible. We have access here at UMB because we belong to a large research university and the library subscribes us. This is especially a problem for people living in lower income communities because there is less access to scientific information. Between 1986 and 2011 journal subscription prices have increased by over 400% so publishers have far outpaced the rate of inflation (journals are way more expensive to the average person now). For this reason, libraries have begun canceling many journals. When you publish in open access, statistically your article is read by more people and citations increase as well (and those numbers will grow). Please inquire to a librarian if you have any questions.

- c. Committee Reports

- i. Finance - Travel award applications are due on October 15th.
- ii. Social Activities - Heart walk, GSA as a team. Is this something we want to do? or do our own Fundraiser? Think on it.
- iii. Meet & Confer - putting together an agenda to meet with Dr. Ward, Dr. Gerald, and President Perman. Please email President Geoffrey Heinzl about any student issues he should bring up at this meeting.
- iv. Professional Development - think about stuff we can arrange for our students. Will contact the committee soon.
- v. Communications - will select a winner for news letter naming contest. New name is "The Grad Gazette". Next issue will come out in November and some articles have been assigned. Geoff and Kendra are going to be trained to edit the website. We are looking for volunteers to write articles related to student life for the news letter.

## 5. New Business

- a. GSA hosted Fall Charity event - we have extra money in the budget that we could use for a Social/Charity event. Initially the E-board proposed taking \$750 from student group

money because we are usually very under-budget in that area. General body put up the idea to take it instead from our allocated Spring Social \$ and vote again in the spring to put extra student group \$ back in that Spring Social fund.

vote to allocate \$750 from spring social events to a fall charity social event. Motion to put this to vote by B. Garzell. 2nd by T. Johnson. Passed unanimously.

6. Upcoming events

a. Founders Week events

i. Monday, Oct. 13 *Student Cookout*, Noon to 1:30 p.m.

ii. Wednesday, Oct. 15 *Founders Week Food Truck Rally*, 11:30am - 2pm

b. Open access week event

c. CSSA Moon Festival Celebration this Saturday, October 4th at 6 PM in MSTF.

This event is free for all UMB students.

d. Diwali- Festival of Lights: When: October 10th, 2014 (Friday) Where: SMC Campus Center Ballrooms A&B Time: 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Entry: \$4 for students with I.D (must bring it along), \$6 for non-students. \$7 at the door

Other business/Announcements

Motion to conclude the meeting at 5:59pm by G. Heinzl. 2nd by A. Labuza

**Date of next meeting: November 5th, 2014**