

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

Date: November 5th, 2014



1. Welcome/Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm. 6/6 exec. committee members in attendance plus 16 reps (representing 12 programs and 2 supported groups):

Representative	Program	Representative	Program	Executives	Position
janelle geist	biochem	laura bozzi	phsr	geoffrey heinzl	President
lindsay croft	epi/hgen	amanda labuza	pin/nova	jon van ryzin	Vice President
nehal mehta	medt	ozell sanders	prs/mh	christina ross	Treasurer
jing wu	medt	bryan mackowick	psc	amber mueller	Secretary
amber plante	mmed	susan klumpner	sowk	kendra edwards	Public Relations
linda senbajo	mmed/mh	sally hageman	sowk	christy gaines	Graduate Council
zalak shah	mmed	kshama doshi	tox		
eric kong	mmi	sharon boswell	dso		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve October minutes by L. Croft. Second by O. Sanders.

3. Reports

- a. President - UMB safety town hall meeting major points: extra patrols on campus and more officers on duty, extended escort hours 3pm -1am and van escort from 5pm -1am, Friendlier officers on the other end of the phone. call 410-706-6882 to request an escort service.
USGA is beginning to look for the next Student Regent for the Board of Regents to University System of Maryland - put the word out for interest.
Community action network works with a coffee house in Hollins market who fundraises to reduce unemployment. They raise money via "coffee and a cause" silent auctions and are requesting volunteers.
- b. Vice President - USGA funding meetings happened.
- c. Treasurer - Account Balance \$16,402.03
- d. Secretary - Spoke with Celeste, \$50 should appear on student account next week. GRC committee will be formed at next meeting. Date for GRC is being sorted out with campus life and Erin.
- e. Grad Council rep - Will get minutes from most recent grad council meeting
- f. PR - Website is beautiful but postponed indefinitely due to third party issues
- g. Meyerhoff - O. Sanders: MH sought to receive USGA funding but decided they were better suited to be a GSA supported group

- h. Nova - Current co-presidents are getting ready to defend. They will be passing on power to younger students (likely A. Labuza).
4. Old Business
- a. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance - propose that travel awards be scanned and submitted electronically. 5 travel awards this quarter, 2 were \$300 and 3 were \$150. New score sheets worked well. Motion to approve electronic method of travel award submission by A. Mueller. Seconded by S. Hageman.
 - ii. Social Activities - Fall Charity/Social Event - Arts and crafts Ronald McDonald house event is a possibility. Donations and volunteered time also possibilities.
 - iii. Meet & Confer - Monday December 8th is the next meeting. Major discussion will be dental insurance.
 - iv. Professional Development - Choose A Journal/Impact Factor/Open Access Event. We will be in charge of planning this event to occur before the end of the semester. Want three 15 min speakers discuss how to choose a journal, what impact factor means and what other factors to consider, and how the growing number of open access journals will change traditional considerations in choosing a journal. PROMOTE this to students. Last year attendance at a similar GSA-sponsored event was low. Date TBD. Please email me with speaker suggestions!
 - v. Communications - The Grad Gazette - newsletter is mostly finished for this month and will go out on Nov. 14th.
5. New Business
6. Upcoming events
- a. USGA Fall Formal 8-12 here Friday Nov 21st. Tickets go on sale next week
 - b. Food Truck Rally moved to Nov 7th 11:30-1:30. Koester Main Lot at 660 W Lexington St
 - c. Turkey Tumble for Autism 5k and 10k races on Sunday, Nov. 23. Volunteers needed 7-10am. Contact April Thorpe (thorpe_april@yahoo.com) for more details
7. Other business/Announcements
- Motion to conclude the meeting at 5:40pm by A. Labuza. Second by L. Bozzi

Date of next meeting: December 3rd, 2014