

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

Date: December 3rd, 2014



1. Welcome/Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm. 5/6 executive board members in attendance plus 16 reps (representing 12 programs and 2 supported groups):

Representative	Program	Representative	Program	Executives	Position
devin sharp	biochem	wen liu	nursing	jon van ryzin	Vice President
courtney chandler	biochem	sarah rudzinkas	pin	christina ross	Treasurer
janelle geist	biochem	amanda labuza	pin/nova	amber mueller	Secretary
christy perry	epi/hgen	ozell sanders	prs/MH	kendra edwards	Public Relations
lindsay croft	epi/hgen	brandy garzel	psc	christy gaines	Graduate Council Rep
elizabeth couser	gerontology	susan klumpner	sowk		
amber plante	mmed PhD	kshama doshi	tox		
elizabeth weingartner	mmi	laura bozzi	phsr		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve November minutes by A.Labuza. Second by L. Bozzi

3. Report

a. **President** - at Middle States Conference. Look out for a survey coming out at the end of the month for the Self-Study. Please do the survey! The data will be used for the new Strategic Plan and gives students a voice in the University's future.

b. **Vice President** - 2 big USGA meetings:

USGA president is currently looking into LiveSafe App, a cloud based application to report crime. Interprofessional Week is a proposed expansion from Interprofessional Day to encourage participation from all schools. Stress Busters is back- a series of events this week and next to help alleviate stress this time of year. Student parking at Biopark is secure until fall of 2015. USGA successfully hosted Fall Formal. Chief Williams of Campus Safety is currently working on setting up a student collaboration with them to increase education and safety on campus for students. GSA body feels that a relationship with the campus police is less important than greater safety on campus. If you interact with the Campus Security please let them know you appreciate their efforts. They like feedback. Follow safety tips enumerated in their video including but not limiting to keeping cell phones hidden while walking outside, keeping an eye on surroundings, and being friendly (but vigilant) to the people you encounter. New initiative from President Perman: council for the arts. Goal is to improve campus quality of life, and introduce something we all love

back into our lives, the arts. The counseling center's services include teaching coping skills, short-term counseling, mental health evaluations, medication management, etc. Further details from USGA meetings can be found on their website.

- c. Treasurer - \$15,017. Will be meeting with Pres. Geoff and NOVA leaders before the next meeting to work out a budget for them based on their planned activities next semester
- d. Secretary - see GRC and PD committee
- e. Grad Council rep - 27% drop in new graduate students mostly due to the school of nursing. November meeting: UMBC has a nice candidacy ceremony. Students get certificates and accept with mentors. Chinese university offering joint programs with university system of MD. UMBC GSA is looking to form alumni and professional development committees.
- f. PR - GSA website has not gone live yet.
- g. Meyerhoff - organized an executive board. They are putting together a list of events for the spring and will request funding from GSA.
- h. Nova - transition of power. A. Labuza and Mike White are new co-presidents. They will hold a meeting this month and organize more Bingo nights at Spring Grove. Hosting a "Healthy Saturday" event. Putting together a plan for brain awareness week. Going to local high schools to talk to students. Halal on the lawn again this year, collecting donations for Spring Grove hospital.

4. Old Business

a. Committee Reports

- i. Finance
- ii. Social Activities - Fall Charity/Social Event - Every idea that we had was used within a week of the inception of that idea. So currently we do not have anything planned. Please give Jon and the committee ideas. Fall social "ugly sweater" is not currently in our budget but can be if we decide on it.
Motion to approve \$1,500 for ugly sweater party at Camden Pub motioned by A. Mueller, 2nd by S. Rudzinskis. Bring a donation for a raffle ticket.
- iii. Meet & Confer - will be meeting with President Perman, Dr. Ward, and Dr. Jarrell on Monday the 8th.
- iv. Professional Development - Choose A Journal Event faculty feedback - cancelled due to negative feedback from faculty and general lack of interest.

- v. Peer Mentoring Service - a new student service. Students can request to do mock presentations. PD committee will arrange space in the library, recording if necessary, assemble a group of peers, and provide feedback to the student.
- vi. Communications - The Grad Gazette - November newsletter was not memorable, will be making some changes for January issue.

5. New Business

- a. ad hoc GRC Committee and GRC announcements - motion to create GRC committee by A. Labuza, 2nd by C. Ross. We REALLY need ~10 volunteers to be on the committee. Sign-up sheet going around.
- b. January meeting will be held on the 7th (not cancelled like in previous years).

6. Upcoming events

- a. Tutor with ABAE Saturday December 6th 10am-12pm
- b. Stressbusters December 1-11th, various times and locations (see flyer)

7. Other business/Announcements

Date of next meeting: January 7th, 2015

5:56pm motion to adjourn meeting by K. Edwards, 2nd by C. Gaines.