

## **GSA Spring 2022 Senate Meeting**

09 February, 2022 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### **I. Check-In & Attendance [5 mins]**

- A. In attendance: Akash Vartak, Joel Tyson, Aishwarya Kale, Alyssa Schick, Amy Cruz, chetan Desai, Cristina Gomez, Elle Kreiner, Emily Faber, Ethan Post, Grace De Oro, Gretchen Tucker, Jeffery Halverson, Kara seidel, Nicole Telfer, Nirandi Jayasinghe, Nishant, Sahara Ali, sandesh E, Scott Hirabayashi, Masud Ahmed.

### **II. Gretchen Tucker presents caregiver survey: [5 mins]**


- A. Talk about unpaid caregivers.
- B. She highlighted the roles who are identified as caregivers. Examples: people who help out in the clinics and help in life-assistance such as cancer patients as well as people who volunteer to drive you, help you buy groceries.
- C. Caregivers assist a range of demographics and we are interested in understanding their challenges and to help them in achieving their academic goals.
- D. As a part of the study being conducted, Gretchen wants to send out a survey to graduate students and try to understand what other resources are required for assisting these caregivers.
- E. Interested in information that can help caregivers that were in that role briefly or long term.

### **III. Old Business: [30 mins]**

- A. Vote on bylaw amendments discussed in the December meeting.
  - 1. 5 minutes were given to everyone to go through the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the GSA.
  - 2. Found here: [Bylaws Changes Workspace](#)
  - 3. Motion to update the first proposed bylaws amendment was set and passed with Yes = 12, Abstain = 1.
  - 4. Motion to update the second proposed bylaws amendment was set and passed with Yes = 13.
  - 5. Motion to see if the third proposed bylaws amendment needs revisiting was set and passed with Yes = 11 and that means the amendment will be revised and revisited.
  - 6. Motion to update the fourth proposed bylaws amendment was set and passed with Yes = 10, No = 1
  - 7. The other proposed bylaws amendments were discussed, reviewed, revised and tabled for future voting.
  - 8. Motion to create a special working group to draft language to be review by UMBC legal was set and passed with Yes = 9.

IV. **New Business: [80 mins]**

A. Motion: amendments to the bylaws to improve the process of holding elected GSA members accountable to the senate. [30 min].

 [Bylaws Changes Workspace](#)

B. Motion to create a GSA video featuring our diverse graduate student body. [10 min]

1. This was tabled for the next meeting with Yes = 8

V. **Reports and Open Discussion**

VI. **Adjourn**