

UMBC GSA Fall 2020

Executive Council Meeting

04 November 2020

I. Check-In & Attendance

Alex, Samantha, Aviojoy, Kylie, Akriti, Aniket, Ethan, Maria, and Dawn were present.

II. Reports

a. President

- i. A graduate student survey will be sent out to students to ask about the impacts of Covid-19 (Research, Mental Health, etc).
- ii. The survey will be mandatory for EC and Senate
- iii. \$2000, *\$1000 from president discretionary fund; \$1000 from the graduate school*, of incentives for survey (sixty \$30 UMBC Bookstore Gift Cards and two \$100 gift cards).
- iv. Aviojoy: Students who are living in apartments close to campus (e.g. Westland Gardens) are facing challenges: loss of jobs due to Covid-19 and moving out but still needing to pay two months of rent for breaking lease. Is a question on the survey related to housing?
 1. Alex confirms that financial security is a topic on the survey. The survey will be sent out soon in the fall semester so that we can discuss common challenges over the fall to spring semester transition and create plans to handle these topics.
- v. Aniket suggested trying to find alternate incentives beyond UMBC bookstore gift cards, if not now then for GEARS next semester.
- vi. GSA EC and Senate will be encouraged to send out the survey and promote the survey to fellow graduate students.