

**GSA Summer 2021**  
**Executive Council Meeting**

August 09, 2021

**I. Check-In & Attendance**

- A. In attendance: Akash Vartak, Sai Sri Ram KT, Shahin Hossain, Joel Tyson, Kylie Hoffman, Dawn Galindo, Ethan Post, Amy Cruz, Brittany Evans, Kara Seidel, Masud Ahmed, Ruchita Reddy.

**II. Reports**

A. E-Council Members

1. President -

- a) Senate meetings need to start being scheduled. The first schedule will be finalized soon.

2. Vice President -

- a) Jeff Halverson, Isabel and the GAAC met and had a discussion about GAs and their concerns, they informed Ruchita about GAAC activities and what GAAC can do this academic year.
- b) GA's orientation is scheduled for September 17th.
- c) Had lunch with Lisa and shared GSA's plans for the next academic year.
- d) Shahin and Joel will be meeting UMBC's President on September 16th for a discussion about GSA's activities and plans for the year.
- e) International students have been reaching out to Shahin for help about accommodation and campus jobs. Shahin was able to help them in an individual capacity by sharing resource links and contacts.

3. Treasurer-

- a) In this first grant review period - 4 grants were approved.

4. Historian -

- a) Brittany will be sending LCC's details to Akash to update the GSA website.
- b) Achala and Kara will follow up with Akash about a few ideas for modifying the website for their committee.

B. OGSL -

1. Oca mocha is starting today and is prepped and ready for events and meetings.

C. GEARS -

1. Will be forming a committee for GEARS within the next 1-2 weeks.

D. GAAC -

1. Will be forming a committee for GAAC within the next week.

E. GSSC -

1. Will be forming a committee for GSSC within the next few weeks.

### **III. Business**

- A. Creating a remembrance/in-the-memory-of board for the late Alex Rittle. (Kylie Hoffman) -
  1. Kylie will be meeting with the Alex Rittle Remembrance Committee and will have an update about how to proceed with the Kudoboard/a remembrance/in-the-memory-of board for Alex. Akash will follow-up on behalf of the E-Council.
- B. Networking with nationwide graduate student organizations, development organizations, and corporations for future collaboration -
  1. We should try and reach out to other universities' GSAs and talk about what things work and what do not work for grad students, for out-reach, for bringing in funding etc.
  2. Motion to reach out to other GSAs of other universities was set and was passed. Following this, the President and Vice president will be communicating with their counterparts of other university GSAs and reporting back to the E-Council.

### **IV. Open Discussion**

- A. Reflection on Executive Council Meeting
- B. In person retreat at Pennsylvania (funded by Vairt) -
  1. Akash shared the poll results and the retreat will probably be planned for 18-19 September 2021.