

GSA Summer 2021 Executive Council Meeting

August 23, 2021

I. Check-In & Attendance

- A. In attendance: Ethan Post, Achala Denamage, Dawn Galindo, Joel Tyson, Ruchita Reddy Gudipati, Shahin Hossain, Kara Seidel, Brittany Evans, Masud Evans, Amy Cruz, Akash Vartak.

II. Reports

A. E-Council Members

1. President -
2. Vice President -
 - a) Reached out to 6 university GSAs and heard back from 2.
 - b) University Steering committee met - further discussion required on some policies.
 - c) Inclusion council recommendations will be shared by Shahin with the rest of ECouncil.
 - d) Senate meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of September at 6-8pm.
3. Treasurer - Grants Reviews panel met and approved 2 grants.
4. Historian -
 - a) Will coordinate with Amy to update the Grants page.
 - b) Will update the senators page.
 - c) Will update the website per Dawn's email.

B. GEARS

1. Unrelated to GEARS, Masud will work with Akash to develop a form that submits comments via a 'whiteboard'.

C. Legislative Concerns -

D. OGSL -

1. Ethan will coordinate with Akash and update the Graduate Student of the Week.

E. GEARS -

F. GAAC -

1. Finalized the committee members and got in touch with Isabel and Jeff Halverson about next steps.

G. GSSC -

III. Business

- A. Continued: Strategies to build relationships with alumni.
- B. Continued: Strategies to Reach out to all UMBC graduate students and listen to their voices. -
 1. Motion to table this to the next meeting was set and passed.
- C. Managing Retreat & Collaboration with Vairt CEO -

1. Shahin spoke with the CEO and whether Vairt will provide food and accommodation to upto 50 students

IV. Open Discussion

- A. Using Grant Funds for publication?