

GSA Summer 2021 Executive Council Meeting

August 30, 2021

I. Check-In & Attendance

- A. In attendance: Joel Tyson, Ruchita Reddy, Shahin Hossain, Ethan Post, Akash Vartak, Achala Denagamage, Dan Galindo, Zane Poffenberger, Amy Cruz, Ivan Perez, Britany Evans

II. Reports

A. E-Council Members

- 1. President -
- 2. Vice President -
 - a) Met with the President and Vice President of University of Baltimore. They are working on stipend equity and want to introduce relocation reimbursement for students. They are working with the university to improve transport and parking facilities and are actively working towards anti-racism not just 'no racism'. We can certainly introduce some of these things at UMBC.
 - b) Will meet with the GSA of John Hopkins soon.
 - c) Reached out to all senators to find if they have any questions or points to raise etc.
- 3. Treasurer -
 - a) Needs to prepare a presentation of the budget for the Senate meeting.
- 4. Historian -
 - a) Will coordinate with Amy to update the Grants page and with Britany to update the LCC website..
 - b) Will reach out to Roy about creating a new booking system for the writing advisor.

B. GEARS -

C. Legislative Concerns -

D. OGSL -

- 1. Ethan has received a few responses from students about Grad Student of the Week.

E. GAAC -

F. GSSC -

III. Business

A. Points of policy review.

- 1. GSSC is missing from the Points of Policy document for the AY 2021-2022.
- 2. Motion to table this for the next meeting was set and passed with majority.

- B. GSO deadline.
- C. Continued: Strategies to Reach out to all UMBC graduate students and listen to their voices.
 - 1. Slido can be potentially used to interact with grad students. It needs to have ways to protect student privacy. Akash will take a lead on this and try to investigate Slido's feasibility.
- D. Managing Retreat & Collaboration with Vairt CEO follow-up discussion.
 - 1. Shahin will be having a discussion with Jeff Halverson about having this as an official retreat under the GSA banner,

IV. Open Discussion

- A. First Senate meeting's agenda was discussed and modifications were made.
- B. Using Grant Funds for publication? -
 - 1. Tabled for next meeting's discussion.