

GSA Spring 2022 Executive Council Meeting

03 February, 2022

I. Check-In & Attendance

A. In attendance: Akash Vartak, Joel Tyson, Achala Denegamage, Amy Cruz, Brittany Evans, Dawn Galindo, Ethan Post, Janet Rutledge, Kara Seidel, Masud Ahmed, Maurice Roots, Zane Poffenberger.

II. Reports

A. E-Council Members

1. President -
2. Vice President -
3. Treasurer -
4. Historian -
 - a) The website has been moved to the new UMBC Theme.
 - b) Overtime, any kinks will be ruled out.
 - c) Currently looking into why the slideshow is not showing up/working.

B. GEARS -

C. Legislative Concerns -

D. OGSL -

E. GAAC -

F. GSSC -

III. Business

A. Review of GSA goals and tasks for the rest of the school year.

1. Executive Council initiatives and general GSA planning
2. Senate goals


GSA Spring 2022 Initiatives and Tasks

3. Goals:

- a) Regarding the issue of student transport from IAD to the campus when they first arrive in the USA. -
 - (1) It is a logistical nightmare and we discussed solutions and what can be and cannot be done.
 - (2) Follow-ups with all parties involved in the meeting shall be done.
- b) The Housing Committee -
 - (1) It was initiated in the Senate in the recent past.
 - (2) It is yet to get underway and shall begin soon.
 - (3) The objective of such a committee is to create a pool of resources, places, renting agencies,

localities, links etc so that any student can make a very informed decision about their housing. The committee will not actually look for housing for a particular student.

(4) Regarding GAAC -

- (a) The President will be meeting with the whole GAAC Committee to understand their work and their progresses.
 - c) Met and will meet again with the SGA to discuss the mental health needs and resources for the Undergrad and Grad students.
 - d) Trying to initiate the GSA Inclusion and Leadership training.
 - e) Graduate Student Mania preparations are underway and are being done by Kara and Achala.
 - f) Justice Practice training for the GSA to help make incidents like the past VP-related situations easier to handle and manage and become easier to deal with.
- B. Review of Events and Event planning for the rest of the school year.
-  GSA upcoming event calendar
- C. Selecting senators and discussion/vote on conducting interviews.
- D. Outlining vision/ tasks for the semester/ year

IV. Open Discussion

- A. Accountability of the E-Council members
- B. Constructive mutual criticism
- C. Janet explained the difference between the Graduate School Admins and the Graduate Council.
 - 1. The Graduate School is all of the graduate programs, the graduate students and the graduate faculty. The administrative office on the 2nd floor of the Admin Bldg is often referred to as the Graduate School but we are really the administrative offices of the broader Graduate School. The Graduate Council is the policy body of the broader Graduate School that reports to the Faculty Senate.

