

GSA Spring 2022 Executive Council Meeting

17 February, 2022

I. Check-In & Attendance

- A. In attendance: Akash Vartak, Joel Tyson, Achala Denagamage, Amy Cruz, Brittany Evans, Dawn Galindo, Ethan Post, Isabel Garrido, Jeffrey Halverson, Masud Ahmed, Nicole Telfer, Zane Poffenberger, Kara Seidel, Ruchita Reddy, Sandesh Ennakonda

II. Reports

A. E-Council Members

1. President -

- a) The presidential search committee has sent 4 candidates to the board of regents to interview. The search committee's duties have been completed barring any unusual circumstances. Without breaking anonymity, there **is** an absolutely fantastic forerunner that the entire committee hopes is selected, but all of the submitted candidates are highly qualified, dynamic individuals that would fit the position very well.
- b) The University Steering Committee (USC) is continuing plans for a Mental Health Awareness day. They have asked for some collaboration from GSA/GSSC. The USC has also been working to get more oversight on COVID policy by putting the new Vice Chair of the USC on the Covid Planning and Coordinating Committee. This Vice Chair will be elected soon, since the most recent vice chair stepped down.
- c) The graduate school has initiated a series of events aimed at addressing systemic racism and kyriarchy with a listening session for faculty and staff focused on microaggressions. Most graduate students have now seen the survey that has been sent out to get the student perspective on how microaggressions contribute to an exclusionary environment.
- d) Along with the SGA, we will be drafting a letter to Retriever Integrated Health listing student needs for mental health support, both short term and long term

2. Vice President -

3. Treasurer -

- a) GRP - 28 applications this period, our biggest this semester!

- b) EoF Committee - currently going through the budget to make it more accessible, and looking through the GRP database to look into who is getting funds
 - 4. Historian -
 - a) Added the slide show on the GSA website homepage (<https://gsa.umbc.edu/>).
 - b) Uploaded all the ECouncil Meeting Minutes on the website.
- B. GEARS -
- C. Legislative Concerns -
- D. OGSL -
- E. GAAC -
- F. GSSC -

III. Business

- A. Graduate Student Week
 - 1. Determine time/date of each event and places to hold events
 - 2. Scanners
 - a) Tabled for discussion for next week.
 - 3. April 4th, is the kickoff event - Meet and Greet with the Grad School; Free tshirt giveaway will be held and hope to get the skylight room.
 - 4. Skylight Room has been confirmed for GEARS on March 31, 2022.
 - 5. Grad Student Mania is being organized by GSSC
- B. Award Gala
 - 1. Determine Itinerary for event - include overview of GSA works this year?
 - 2. Nominations should be going out the 1st week in March
 - 3. Department Participation - 50 person limit for event
 - 4. Choose Awards (typically the Communications Manager will choose three and present at an E-Council Meeting) [Awards](#)
 - 5. Inform Grad School Leadership of time/date
 - a) 6pm to 8pm is looking to be the best time considering student classes and arrival of dignitaries.
 - b) Skylight Room has been confirmed for Awards gala on May 4, 2022.
- C. GAAC collective bargaining survey and options for getting those voices heard.

IV. Open Discussion

