

GSA Fall 2022

Executive Council Meeting Agenda

18 August 2022, 10 am (Meeting time for Fall 2022 may change)

This Meeting Will Be Recorded

I. Check-In & Attendance:

- Emily Shrope
- Ethan Post
- Geeta Shanbhag
- Dawn Galindo
- Zane
- Sahara
- Dr. Halversen
- Jennifer Artis

Business -

1. Met with President Valerie Sheares Ashby 8/15
 1. Priorities to address with President Sheares Ashby
 - a. Housing for Incoming Students
 - b. Come to Grad School Welcome Week (8/26)
 - She will be there! At 5 pm
 - c. Point of contact for GSA between RIH and Graduate School:
 - i. She is said she would look into this to see why RIH has not been able to assist GSA very much in the past. Similar response to GA stipends, is grateful to know it is an issue, and now needs to understand what/if the school is already trying to do
 - d. Issue of GA Stipends
 - i. She hears the issue, didn't have anything to add, but was glad we brought it to her attention. She says she needs to do some research to find out what is possible, and what the school is already doing about it
 - e. Get info on how on-campus jobs will be handled/surrounding jobs for the large wave of students-

these students may only be able to work on campus due to visas. Leadership going to think creatively adto come up with new jobs/jobs we had in the past

- i. Creative jobs with a higher skill level than what is usually available in terms of matching with skill sets

Reports

- **President [Ethan Post]**
 - Met with Elaine McDougall-- head of the Writing Center-- to discuss having another writing assistant in collaboration with ASC's Writing Lab.
 - Helps to remedy the overload in terms of work + another resource to get writing help
 - Weekend writing support-- helpful to a variety of graduate students' schedule
 - Using their scheduling system in terms of where grad students should go for assist.
 - Dr. Halverson thinks this is a good idea!
 - **Vice President [Emily Shrope]**
 - Co-VP- Uqqwupdates? Anyone interested? Reach out to the Senators
 - Help to off-shift the workload of Pres + VP to another Co-President in terms of assistance to current team
 - Reach out w/n networks and also within GSA Senate team to see
 - Emily will reach out to her own networks-- reach out for program-specific orientations?
 - Ethan: Is there a GPD meeting before the semester?-- No
 - a) Is there a mailing list of some sort? → use this to reach out to GPDs about this matter
 - Dawn: we are attending the Welcome Day event on Friday (3-6 PM) on the 26th for new grad students
 - 29th: international students event
 - Following Monday's programming is more GA-centric
 - We will have hand-out materials + swag at the event (EXTRA TSHIRTS!)
 - Dr. Halverson + Ms. Artis will be doing some work re: the GA handbook
- **Treasurer [Anuja Yawar]**
- **Historian [Geeta Shanbhag]**

- To Do
 - a) Update Shared Governance Committee Page with our current Committees and members
 - b) Update GSO Contact, GEARS Committee, GSSC, OGSL
 - c) Check in w/ Sahara re: GAAC updates needed!
 - Updated E-Council Page with new iteration of E-Council & GSA Senate page too

- **GAAC [Sahara Ali]**
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 - In progress: Shortlisted 4 students from 48 applicants who responded→ CAHSS (2) and COEIT (2) and will finalize 3 from them today
 - In progress: Preps for in-person GA/TA training with PROMISE - Aug 29th → plan is to GAAC have open the session and later will progress into breakout groups (GAs as graders, discussion sessions, lab experience, etc.). Essentially pairing newer GAs with existing GAs to have a Q&A session
 - Todo: get in touch with GSSC to have GAAC representation at GS-Fest
 - Todo: update GAAC webpage with Geeta's assistance- after committee members, etc. all at once
 - Slides as part of the presentation need to be updated-- Dr. Halverson -- Sahara is flexible in terms of the agenda and progression of agenda items (who should go first, etc. in terms of flow)
 - a) Essentially help clarify who is doing what in the actual session on the 29th

- **GSSC (Kara Seidel and Emily Faber)**
 - WAG Kickoff Meeting
 - a) Will be sending -GSA leadership the option to host WAGs.
 - b) Wag Kick-Off Meeting Date?
 - How can GAAC have representation at GS Fest? -- follow up on this

- **GEARS**
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- **OGSL**
 - Added today by Ethan after Dawn's request

- **LC [Zane Poffenberger]**

- Candidate forum that's being hosted cross- department at the end of Sept. 29th (Candidates in Our Backyard)
 - a) Coordinated by Leslie Krueger of Steering Committee and Oca Mocha → debate forum with direct, local representatives (State Reps, local county council members, etc.)
 - b) Student groups tabling in order to introduce themselves
 - c) Food!
 - d) Graduate student engagement needs to be encouraged and help be present as a population in UMBC civic life
- Meeting with Center of Democracy and Civil Life
 - a) Meet & Greet with State Delegates during session time in terms of grad student interest for specific bills
 - b) UMD Student Council meetings-- Joel mentioned during transition → Ethan will reach out to Joel T. to clarify this
 - c) SAGE (?) → Zane will reach out to clarify this aspect

IV. Open Discussion

- **Add OGSL to the GSA minutes going forward**
- **Interviewing Committee Meeting with GSA Advisor later today afternoon**
- **Community Liaison GAship-- > interest high since its a federal work study position**
 - **2 candidates who will be further vetted by Dawn who are eligible for it**
- **Dawn: should we host a virtual meeting with Grad Student Association and our services and resources to help connect incoming grad students**
- **committee lists update & their budgets need to be finalized→ Dawn**
- **Standardize points to the policy re: eligibility for committee**
- **Zane: what does the budgeting process look like?**
 - **Anuja will coordinate how this is submitted by all chairs by the beginning of the academic year**
 - **Dawn can help with this→ its on the Google Drive under Budgets**