

GSA Fall 2022

Executive Council Meeting Agenda

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

This Meeting Will Be Recorded

I. Check-In & Attendance:

- Anoosha Fayyaz
- Ethan Post
- Jennifer Artis
- Dawn Galindo
- Anuja Yawar
- Zane Poffenberger
- Emily Faber

Business -

1. Please Select the Day of the Week and time that works best for you for Fall 2022 Executive Council Meetings**
<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bW7nr4Ob>
 - a. Will be a hybrid option? → still ironing out details re: whether one option will be a once a month meeting
 - b. If it's showing up with multiple weeks as options to chose→ please choose only the week of August 29th through September 1st (pick the date and time option that works best for you per week)
 - c. Preferred day of the week for E-Council Meeting: Monday mornings at 10 AM→ Ethan will send out calendar invites.
2. Designate rep to meet with Bruce Herman for grad students specifically
 - a. Emily F. and Kara S. will “tag-team” this position to see what works best
3. Add Graduate Student Committee Budgets to Drive → need these all as the semester begins to open next week
 - a. Zane's question re: the budget for LC committee; Dawn stated that it can be in any form as long as it doesn't go past what the Graduate Senate approved
 - b. Dawn as the point person for uploading these onto the Google Drive
 - i. GSSC- Kara and Emily
 - ii. GEARS- Amina
 - iii. GAAC- Anoosha and Sahara

- iv. LC- Zane
- v. Remove Achala from the website on her committee
- 4. Co-Vice Presidency: Are the governing documents updated before we open up the possibility of a Co-VP election?
 - a. Are we confident in the materials we have now?
 - i. Bylaws haven't been updated so there needs to be a meeting
 - ii. President and VP independence in this → by next meeting this should be starting!
 - iii. Afternoon on the 6th- special E-Council bylaws meeting (how to write legalese?)
 - iv. Getting Legal Affairs directly involved in this meeting (contact: Cbris Tkacik in Legal once we have document ready for review)
 - v. Jennifer- look @ bylaws previously and have a concrete idea about what needs to be kept and what needs to be changed → realistically it will take more than an hour and most likely a couple of sessions
 - vi. Zane: maybe brainstorm and then check with Legal?
 - vii. Anoosha: go thru bylaws themselves before having a joint meeting
 - viii. Roy Prouty and Adam Harvey-> Ethan may reach out to Roy to check-in on by-laws
 - b. Ethan reached out to GPDs to do outreach for this
 - c. Jennifer-- realistically this can only happen in SP2023

Reports

- **President [Ethan Post]**
 - Flyers for Welcome Day → made updates to flyers that will be handed out; GSSC flyer with resources on it (does GSSC have a logo? Emily and Kara will play around this)
 - Contact list for GSA committees Fall2022?--> will update the website with this updated contact list that was provided on this page & Dawn's email
 - The Graduate Student Action Network (@GradAction on Twitter) is a new coalition of graduate students from across the country that is trying to lobby for social change through collective action.-
 - **Currently, the Graduate Student Action Network is organizing a Day of Student Action on Oct 6, where students will leave**

their classrooms/labs and gather on campus in solidarity to 1) demand federal protection of fundamental rights to abortion and gender-affirming care; 2) get educated on how to access abortion; 3) sign a petition demanding specific (legal) support from the University; 4) and get registered to vote. Learn more about the Day of Action [here](#), see FAQ [here](#), and sign up to get involved [here](#) or email the GSAN co-chair Rachael (rkuintzl@caltech.edu who is copied here) for more info. Their next coalition-wide meeting to discuss Day of Action planning progress and loop in new participants is scheduled for **September 2nd at 2:30pm PT / 5:30pm ET: <https://caltech.zoom.us/j/85686132976>**. If someone from your group can attend, please reserve it on your calendar!

Day of event → October 6th

- **Vice President [Emily Shrope] → Emily not here to give update**
 - Welcome Day event on Friday (3-6 PM) on the 26th for new grad students
 - 29th: international students' event
- **Treasurer [Anuja Yawar]**
 - GRP Meeting Dates (once or twice a month?) To be discussed with E-council meeting on 25th August. → one meeting per month; talked with Amy Cruz to finalize it
 - Anuja can make changes to policies but budget will have to be expanded if they deserve more compensation with an additional meeting per month
 - a) 2 hour meeting split into 1 hour twice a month- meetings
 - b) Zane: how does two meetings a month work? Approval would happen once a month with that structure
 - c) Anuja: suggest a hierarchy of some kind of grants being reviewed? → discuss with other members to figure out what works for everyone
 - GRP Committee Members? Reaching out to Senators for selecting a member for GRP. → need new members (e.g. two members from each department)
 - a) Anuja: reached out to Emily for clarification on whether she wants to serve on the committee

- GRP final meet up for the month the following week.
- Getting a room for these GRP meetings if they're in-person → preCOVID, was done in a smaller room at the Commons
 - a) Hosting in the GSA office but would have to be when the writing advisor isn't working
 - b) Zane and/or Community Liaison would be able to help with this and look into this
- Rooms: Senate meeting being held... reserved in the UC building and → Zane will send an update re: which room the Senate meeting will be happening in
- Dawn and Zane will meet with Sarah → past treasurers sent information to GRP committee members before 15th and would review “problem” applications so to say in-person
- Anuja: check with GRP members to see what would work
- **Historian [Geeta Shanbhag]**
 - Update on the Updates
 - a) Update Shared Governance Committee Page with our current Committees and members → continuing to do
 - b) Update GSO Contact, GEARS Committee, GSSC, OGSL → GSO contact page updated; working to update all other info!
 - c) Check-in w/ Sahara re: GAAC updates needed!-- > completed, she'll loop back to me]
- **GAAC [Anoosha Fayyaz & Sahara Ali]**
 - Updates? In progress: Shortlisted 4 students from 48 applicants who responded → CAHSS (2) and COEIT (2) and will finalize 3 from them today to receive equal representation
 - a) Selected 3 committee members: CAHSS (1) and COEIT (2)
 - Updates? In progress: Preps for in-person GA/TA training with PROMISE - Monday 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
 - a) All set for the event on Aug 29th
 - b) Next event coming on Sept 7th, in collaboration with PROMISE
 - c) PROMISE asked for GAAC logo to be present on the event
 - Updates? Todo: get in touch with GSSC to have GAAC representation at GS-Fest
 - a) Still pending

- Updates? Todo: update GAAC webpage with Geeta's assistance- after committee members, etc. all at once
 - a) Anoosha will gather details from newly selected committee members. Will share them with Geeta once we have them.
 - GSA Events Calendar and Venue bookings. (September)
 - a) How to book rooms for the events? → 25 Live process with community liaison once that position is filled (hopefully will be filled by next week)
 - b) Zane: will submit these events for September to make sure it happens ASAP
 - Will work with GSSC to see how they can contribute to tabling event in Oct.
 - **GSSC (Kara Seidel and Emily Faber)**
 - Emily will send invites for meetings; she just finalized this with Kara
 - WAG Kickoff Meeting for Planning Purposes event dates
 - a) Tuesday, September 13th at 6pm
 - b) Monday, September 19th at 5:30pm
 - c) Wednesday, September 21st at 6pm
 - **GEARS**
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 - **OGSL**
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 - **LC [Zane Poffenberger]**
 - Forum for local candidates
 - Chamber of Commerce in Catonsville, Democracy and Civic Life→ inviting GEARS, GAAC, etc. to table and show what grad students are doing at UMBC
 - How to get grad students involved in the local civic process
 - SAGE and University System of Maryland Council Meetings → he's

IV. Open Discussion

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