

## GSA Fall 2022

### Executive Council Meeting Agenda

Monday the 6th, September 2022, 10:30 am

**This Meeting Will Be Recorded**

#### I. Check-In & Attendance:

- Dawn Galindo
- Jeffrey Halverson
- Emily Shrope
- Geeta Shanbhag
- Anuja Yawar
- Sahara Ali
- Ethan Post
- Emily Faber
- Jennifer Artis

#### Business -

1. Representative for both the Classroom Committee and IT Steering Committee is needed
  - a. Classroom Committee→ Classroom accessibility (technology especially) and it works properly for all students
  - b. IT Steering→ technology outside of the classroom? myUMBC, etc. and the resources that are utilized outside of the classroom
  - c. No set meeting times yet but Samantha Drummond is looking for GSA representative

#### Reports

- **President [Ethan Post]**
  - Need Delegate to Serve on Cal Tech Day of Action → graduate students working to promote activism re: gender-related issues (abortion, etc.)
  - logistics /planning stage especially across universities especially in conservative areas
  - Do We at GSA want to join in/promote this leaving class in solidarity?

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](mailto: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

- Dining Advisory Committee needs representation
  - Zane is interested in serving on the committee → he will be the point person for folks interested in becoming involved
  - [Gathering on the Green: A Community Building Cookout](#).  
September 10, 4-7 p.m. Green space at the corner of Linden Ave. and Shelbourne Rd. → community event near the green area near the Poplar Ave. entrance (near Linden Ave.)
    - GSA Booth. Volunteers wanted. Would love to have everyone in attendance. → will be run by Senators to see if anyone is available for this to table for GSA
    - Free food, music, games, children's activities, cornhole tournament, and more.
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- **Vice President [Emily Shrope]**
    - Joined Climate Action Steering Committee of the USC
      - a) "[The Climate Action Steering Committee](#), CASC, is the university body charged with UMBC's response to climate change. The CASC is currently comprised of the following workgroups: Academics & Engagement, Energy, Landscape Stewardship, Resilience, Transportation, and Waste" → initiative of UMBC to get to carbon net 0 by 2050
      - b) Emily S. has just started working on the initiatives started within the committee (and Emily F. suggested emailing "Ryan" re: any questions folks have about the committee business)
      - c) Working groups that any student can join:
        - (1) *Academics, Engagement, and Outreach*
        - (2) *Climate Resilience*

- (3) *Energy*
- (4) *Transportation*
- (5) *Waste*
- (6) *Landscape Stewardship Committee (Affiliated with CASC)*

d) If anyone is interested to join any of the above working groups, Emily S. will be able to connect GSA folks to relevant parties

○ **Treasurer [Anuja Yawar]**

- GRP Committee Members - approached senator members - got positive response from all of them - **To Do** - have to set up meeting with Dawn and Ethan for discussing budget for GRP committee members (e.g. how many members can be included, etc.)
- Anuja has read the notes that she has so far
- Meeting with Jameer Robinson (New Community Liaison) and Dawn to help Jameer know how three of us will work together.
- GRP meeting timings - GRP members decided to have 2 shorts meeting twice a month instead of having one long meeting. In person meetings? - Waiting for update from Zane - thinking of having one meeting in person.
- Airport pick up for the graduate students (question for Ethan specifically) - charged - why ? - We have a section for transportation in budget 23 - ???
  - a) Neither Dawn nor Ethan have information on this specific → if there is roll-over money, can that be used to pay for the airport transportation this year
  - b) Dawn: doesn't believe that it was discussed for using it this summer → rec'd help for a \$700 expense for a van to pick up students
  - c) Ethan: we may want to reinstitute that?
  - d) Separate space for incoming student fund within budget-- Anuja
  - e) Dawn: can't recall any requests made for the summer (though in the past help was given)
  - f) Anuja, Ethan and Dawn will meet to sort out this-- to help out incoming students who are coming from the airport for transportation
  - g) Dawn: we need to offer the same

○ **Historian [Geeta Shanbhag]**

- Website: awards tab, Grad Student of the Week, etc. all has been updated
- Updated the website with the e-council committee members and information
- Waiting on Writing Advisor and Community Liaison updates for the website

- E-Council Minutes for SU2022 updated on the Drive and on the website
  - Email me re: any other updates needed to the website→ Ethan will update me with Shared Governance committees and GAAC has some updates that I will work on for the website
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- **GAAC [Anoosha Fayyaz & Sahara Ali]**
  - Successfully conducted an in-person GA/TA training with PROMISE and Grad School.
    - a) More than 150 students showed up.
  - Conducting another Webinar on getting GAs with PROMISE this week - 09/07
  - Sent committee member details to Geeta for the GAAC webpage→ Geeta will follow up on this.
  - [Todo] Plan for a town hall for GAs to get an early start to the CB Bill.
    - a) Targeting mid October onwards to disseminate as much information as possible
  - [Todo] Get confirmation from Ethan on 25live room [reservations](#).
    - a) Tentative events lists that GAAC has
    - b) Sahara: Make this combined list from all committees; Zane would be the point-person for the reservations
    - c) Dawn: Ethan created a master list that was sent to Zane→ Zane will be able to confirm where/which spaces these events are happening
      - (1) Sahara: rooms needed for the Town Halls (GA/TA training had a lot more folks so there is a higher amount of people who will likely attend
- **GSSC (Kara Seidel and Emily Faber)**
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- **GEARS**
  - Will have the members finalized by end of the week
  - Start weekly gears meeting (hopefully in person) from next week
  - Will wait on clarification on room allocations to decide the date for trivia night/gears orientation.
- **OGSL**
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- **LC [Zane Poffenberger]**

#### IV. Open Discussion

- **Travel-Pre Approval** - webex meeting - may be for one hour - explaining to students how it takes place.