

GSA Fall 2022

Executive Council Meeting Agenda

October, the 24th, 2022, 10:00 am

This Meeting Will Be Recorded

I. Check-In & Attendance:

- Sahara Ali
- Emily Faber
- Emily Shrope
- Ethan Post
- Jameer Robinson
- Aminah Amjad
- Kara Seidel
- Amy Cruz
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II. Open Discussion

- Funding for GSO's: we should make a general guideline for the things/events that GSA will grant funding for, as well as what we will not fund. Have been getting some requests for funding, so to streamline process, it would be helpful to flesh this out in advance
 - Added on Dawn Suggest two requests for funds
 - Center for Women and Tech
 - Not something we are going to fund because they are a not a GSO, but BGSO could request the funds from us and be a co-sponsor.
 - Math department bake sale. Students wondering what the process is. Dawn suggests creating a formalized list.
 - If there are a GSO, we can directly fund them, of an event, we can help them put on the event—as long as it directly supports grad students
 - Ethan posted CWIT workshop, and will post it to discord. Will put out blurb to about bake sale too when the time comes
 - Emily F: wonders if its a side effect of strange funding situation. GSO's are confused by the new system? Maybe they don't know if they have money

- Emily doesn't know when the system changed, now GSO have to apply for funding, before they were just given funds.
- Amy: there is not a set amount for each GSOs, but they do keep track of how much each GSO requests.
- Amy, Anjua, Dawn can work on making a list

III. Reports

- **Treasurer [Amy Cruz]**
- GRP - new members training on Oct 26, 2022
- Preparing budget presentation with Amy for Senate meeting.
- **Historian [Geeta Shanbhag]**

GAAC [Anoosha Fayyaz & Sahara Ali]

- Meet & Confer Town Hall - 10/21
 - a) 75 survey responses
 - b) 15 in-person attendees
 - c) 7 online attendees
- Town hall on friday for meet and confer
 - a) A lot of concerns were heard
 - b) Vice provost associate vice provost and associate dean were there (there were there for the 1st half hour)
 - c) The questions were raw and hit on the issue
 - d) Unexpectedly it went well
 - e) Kara: is it still a meet and confer if admistraitraors aren't there (referring to the fact that they left halfway through). Sahara: these town halls are like a pre-meet and confer. The deans had internally opted to show, but even if they did not come, it still would have been a good town hall. The real meet and confer is 11/2
 - f) We will sent out action items list to GPDs for the november meeting
 - g) Maybe have a specific meeting to create this list of action items
 - h) GAAC will be writing a report based on the concerns from the town hall and survey
- Meet & Confer meeting with Deans - 11/02
 - a) Hope that this one will be a success as well

- b) Thinks that grad school deans are not aware of the problems that grad assistant are facing (especially in regards to delayed paycheck. Janet had no idea in the meet and confer town hall that that was an issue)
 - A lot of revamping needs to be done on the GAAC webpage.
- **GSSC (Kara Seidel and Emily Faber)**
 - **WAGS** - streamlined the process a bit
 - a) They have kicked off
 - b) One group is meeting in person, but most are using discord. They are meeting each other and seems to be going well. Emily F may try to write some code for next year because the sorting takes so long
 - Another transit meeting requested
 - Had a GS fest debrief - plan going forward
 - a) Had a meeting with Jeff and Jennifer
 - b) Will plan most of it in the spring, so they can just run it in october next year
 - c) Trying to figure out how to expand communication, especially for international students
 - d) Many international grad students don't know about GSA
 - e) Pres SA responded to thank you note about GS fest.. Awe very sweet
 - Met with DPS
 - a) They are really cool, met with Josh Fash (?)--coordinator for student success
 - b) They have grad students, but they are not part of the grad school
 - c) Kara said that GSA and GSSC can help advertise
 - d) Thinking about collaborations and keeping open the lines of communication
 - They (Emily F) have another meeting today with transit people. Not sure what they (transit people) want out of the meeting. Emily F will ask about the survey and if they used the results of the survey or if they did anything will the survey results
- **GEARS (Aminah Amjad)**
 - Still waiting for update on room bookings
 - Committee working on Trivia Night round

- Hold on registrations and food etc cause of room confirmation
- “I won’t be able to speak today cause in the transit and it is really noisy 😊GEARS update is slow cause of working with room booking and also, in contact with Career Office about the CV/Interview/Cover letter workshop. But no definite answers yet” note from the chat
- **OGSL**
 - Writing Advisor: not here today
 - Community Liaison: “don’t know what happened but many of the gsa spaces are booked that were added to the spreadsheet if there are anymore events just add them there so I can book in 25live” note from chat. Will have to rebook some things
 - Communications Manager: no updates. Restarted Grad student of the week, wednesdays
- **LC [Zane Poffenberger]**
 - Not here today
- **President [Ethan Post]**
 - Election 2022 is almost here, with early voting in Maryland beginning this Thursday, October 27.
 - We have developed a [social media toolkit](#) members of the UMBC community can use to share information about election-related actions, deadlines, and events (including the November 1, 2022
 - To promote voting and making voting more accessible
 - [Change Makers Dinner](#) from 5 - 7 p.m.). Please use the materials in the toolkit to encourage students to “cast their whole votes” in Election 2022.
 - As part of the Cast Your Whole Vote campaign, we would love to see people at UMBC post photos of themselves dropping their ballots in the box with the hashtag #CastYourWholeVoteUMBC (see the attached photo for an example).
 - If you are making in your vote, use the box on campus, and take a photo and use hashtag
 - [CWIT SC Professional Development Workshop · CWIT Student Council · myUMBC](#) Nov 10th
 - Remaining action items they are looking for assistance with:
 - minimal decor (purple)

- raising \$1000 to cover costs such as food (catered dinner from Chartwells), raffled book prizes, speaker fee, room booking costs, and printout
 - Could be a request for funds from BGSO
- **GSO: Product Managers of Future Club** No current GSO addressing the concern of aspiring product managers from various departments like Software Engineering, Engineering Management, Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering etc.
 - New GSO request. For their field, is like a job fair. Spans several departments
- Nancy Young hasn't
 - About support for bylaws. Hasn't heard back from department about legal aspect of the proposed bylaw changes
- **Town Halls:**
 - Virtually all have been scheduled for this semester

Program	Date	Time	Location
CNMS	10/27	12	Virtual
GAAC	10/21	11-12	ITE 229
CAHSS	11/7	530-7	
Non Academic	11/15	1:30	

- **Vice President [Emily Shrope]**
 - [Here](#) is the presentation on the budget breakdown from the USC meeting on 10/14
 - Sent an email to BGSO in regards to requesting funds to be a sponsor for the CWIT workshop, no response yet
 - Greening the GSA office supplies?
 - [Sustainability Center | Staples](#)
 - Ask Lydia Stamato, she might have advice on good products
 - Committees for senators
 - Lydia Stamato can take Emily S's spot on the Climate action steering committee

- MMax can join the REACH committee for retriever essentials. Jessica is the last one who needs a committee

-Kara: Multiple senators are feeling unhappy with the senate meetings, especially the emergency meeting

-some senators feel that e-council is disorganized.

-Ethan: The senators own the meetings, but maybe they don't fully realize that. We can send out a little blurb reminding them about robert's rules

-Can we get a list of links sent out to the senators about what is discussed in the meetings?

-Next senate meetings, one of the next points of action will be to approved a senate speaker position

-We need to hold more people's feet to the fire in terms of attendance.

-We need accountability measures. Strike system?

-Maybe the bylaws need to have more accountability standards

IV. Adjourn (@ 10:59)