

GSA Fall 2022

Executive Council Meeting Agenda

October the 3rd, September 2022, 10:00 am

This Meeting Will Be Recorded

I. Check-In & Attendance:

- Anuja Yawar
- Ethan Post
- Emily Shrope
- Jeffrey Halverson
- Michele Berry
- Emily Faber
- Jennifer Artis
- Geeta Shanbhag
- Anoosha Fayyaz
- Zane Poffenberger
- Aminah Amjad
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Business - commenced at 10:05 AM

- Emily S. taking lead of the meeting as Ethan P. is not feeling well today
- Not much new business today

Reports

- **Treasurer [Anuja Yawar]**
 - Need to introduce Asst. Treasurer when conferring with Ethan and Dawn
 - Discussed roles and responsibilities with Amy Cruz (Assistant Treasurer) that they will be sharing
 - Hopefully we will be able to finalize GRP committee by the end of this week. → potentially splitting the responsibilities for this role
 - Question for Ethan- flow chart that we discussed in previous meeting has to be made before the Senator meeting? Are we presenting the flow chart in that meeting?

gauge the current understanding of students and potential problem areas in the understanding of the bill

- a) not sure if they have a room for this and not quite sure where they stand with this on planning
 - b) Who should she ask for the room situation to be resolved?
 - c) Zane: ISLB classroom → UC 115 B will be confirmed as the room for this event since there will be food served
- Planning our participation in GS fest → in planning stages
 - Sent the survey on transit issue → Anoosha will coordinate with Sahara to rec' final numbers
 - Question: for GAAC, how do they schedule meetings with administration in terms of looping GAAC?
 - a) Meet and confer with admin. 2X a year (Dr. Rutledge, Dr Halverson, Jennifer, GAAC and the admin as a whole)
 - b) Jennifer and Dr. Halverson will reach out to start this process
 - c) Letter to the president→ has it been sent out?
 - (1) Emily S-- still working on it; Emily F.-- wants to go in with ideas that are sustainable and feasible
 - (2) Letter and ideas handout as a joint package
 - (3) Dr Janet R. was @ a transit meeting→ waiting for updates on that issue
 - (4) Anoosha-- wants to be looped into this letter
 - (5) Dr. H will remind Dr. R to loop back on the transit meeting
- **GSSC (Kara Seidel and Emily Faber)**
 - Senator and IGSO leader Tahereh Hematian Pour Fard will be providing information as to how students could support and receive support regarding the women of Iran. -Ethan
 - a) How this can be happening during GS fest→ petition info, letter of solidarity
 - b) Adding this to the GSA table as well? → add things about Ukraine and how to get help/get involved
 - c) We can point people to where they could get involved civically

- d) Senate Meeting this week; GS Fest in 10 days → help iron out the last couple details for that
 - Going through planning last minute stuff for GS fest
 - a) Charmery→ ice cream sandwiches will get ironed out so they can have them there
 - b) Dawn & Shannon & Jennifer→ payment request needs to be initiated and is working on that
 - WAGs are being matched and is really popular and will keep growing
 - Met with the “J club” last week with the transit meeting and working on letter/information together
- **GEARS (Aminah Amjad)**
 - GEARS Committee was finalized last week
 - First meeting was held virtually last week and a date and time for trivia night was decided.--> Ethan joined and Dawn was planning on it as well
 - Flyers, etc. is in the preliminary stages
 - Will be reserving room accordingly→ in-person will require registrations in advance (last years' was really fun!)
 - Planning about the GS Fest table- a few ideas have been thrown out for this (Pakistan floods and other natural disasters can be highlighted at that as well)
- **OGSL**
 - Writing Advisor- Michele
 - a) Nothing to report
 - Community Liaison- Jameer is out sick today
 - a) Nothing (N/A)
 - Communications Manager
 - a) Will be posting the Mental Health Monday (online resources that will be shared weekly) and information on tutors needed for STEM subjects will be shared by Emily S. to Ethan P.
- **LC [Zane Poffenberger]**
 - Candidates in Our Backyard event was a well attended event (GSA, SGA, Center for Democracy and Civic Life, Chamber of Commerce and multiple other stakeholders)
 - I was able to speak with Delegate Ruth (UMBC representative in MD House of Del.) who publicly support the GA right to collective bargain bill on stage (she found this interesting and is in support of it)--> is a good resource and would be good to stay looped in with

- forum → Zane was the timekeeper
 - Election Night Extravaganza will be happening on election day
 - On the 8th → SGA + CFDCL collaboration
 - Food events, activities that will take place
 - Will loop Geeta in about how to update the website for voter registration
 - Emily S→ how to see if she's an MD resident?
 - Zane→ if you live in MD, pay tax here, license---> could use Social Security number (?)
 - She may have to go in person but Emily F did it online during the pandemic
 - Will reach out to UMD and other graduate students to coordinate efforts for lobbying.
 - Anoosha + Sahara will be having town hall with Zane providing context
 - UMD has talking points about what the bill can do and its potential impact
 - Will develop a list of bills of interest so that GSA can vote to support, write testimony and coordinate students to go to Annapolis
 - Will want to coordinate whether GSA will want to be involved in testimony writing and how to organize transportation for spring session
 - A UMD student wanted to get involved in drafting legislation alongside Zane et al. for the upcoming session to do collective bargaining
 - They will reach out to coordinate this on their end and Zane P. will also follow up on this too
- **President [Ethan Post]**
 - **October Senate Meeting Agenda 2022 Oct 6th**
 - Is there anything that ECouncil members want to add to this agenda before the meeting on Thursday?
 - Unity within ECouncil to get this into a vote of some kind
 - Work to make sure that this is clear before going into the meeting
 - Emily S→ will GSA have the budget to add all 6 of these roles into the fold?
 - Timeline for these positions (next semester, etc.)--> urgent ones added now? → Emily S will reach out to Anuja and Dawn to see what can be done and set up a meeting

- Hypothetically, if everything else worked out, would the Senate be willing to pass funding for this?
 - Dr H→ will the budget be able to sustain this over a longer period of time (more of a surplus this year because of the additional people who matriculated)
- Support in Solidarity of Iran and Ukraine (provide resources and info at GS Fest as probably mentioned earlier. Senate wants to be involved in this (Lydia Stamato and Tahara specifically reached out)
 - Do we as GSA want to do this?
 - Emily S→ we should coordinate this too to join into a larger conversation
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- **Vice President [Emily Shrope]**
 - All [university steering committees](#) have a gsa representative
 - Find contacts for the committee to connect with GSA folks who are representing
 - Ethan, myself, and several e-council folks had an Informative meeting with Janet Rutledge about the letter to President Sheares Ashby
 - Last Thursday the 29th
 - UMBC cannot run Retriever Essentials→ pay staff and donate space in school but would have to track in order to count towards financial aid package
 - Good meeting with Dr. R and having her as a stakeholder for GSA's position on this
 - Working on poster for temporary group being created for the video

IV. Open Discussion

- Zane: follow up meeting after letter sent to Dr. Ashby?
 - Introductory memo to the letter→ what we will be discussing in detail
 - basic/brief agenda for what will be discussed
 - A more robust outline will be sent after the initial meeting incorporated into meeting minutes; to provide an aid in describing GSA issues
 - Following up with other stakeholders after the meeting? What do you as Transit and RE see on their ends and any ways that they could help in the short term

- Emily F-- controlling the narrative re: the letter composed so that people don't think that we're going over peoples heads
 - Emily S → people know the issues and have used channels in place but haven't received adequate response
 - Dr H→ Jennifer and him will send notes about Dr. R's notes on transit meeting
- Dr. H→ no followup/follow through to the planned walkout→ Emily S suggested that some messaging is sent out and Ethan P wanted to see if we could do something at GS fest for mobilization
- Anoosha: adding ad hoc GAAC committee creation → adding this to the Senate Meeting Agenda
- hanging/lingering points re: letter
 - Will be another round of draft edits on the letter
- Kara: clarification re: committee things
 - University steering committees→ Lydia Stamato
 - Ethan P→ will Kara be wanting to serve again
 - Dawn (Kara's GA supervisor) → Kara was moved off committee that she's been on for 2 years
 - Miscommunication issue according to Ethan P
 - Both ECouncil and Senators can join on the U.S.Cs
 - Kara doesn't make the rules for the committees
 - And how this USC coincides with the work that Kara is doing GSSC and related to her GA-ship work
 - Emily S→ this was a miscommunication re: who exactly is doing the work as the GSA rep