

## GSA Fall 2022

### Executive Council Meeting Agenda

Monday the 18th, September 2022, 10:00 am

**This Meeting Will Be Recorded**

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

- Anuja Yawar
- Ethan Post
- Jameer Robinson
- Jeffrey Halverson
- Sahara Ali
- Emily Faber
- Zane Poffenberger
- Emily Shrope
- Michele Berry
- Aminah Amjad
- Kara Seidel

#### Business -

- Housing Emergency-
  - Kara: At PROMISE event last week, Yara informed Kara and Emily F about an international student (Master's) who had not been able to secure permanent housing due to loan issue. She no longer has housing. Kara informed Jeff and Jennifer. With a lot of back and forth, they now have a place in Walker.
  - The larger issue here is housing stability for grad students.
  - No open beds on campus is a safety issue.
  - Jeff shared that at a leadership retreat with the Deans the next day this topic came up and the consensus was that a flowchart/process needs to be created. Jill Barr especially had interest.
  - Zane shared that from what he has heard from ISs, they would not recommend other ISs come to UMBC after their own experiences and the support that has been offered here.
  - Ethan: price range is also an issue, as well as accessible housing along the bus routes. UMB offered spots in

on-campus housing but the deadline was over the summer and only a few students applied.

- Kara: GSA should be a part of the larger administration conversation.
- Ethan: Echoing last week - we should have an International Committee in GSA
  - Kara: This could put a lot of pressure on one committee, and we already have GAAC
  - Emily S: maybe we need a liaison (would also put a lot of pressure on one person)
  - Kara: We could add a person to GSSC
  - Sahara: Doesn't think we need a permanent committee or one person but an ad hoc committee at the beginning of fall and spring semester.
  - Emily F: If we were to do a position, it could be a VP of International Affairs so that that person was paid extra.
  - Kara: It should be a Student Affairs person.
  - Jeff shared that it is something that is being worked on. This would be something that needs to be worked on as coming out of the GSA budget like Dawn's position.

## Reports

- **President [Ethan Post]**
  - Diversity Initiative Video
    - Emily S.any updates? Heard interest from Omkar, but no one else
    - Emily S: has not heard from anyone but has reached out to Omkar. Hoping to figure out next steps this week.
  - Oct 6 [Graduate Student Action Network](#) (GSAN)
    - [Meeting Minutes](#)
    - If you are creating a student petition at your school (**strongly** recommended), you should ideally be preparing to start collecting signatures very soon. ([Bank of example petition items](#) in the resources folder.) If you want feedback on your petition, post a draft in Discord and request folks to look it over.
    - **Please thoroughly read these [DEI recommendations](#) provided by the GSAN DEI committee for ensuring your event is inclusive and accessible.** If you have additional ideas, please add comments.

- Any word from Mike in events planning? - Jeff took note
- Covid Protocol Coordinating Committee (CPCC) looking for a GSA representative. This can mean a senator if the Senate approves adding it to the available committees.
  - Ethan will bring up at the next Senate meeting
- **Vice President [Emily Shrope]**
  - Sherman Scholars' Reach Together Tutoring Program (RTTP) looking for Math tutors - elementary and middle school level
    - Any UMBC student is eligible- spread the word
    - Minimum 3 hr commitment a week, \$18/hr
  - Discussion about what should count for fulfilling the Committee requirement for senators
    - Senators should have option to choose Standing Committee or GSA Committee
  - USC will need volunteers for Homecoming Carnival (Oct 15)
- **Treasurer [Anuja Yawar]**
  - GRP budget: Meeting with Jennifer and Dawn on Sep 26, 2022
  - Question to Zane: Space for GRP meeting?
    - Need to know: how many people, what room, dates/times
- **Historian [Geeta Shanbhag]**
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- **GAAC [Anoosha Fayyaz & Sahara Ali]**
  - Planning in progress for the Collective Bargaining Bill Townhall
    - a) Target Oct 21st
    - b) Invite Legislative Concerns Committee to the CBB planning

-Zane will join to add input

- c) How to form ad-hoc committees?

-Ethan: you would propose to Senate and they would approve. He will add to Senate agenda.

-Ethan suggested working with UMD on how to talk to the Provost about this, although Zane mentioned that UMD had similar resistance. But it would be good to have all MD university systems connected on this issue.

- Ethan will put Sahara in touch with someone who was in that meeting with the University systems.

- Question for Dawn: How do we request funds for a Committee event?

Zane: depends what the items are. For food, P-card. But this is a question for Dawn.

- Question for GSSC: Any assistance needed in GS Fest? - Yes
  - a) How to set up a table for GAAC?
- **GSSC (Kara Seidel and Emily Faber)**
  - GS Fest Updates
    - Writing Advisor and Community Liaison should have a table-OGSL table
    - Oct 12, 3:30 - 6:30
  - WAGs! -  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeY50Brb4OgAoFD-J5JJiRXcpy9NcEX5yijnAgQQp0MlvBbYw/viewform>
- **GEARS**
  - Sign- Up sheet just shared. What positions still need to be filled, still considering all posts though have a few options in my mind, will finalise by wednesday
  - Will meet Dawn soon and draw up a plan for GEARS weekly meeting (in person most prob)
  - Working on Trivia night (want to know room booking details?)
- **OGSL**
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- **LC [Zane Poffenberger]**
  - Meeting with Center for Democracy and Civic Life to plan Election Night Extravaganza and voter registration
  - Attended SAGE meeting, got feedback on GA collective bargaining bill
  - Candidates in our Backyard event on September 29th, 6:30pm in the RAC

#### IV. Open Discussion

- Kara: is GSA allowed to run a food drive? - A from Ethan: believes so, because even though it would be open to all students it would be graduate student adjacent.
- Jeff: details on the Oct 6 walkout
  - Ethan: timing would be around noon. Will send Jeff more information on the event.
  - Kara to Jeff: should students or GSA members be concerned about repercussions. A from Jeff: if you are a GA and it interferes with your duties, you should have a conversation with your supervisor.