

# GSA Fall 2023

## August Senate Meeting

22 August, 2023 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

### I. Attendance [5 minutes]

- A. In attendance: Joel Tyson, Payton Barry, Achala Denagamage, Akash Vartak, Alexi Scheiber, Aminah Amjad, Arya Honraopatil, Atharva Puranik, Charles Waters, Daniel Douglas, Dawn Galindo, Deevyesh Deepak Upadhyaya, Emily Faber, Grace De Oro, Gurpreet Kaur Saluja, Hannah Seppala, Harshal Chauhan, Jackson Tucker, Jennifer Artis, Jessica Burstrem, Kara Seidel, Nirandi Jayasinghe, Ravi Sharma, Ridwan Islam Sifat, Sayali Satish Dhavale, Sreevikas Edukulla, Zach Nichols
- B. Roll call and Quorum, as of starting the meeting (Secretary) - Quorum requirement 66%. Quorum present = 16/16
- C. Meeting called to order at (President): 1:05 PM
- D. Meeting agenda approved with Yes = 16

### II. Land Acknowledgement:

UMBC was established upon the land of the Piscataway and Susquehannock peoples. Over time, citizens of many more Indigenous nations have come to reside in this region. We humbly offer our respect to all past, present, and future Indigenous people connected to this place.

### III. Old Business [15 minutes]

- A. GRP Chair (Charlie)
  - 1. Charlie introduced Achala and his recommendation of Achala for the position of the GRP Chair.
  - 2. Achala then presented her pitch for the position.
  - 3. Motion to vote in Achala as the GRP Chair:
    - a) Raised by Alexi Acheiber
    - b) Seconded by Jackson Tucker
    - c) Motion passes with Yes = 16, No = 0.
    - d) Achala is now instated as the GRP Chair.

### IV. New Business [60 minutes]

- A. Senate Speaker Position (Grace)



1. Each of the following candidates had 5 minutes to pitch their nomination for the Speaker position.
    - a) Gurpreet Kaur Saluja
    - b) Atharva Puranik
    - c) Deevyeshdeepak Upadhyaya
    - d) Arya Honraopatil
  2. Following the speeches, GSA ECouncil and Senate members posed questions to the candidates.
    - a) Q1: What do you plan to manage your duties as a Speaker? As additional responsibilities with graduate studies, graduate assistantships and other senator duties.
    - b) Q2: What are the most important pressing issues for the graduate students today?
  3. Voting will happen in September. Between now and then, constituents and senators can reach out to these candidates to get in touch with them and get to know them.
- B. Bylaws Updates (Jessica) mails: [Proposed Bylaws Changes August 2023](#)
1. Issues with bylaws crop up with respect to clarity and accuracy.
  2. Some issues relate to missing information.
  3. Motion to hear all the bylaws changes and vote on them in bulk at the end.
    - a) Raised by Deevyesh, seconded by Arya.
    - b) Motion passes by Yes = 16. All updates and changes will be review first before voting on any of them.
  4. Proposed changes are for sections: 1.1, 2.3.1, 2.4, 6.3, 8.2.1 (proposed addition), 2.2, 2.5.2, 3.1, 5.1, 7.1
  5. Voting took place for these changes, as a whole.
  6. The vote resulted in Yes = 15, No = 1 and these changes were approved.

## V. Announcements [30 minutes]

- A. Monthly Senate Meetings. The following When2Meet should be filled out by GSA members only (ECouncil and Senate) <https://www.when2meet.com/?20951460-2caHq> (meetings are scheduled for the second week of each month).
- B. Important Dates:
  1. Grad School Welcome Day August 25th
  2. Taco Tuesday <https://my3.my.umbc.edu/groups/gsa/events/119554>
  3. Mandatory Retreat Sep 14, 2023 - You should have received a calendar invite.



VI. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn

