

GSA Fall 2023

Cabinet of the GSA Meeting

07 September, 2023

I. Attendance

- A. In attendance: Jennifer Artis, Dawn Galindo, Charlie Waters, Grace De Oro, Akash Vartak, Jessica Burstrem
- B. Meeting called to order at (President): 11:33am

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. Business

- A. Review [Senate Meeting Agenda](#)
- B. Retreat September 14th UC 312
 - 1. The agenda for the retreat is currently in the process of being drafted.
- C. Senate Speaker Election:
 - 1. The Senate Speaker election will be held in the September Senate meeting - Monday September 11, 2023 between 11:00am - 1:00pm.
 - 2. The election will be held by closed ballot via a Google form and the Secretary will announce the results when tallied.
 - 3. The Speaker will also be informed of their first big responsibility of the year: being a part of the Search Committee for the first ever Vice President of University Communications and Marketing for UMBC.
- D. Town Hall Expectations
 - 1. Senators of each college are required to have 3 town halls in the school year .
 - 2. The GSA is open to creative events at the town halls.
 - 3. The date of first Town Hall needs to be finalized by each senator group by 30th September, 2023 and then approximate dates (the



intended week/month is sufficient at this point) of the 2nd and 3rd townhall need to be notified by 31st October, 2023.

4. Senators will be recommend to contact GPDs and GPCs to spread the news of the town halls. Also, a post will be published on myUMBC (ask Nia to post).
5. Senators are expected to have and agenda for the town halls and take attendance (send to Dawn afterward).
6. Budget for town halls is set at \$200 (food/ room reservations/ door prize/bookstore gift card)

E. Graduate Student Week Planning / Ideas

1. Meet and Mingle with GSA representatives and Admin
 - a) Want Fireside as the first choice of venue. 2nd choice is the commons terrace and 3rd choice is Main street.
 - b) We can have a T-shirt giveaway.
 - c) Need to stamp hands to ensure only the GRAD students attend.
2. Other possible ideas for GSW were also floated and are currently being discussed.

F. GSO Idea - Tiers / Room Reservations

G. Search Committee for the first ever Vice President of University Communications and Marketing

H. Points of Policy

1. Akash will look into the Bylaws or POP to check and update when the GSO needs to renew/register themselves with the GSA.
 - a) Deadline is fall but spring is better.
2. Expectations for GSOs until GSO Committee can take over
 - a) Officer election outcomes communication
 - b) Governing documents – have them, follow them, submit them to GSA Cabinet when updated.
 - c) Event dates

I. Taco Tuesdays - Notes

1. People are eager to attend GSA events and also asked whether students can rent out/use flat tuesdays.
2. More reminders about the events prior to the event, incl. a few days before the event will improve turnout.
3. Attendance was better than expected and thus ran out of food - could have had about 20 more servings; Would recommend more than one drink per expected attendee
4. Everyone loved the food and the concept.



5. Gave out t-shirts and reusable sustainable cutlery.
6. Students want more social hangout in-person events.

IV. Announcements

A. Grad Student Space Updates

1. Need to ask Mike Suica to put out a GPC survey about space on agenda ahead of time.
2. Fireside Lounge would make sense

B. BookStore Gift Card Updates

1. The bookstore will now be sending gift cards via the students campus card. The information is below:
 - a) You would need to conduct the raffle/giveaway event first and then let us know the winners. We will need the name and student ID for each winner or recipient. The gift card will be attached to their student ID# as opposed to a random non-secure gift card#.
 - b) To initiate the process for any gift card orders for your department just send Michele and I (in case one of us is out) an email letting us know how many gift cards you're planning on giving away and amounts. We can use the request email which should also include the chart string you want used to purchase the gift cards. This would be sufficient for us to do the transaction without you ever needing to come to the Bookstore. We'd then send you a copy of the receipt for your department records.

C. OGSL Contacts

1. Jameer - GSA email with "ATTN Community Liaison" as the subject
2. Nia - gsa@umbc.edu.
3. Ben Marino - gsawa@umbc.edu.

D. DC United game on October 14

V. Adjourn

- A. Meeting ended at

