

# GSA Fall 2023

## Executive Council of the GSA Meeting

28 September, 2023

### I. Attendance

- A. In attendance: Felipe Munoz Castillo, Achala Denagamage, Akash Vartak, Aminah Amjad, Atharva Puranik, Ben Marino, Charles Waters, Daniel Douglas, Dawn Galindo, Emily Faber, Jameer Robinson, Jennifer Artis, Jessica Burstrem, Kara Seidel
- B. Meeting called to order at (President, Jessica presided over the meeting in absence of the President): 11.33AM
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
  - 1. motioned to approve.
    - a) seconded the motion.
    - b) Motion passed with
- D. Meeting agenda approval
  - 1. motioned to approve.
    - a) seconded the motion.
    - b) Motion passed with

### 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. Updates

- A. President:
  - 1. Felipe Munoz Castillo - wanted to chat about a LGBTQIA+ community/ GSO for Grad Students (I thought this would be a good space to chat with all of you about that)
    - a) Felipe expressed interest in applying for and creating a LGBTQIA+ GSO.
  - 2. As of today (9/27) I haven't gotten any updates from Senators about their Town Hall dates.



- a) They were emailed on 9/19 and a reminder on 9/25
- b) Atharva will take over communications on this issue. And ensure that other senator groups send over their town hall dates.

B. GAAC:

1. GAAC email recovery: waiting response from Dawn.
2. Tentative GA town hall dates: October and November 3rd week
3. Proposed GAAC/GEARS event possibility check: “Interdisciplinary Leaders Mixer” (Aminah will talk on behalf of Nirandi) We need to clarify some things about the scope before we plan it out.

C. GSSC:

1. GS Fest:
  - a) We are sending out a sign up for senators - we need all hands on deck
  - b) UC Ballroom - 10/11 4-6 pm, but the invites say 3:30-6 pm. We asked everyone to come set up between 3:30-3:45 pm and stay until 6 pm
  - c) Using it to announce Grad Student Success Series
  - d) Bingo - GSA Bingo and prizes
  - e) Our committee members will be point people on the day of.
2. WAGS
3. We want to do a town hall at some point

D. GEARS:

1. Proposed GAAC/GEARS event possibility check: “Interdisciplinary Leaders Mixer”
2. The website is being updated and the poster for each event is underway as we have received confirmations for most of our events.
3. Scott Morgan is being contacted to confirm all dates for his pre 3MT sessions.
4. A meeting is being scheduled for next for collaboration with GSO for Ideathon.

E. Legislative Concerns

F. GRP

1. Emails were sent to CAHSS and CNMS senators to get more members on board

G. Equity of Funds

H. OGSL



#### IV. New Business

- A. GSOs didn't re-register but are requesting event scheduling anyway.
  - 1. GSOs may not be aware that GSO registration is required.
  - 2. However this year, these issues of GSOs not being registered will go away as GSA starts sending check-in/reminder emails to GSOs.
  - 3. GSOs can request university and GSA resources only if they are registered, active GSOs.

#### V. Old Business

- A. Reminder: [Points of Policy](#) – need E-Council comments by EoD today.
- B. Reminder: [USM Religious Accommodations Policy](#) – need your comments before next USMSC meeting on 8 Oct

#### VI. Important Dates

- A. 16 May 2024: GSA Awards Gala – save the date

#### VII. General Information

##### A. GSA Contacts:

- 1. **President:** Grace De Oro, ([gsapresident@umbc.edu](mailto:gsapresident@umbc.edu))
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#### VIII. Adjourn

