

GSA Fall 2023

Executive Council of the GSA Meeting

12 October, 2023

I. Attendance

- A. In attendance: Achala Denagamage, Akash Vartak, Aminah Amjad, Atharva Puranik, Charles Waters, Daniel Douglas, Emily Faber, Grace De Oro, Jennifer Artis, Jessica Burstrem, Kara Seidel, Nirandi Jayasinghe
- B. Meeting called to order at (President): 11:34AM

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:
- B. Secretary:
 - 1. All pending GSA website updates have been completed:
 - a) LCC information has been updated
- C. GAAC:
 - 1. M&C Town Hall [link](#)
 - 2. Post your questions [here](#).
- D. GSSC:
 - 1. GS Fest was an amazing success. Had a lot of attendees who actively engaged and explored the various tables.
 - 2. [GS Success Series](#)
 - 3. Attendees loved the swag and all organizer tables resonated that attendees showed enthusiastic interaction.
- E. GEARS:
 - 1. Two events end of this month, one in collaboration with PMC (GSO)
 - 2. Will send out registration forms out Monday.
- F. Legislative Concerns
 - 1. Finishing Governing Documents.



2. The LC Committee has met for the first time. Deevyesh and JT are committee members. Ben Marcus is also on the committee.
3. Looking to review the Strategic Planning Survey, to better understand the demographics of the student population to better understand who we are representing. Did not receive any feedback on potential legislative issues that students had at GS Fest, with only two people showing interest in LC.
4. LC first Town Hall will be (11/17).
5. Will be meeting with the VP of Government Relations and Community Affairs, Candance Dodson-Reed, today.
6. Will be present to represent GSA at future events with Center for Democracy and Civil Life: Change Markers Dinner (10/24) and Changing Maryland (11/16).
7. Scheduling a future meeting to discuss with GAAC over cooperation over CBB

G. GRP

1. GRP is looking into streamlining the review process and updating some information on the website.

H. Equity of Funds

1. EOF committee had its first meeting where we briefly discussed what we plan to do. We are still looking for CNMS committee members. We have a next meeting scheduled on Oct 20th where we will finalize the agenda.

I. OGSL

IV. New Business

A. Community Liaison Position Description (Emily Faber)

1. Community Liaison should have website access.
2. Update job description of CL with specific duties and accesses like website and certain pages.
3. Job description changes will take effect next year.

B. Emailing GRP Awards (Grace De Oro)

C. Student Regent Selection Committee (Grace De Oro)

D. Graduate Council Meeting Thursday, November 2 - 2:00 – 4:00pm

1. Need someone to attend on behalf of Jessica and Grace.
2. Aminah will be attending with Kara as her back-up. Jennifer will provide all information to the GSA rep (either Aminah or Kara) about all major GSA updates.



V. Announcements

A. From the Office of the President:

1. For any orders or requests we would normally send to Dawn please send to Jennifer and keep in mind a 14 Business Days ahead of time

VI. General Information

A. GSA Contacts:

1. **President:** Grace De Oro, (gsapresident@umbc.edu)
2. **Vice president:** Jessica Burstrem, (gsavicepresident@umbc.edu)
3. **Treasurer:** Charlie Waters, (gsatreasurer@umbc.edu)
4. **Secretary:** Akash Vartak, (gsasecretary@umbc.edu)

B. OGSL Contacts

1. **Community Liaison:** Jameer Robinson, (gsa@umbc.edu with "ATTN Community Liaison" as the subject)
2. **Communications Manager:** Nia Staples, (gsa@umbc.edu)
3. **Writing Advisor:** Ben Marino, (gsawa@umbc.edu)

VII. Adjourn

