

GSA Spring 2024

Executive Council of the GSA Meeting

02 April, 2024

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
- B. Meeting called to order at (President): 1:06 PM

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

- A. GSA Awards <https://gsa.umbc.edu/gsa-awards/>
 - 1. Google form to submit award nominations: <https://forms.gle/2uv6hDBYoiTd7Ru28>
 - 2. Jennifer will be looking into when and from where to get the awards. Awards could be either plaque or a certificate or a memento of sorts.

IV. New Business

- A. Senate meeting schedule? (Atharva Puranik)
 - 1. Budget Update/ Approval (Charlie Waters)
 - a) ECouncil Election meeting is on April 11th - the "Elections Senate Meeting"
 - 2. During the last Senate meeting, the budget approval will take place.
- B. Election updates - go over the responses please (Akash)
 - 1. Sent out emails to confirm nominations of Senatorship and we received nearly all the confirmations.
 - 2. We are considering only the confirmations received before March 31 11PM.
 - 3. Confirmed nominees for Senate elections:



- a) COEIT: 10
 - b) CAHSS: 1
 - c) CNMS: 4
 - d) SA: 11
4. Jessica has been sent the list for clearing the students from the Grad school's 'good standing perspective'.
 5. Total nominees for ECouncil elections:
 - a) President: 11
 - b) Vice president:9
 - c) Treasurer: 8
 - d) Secretary: 7
 - e) GAAC: 13
 - f) GEARS: 13
 - g) GSSC: 14
 - h) LCC: 8
 - i) GRP: 8
 - j) EoFC: 8
 6. Election committee can possibly send emails to EC nominees to run for senate - yet to be decided.
 7. For candidates that will not be present in-person during the elections meeting, there are a few options.
 - a) One of the options is to allow video taping of speeches. This can possibly be extended to all candidates; Which would allow more time for discussions and deliberations during the elections meeting.
 - b) Other options involve the elections committee to meet up and come up with a practical and fair solution for recorded participants to be able to answer questions.

V. Updates

- A. GAAC
 1. Graduate School GPD/GPC Meeting on 10th of April.
- B. GSSC
- C. GEARS
- D. Legislative Concerns
- E. GRP
- F. Equity of Funds:
- G. Strategic Planning



VI. Important Dates

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VII. General Information

A. GSA Contacts:

1. **President:** Grace De Oro, (gsapresident@umbc.edu)
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VIII. Adjourn

