

# GSA Spring 2024

## Executive Council of the GSA Meeting

05 March, 2024

### I. Attendance

- A. In attendance: Achala Denagamage, Akash Vartak, Aminah Amjad, Atharva Puranik, Charles Waters, Emily Faber, Jennifer Artis, Jessica Burstrem, Kara Seidel, Grace De Oro
- B. Meeting called to order at (President): 1:04 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. New Business

- A. Election Updates (Akash)
  - 1. Election committee now has 4 total members who will be working on election related work.
  - 2. Will meet on an as-needed basis.
  - 3. Senate nominations have opened up.
  - 4. Thank you Grace for beautifying the myUMBC post and adding relevant and necessary information for Senate nominations.
  - 5. Next few important dates to keep in mind are:
    - a) March 15 - ECouncil nominations open
    - b) March 25 - Senatorship nominations close

### IV. Updates

- A. GAAC
- B. GSSC
  - 1. Event on March 14th about Imposter Syndrome
  - 2. Research Symposium and 3MT on April 4
  - 3. We have stepped back from doing the wellness survey - it is happening via OHP



4. Trying to meet with Dr. Kersh to lay out agenda and priorities when GSA switches over to student affairs

C. GEARS

D. Legislative Concerns

1. Andrea Kalfoglou, of Public Health, is looking for both undergraduate and graduate students who are looking to testify in support of the [SNAP Expansion Bill](#) (international graduate students are excluded from SNAP benefits).
2. This Thursday, March 7, 2024 is when LCC Chair will be providing testimony for the Collective Bargaining Bill
3. Annapolis Student Day, led by OGRCA, has been moved to a later date. Email implied that there was “overwhelming support”, so likely they’re going to expand the number who are able to attend.

E. GRP

F. Equity of Funds:

G. Strategic Planning

1. Working on Senate and ECouncil elections. See update above.

V. Important Dates

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VI. General Information

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VII. Adjourn

