

# GSA Spring 2024

## May Senate Meeting

01 May, 2024 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm

### I. Attendance [~10 minutes]

- A. In attendance: Achala Denagamage, Akash Vartak, Alexi Scheiber, Aminah Amjad, Atharva Puranik (alternate for Ravi), Charles Waters, Deevyesh Deepak Upadhyaya (alternate for Dan, Emily Faber, Grace De Oro, Hannah Seppala, Harshal Chauhan (alternate for Gurpreet), Jackson Tucker, Jennifer Artis, Kara Seidel, Nirandi Jayasinghe, Ridwan Islam Sifat, Sayali Satish Dhavale (alternate for Arya), Sreevikas Edukulla, Zach Nichols
- B. Meeting called to order by Secretary, in absence of Senate Speaker (Akash): 1:06 pm
- C. Approval of [March Senate Meeting Minutes](#):
  - 1. Atharva motioned to approve.
    - a) Hannah seconded the motion.
    - b) Motion passed unanimously
    - c) Minutes have been approved.
- D. Meeting agenda approval:
  - 1. Atharva motioned to approve.
    - a) Sayali seconded the motion.
    - b) Motion passed unanimously
    - c) Agenda has been approved.

### II. Land Acknowledgement: [~5 minutes]

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. Incoming Senate Approval [~20 minutes]
  - 1. Votes casted: 583
  - 2. Voter share distribution:
    - a) From COEIT: 540



- b) From CAHSS: 25
- c) From CNMS: 18

3. Results:

a) Student Affairs Senators:

- (1) Sarthak Tavate (28.7%)
- (2) Soham Katkar (23.7%)
- (3) Aijaz (22.2%)
- (4) Rashmi Shekade (19.1%)

b) COEIT Senators:

- (1) Ashok Sai Doredla (28.9%)
- (2) Yash Soni (26.9%)
- (3) Vishal Deshmukh (25.6%)
- (4) Mrunal Jadhav (25.1%)

c) CAHSS Senators:

- (1) Xixellonje Nebihu (87.5%)
- (2) Dane Galloway (37.5%)
- (3) Umesh Sharma (29.2%)
- (4) Iran Maria Razcon Echeagaray (29.2%)  
(She reached out with her unwillingness to bear the responsibility)
- (5) Jackson Tucker (25%)

d) CNMS Senators:

- (1) Pragya Singh (64.7%)
- (2) Ahmat Kaan Aydin (47.1%)
- (3) Bo Liu (41.2%)
- (4) Hannah Seppala (35.3%)

4. Atharva motioned to approve the new Senate.

- a) Sayali seconded the motion.
- b) Motion passed unanimously
- c) The new incoming Senate for AY 2024-2025 has been approved.
- d) **Congratulations to the elected Senators.**

B. E-Council Nominations for the position of Treasurer, GAAC Chair and LCC Chair. [~5 minutes]

- 1. Only 1 of the many GAAC Chair nominees is a current GA and as such satisfies the requirement of the GAAC Chair needing to be a current GC.
  - a) This candidate wins unopposed.



2. Akash shared a document containing the photos and bios of nominees for Treasurer and LCC Chair and a google form to vote for the nominees.
  3. Based on the information provided, senators should cast your vote.
  4. If you need to discuss anything with the group, we can always use Google Chat group.
- C. Budget Approval (Charlie) [~40 minutes]
1. Charlie gave an overview of the changes to the budget format.
  2. Following this, he explained the various tabs in the budget sheet.
  3. Charlie also went over the breakdown per category and project in the budget.
  4. Atharva motioned to approve the new budget.
    - a) Sayali seconded the motion.
    - b) Motion passed unanimously
    - c) The new Budget has been approved and will be sent ahead to the University officials.

#### IV. Announcements

- A. Graduation Cords to be given at Gala on May 16th.
- B. This is the last senate meeting of the year.
- C. Thank you to everyone in the GSA and students and members of the the Grad School for your cooperation, time and dedication towards discussing the graduate student issues/concerns.**

#### V. Important Dates

- A. GSA Awards Gala
  1. In UC Ballroom on May 16th @ 4 PM to 7 PM

#### VI. Adjourn

- A. Motion to adjourn was set.
  1. Motion passed unanimously
  2. Meeting was adjourned

