

GSA Fall 2022

Executive Council Meeting Agenda


November, the 28th, 2022, 10:00 am

This Meeting Will NOT Be Recorded

I. Check-In & Attendance:

- **Jameer Robinson, Ethan Post, Kara Seidel, Grace De Oro, Jennifer Artis, Dawin Galindo, Emily Shrope, Emily Faber, Sahara Ali, Anuja Yawar, Zane Poffenberger, Aminah Amjad, Michele Berry, Geeta Shanbhag**

II. Open Discussion

- [Plan of Organization](#) for the University Steering Committee (USC)
 - Does this still represent the GSA? (pt number 4)
 - Noted to make some edits within the doc
- Can Dawn provide us an update on stipends (Grace)?
 - Shannon Mize processes payment for those on payroll, she does not have a date yet for stipend payments. Dawn will send an email as soon as she has the info. Payment requests will be entered this week and take 6-8 weeks (this is for those not on payroll).w
-  December 2022 GSA Senate Meeting
 - Suggestions or comments can go to Grace
 - Kara: process for Senate agenda? What should go in bylaws?
 - Emily: will do the E-council, Grace will be in charge of Senate agenda
- Scholarship for BGSO- Let's vote (one yay, one abstain, 2 nays)
 - Dawn will reach back out and make sure they know that they will be able to fundraise on their own
 - ShRemily → why do our initiatives have to be open to all students (or we need to clarify/further discuss this)
 - Inclusionary → can become exclusionary at one point
 - Intentionality re: values that we are holding
 - Funding given them will be directed to specific individual grad students for their education - Grace

- Students aren't specifically choosing to donate to grad students whom they do not know (GSA as stewards of communal grad school money)
 - Family → the athletic fees as a counterpoint
 - Ethan: individual students versus the collective group of students
 - ShRemily → historic lack of access to resources for Black grad students → will this engage more students with GSOs
 - Grace → voting no on behalf of the senate
 - Kara: A non-refundable Athletic and Recreation fee supports inter-collegiate athletics and recreation including club sports, intramurals, fitness programs and open facility usage.
 - Grace- this will eventually become a line item (and some grad students cannot afford their own fees)
 - Opt-in as a fee? → a scholarship fee?
 - We're doing alot here and this may be something that we can't take on (pushing folks towards Retriever Scholars)
 - We should work to support them -- Grace; matching fees towards a scholarship funded by the org in question
 - ShRemily -- wants to take this specifically to the Senate
 - Working on value statements for the GSA website
 - There's a big responsibility in deciding where this money will go → Ethan thinks that this may not be the best way for

GSA to take on in this specific way (this may be more of a grad school-level)

- - Dawn met with Jeff and Jennifer and both are opposed for a few reasons
 - Grad funds should be used for initiatives where all are invited. BGSO are more than welcome to fundraise on their own for a scholarship fund.
 - Tabling at Winter Wonderland - Welcome Week Event (Grace) - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEj ICviYlo0-4CNftCbenohSUgLiXdTEFTIM4kxwnHBAm2Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
 - Friday, February 10, 2023 from 4-9 p.m on the North Lawn and in the Library area. We are looking for departments to table from 4 - 5:30 p.m.,
 - Suggestion by Grace
 - Lack of involvement fest – even though GSA Fest is run by GSSC
 - Especially since there won't be a similar event in the Winter
 - Grace is open to being the contact person reppin GSA → and we can showcase that we serve as a “home” for grad students who will be at the event
 - Are other folks interested?
 - Kara is open to helping
 - Good exposure for grad school reaching out to undergrads interested in continuing education at UMBC
 - Tabling near SGA + a space heater
 - Funds: do we have something in the budget?- Grace to Dawn
 - Dawn: Do graduate students attend this?
 - Kara: they will be more likely to be involved
 - Ethan: is this only for undergraduate students?
 - Grace: Winter Welcome Week as a new thing → Campus life and student affairs
 - We as an org are just showing up → and it seems like they'd have a tough time putting grad students off from joining events
 - They should do more for grad students → Kara
 - Ethan: some chatter re: events being held for undergraduates being “run over” by grad students taking all the give aways
 - Possibilities for this event?
 - There's a rain/snow location/date set up
- International Student Connect Club GSA

- Meet with Jameer first
- Its the overall messaging behind their GSA: Ethan
- ShRemily and Student Affairs had a meeting re: how to handle something similar to this
 - Regular name: being a Christian org
 - It's written in the full name but not the "proper name"
- FEmily-- they're being facetious → they want to be a Christian club but not say it in that way (Easter as a "American" holiday)
 - They are acting as a Christian club
 - Ethan: they're intention is to subvert messaging
- Grace will hold down the fort-- re: the time, and hold their feet to the fire re: how they handle questions at the Senate meeting
 - No space for advisors to talk → Grace will make sure that only the students will have space to talk
- Grace can provide support at the meeting with Jameer → so that the Senate has as much information as possible
- Be aware of personal emotions in this → Jennifer will hold down the fort about this being a student led initiative
- Will there be a broader apology from Nancy→ prob not according to Jennifer A
 - Understanding with how to best work through this situation and mostly letting Nancy be
- Second annual GSA Winter Dinner! (Kara & FEmily)
 - Picking a date for hanging out, getting food with GSA folks → Joel, committee members, GSA ECouncil, Senate, etc.
 - Friday after classes end? -- the 16th of December or December 9th
 - Dec 9th seems to be the more popular date
 - Family + Kara will spearhead sending out emails for this
 - Chef Paulinos you go up to pay -> vote no for State Fair for some more people
 - Kara will begin figuring this out → 5:30 at Ellicott City at Palapaalozas
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III. Reports

- **Treasurer [Anuja Yawar] + Asst. Treasurer [Amy Cruz]**
- **Historian [Geeta Shanbhag]**
 - Catching up with website related emails
- **GAAC [Anoosha Fayyaz & Sahara Ali]**
 - Continued meeting with Dr Rutledge on Meet & Confer. - today at 11am.
 - a)
 - Question for Zane: What exact delay have Res life students faced in paychecks?
 - a) Zane will follow up on this with Anoosha and Sahara
 - (1) Got a working fund check eventually at the end of the semester even though he was on payroll
 - *believes that the issue started with SBS not being responsive to the department*
 - Research office within Grad school - Is there going to be a position in Students Affairs specifically for grad students?
 - a) Was there discussion about student affairs having a grad student representative?
 - b) Doing research for grad students in specific within the GSA → we discussed briefly but only in broad strokes (we have to still come up with the position for roles/responsibilities)
 - c) Dawn: taking on ALOT-- will be able to help in figuring out roles for this role
 - d) Ethan: is aware of a position description that may have aspects of what this had in the past
- **GSSC [Kara Seidel and Emily Faber]**
 - Winter Dinner Friday Dec 9th. Kara will send out invite to senators, e-council and committee members. Group bonding time
- **OGSL**
 - **Comm. Manager- Ethan P.**
 - **Writing Advisor - Michele Berry**
 - **Comm. Liaison- Jameer**
- **LC [Zane Poffenberger]**
 - Will be sending out email for working group about reviewing GSA policies
- **Senate Speaker [Grace De Oro]**
 - Virtual Office Hours
<https://calendar.app.google/VtM6TG6AkWFrAubRA>
 - GSO's coming to the December Meeting have been emailed

- Group Norms <https://forms.gle/RP8dJS6gU4nxQScU6>
 - a) Everyone who is a visitor needs to fill out this form or they cannot attend the meeting
 - b) Invited Matt Hoffman to come to senate meeting. Works in i3b in charge of religious groups across campus. Not sure if he will attend or not
- **President [Ethan Post]**
 - EKTA Increase in event attendance; can they event ppl outside of UMBC- What are GSOs for?
 - Dawn is confused about EKTA and their request
 - Zane is forming a working group, same as mentioned above, to flesh out what GSA wants GSOs for
- **Vice President [Emily Shrope]**
 - Senator Stipends: reviewed
 - Only one senator received less than the full amount
 - Still working on blurb
 - Co-chairs, send me a list of your responsibilities!
 - Note from Aminah: from Akash, suggests that people on GRP and on the EoF committee are different. There should not be overlapping members

IV. Adjourn @ 11:11am