

## GSA Senate Meeting

Feb 9, 2023

10 am- 12 pm

[Meeting will be recorded]

[Meeting Link](#)

### 1. Attendance and check-in: [10ins]

- Introductions
- Jessica Burstrem
- Charlie Waters
- Ethan Post
- Candi Y
- Kara s
- Omkar
- Grace
- Emily F
- Dawn
- Janerra Allen
- Jeff Halverson
- Jennifer Artis
- Lydia Sannella
- Lydia Stamato
- MAx Aifer
- Taylor West
- Welcome - Candi Yenchenko (CNMS Senator) & Jaeed Bin Saif (Historian)
- Amy C
- Emily S (came @10:45)

### 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.

### 3. Group Norms <https://forms.gle/RP8dJS6gU4nxQScU6> [10mins]

### 3. Old Business: [20 mins] -- Yes we have quorum 11/16.

- [Equity of Funds Committee](#) Motion: to establish the committee
  - 11 yea / 0 nay
  - Motion to vote for Jessica and Omkar as Co-chairs
  - 9 yea / 2 abstain / 0 nay
- Budget (Amy and Anuja)- postponed until next meeting
- [Bylaws vote](#)—room for questions

### 4. New Business: [<60 mins]

- **Reminder-** If there is a concern with the performance of any member of the GSA Senate or E-council **removal by vote** is outlined in the bylaws. Please look under Section 4 when addressing senators and section 5 for e-council. (Grace)  
<https://gsa.umbc.edu/government/bylaws/>
  - [Senator Bylaws – Graduate Student Association - UMBCeer evaluation form \(draft\)](#)
  - Twice a year and self evaluation - Janerra
  - The evaluation would be for the 3 other senator in your group/college
  - Should there be a self-evaluation?
  - Do we want the form to be anonymous?
  - Equity of funds can look at this - Omkar

Motion to table discussion on Senator Evaluations- Omkar 2nd- Charlie

- [Updated Plan of Organization](#) (University Steering Committee) (Emily S)
  - [this is a chart](#) that nicely lays out what changes have been made throughout the document overall
  - Jessica B - Move to table the vote so that we can have proper documents access 2nd Charlie/ Emily F
- Email Liverse? Or myUMBC
  - What are Rules on liverses? Get with the grad school
  - Motion to vote :(Taylor) - to have conversations to begin to develop a liverse where students can opt-in and opt out
  - 11 yea
- Revamping the GSO approval process
  - [Rubric](#)

Think about an addition of Ground rules -omkar

Rubric to make an informed decision?

- [Initial list of questions for GSOs](#)
- [Togetherall](#), write you concerns here by 2.16
  - Emily S. will be reaching out to Bruce Herman to share concerns

## 5. Reports and Open Discussion

### Open Discussion

- Winter Wonderland Tabling Event Friday, Feb 10th Begins at 4 pm
- In-person senate meeting this semester at some point?- out a poll
- Feedback from Retreat
  - Should it be yearly?
- Grad Student Week Event/Program Ideas (April 3rd - April 7th)
- Thoughts on graduation cords or sash for GSA e-council & Senators

### Reports

- **GSSC**
  - WAGs are happening - tomorrow is last day to sign up. Ideally, we would like to have one GSA member in each group. [Sign Up Here](#)
  - Working with Office of Health Promotion for community conversations - how to talk to advisors and how to navigate chronic illness in grad school
  - Grad Student Fest planning for the Fall
  - More to come!
- **GAAC**
  - Wednesday Wisdom - weekly posts
  - GA Mid Semester Meetup - first week of March
- **GEARS**
- **Legislative Concerns**
  - **HB 245 and SB 247 will be heard next week 2/14 and 2/16. Testimony will be presented to ask for a favorable report on the bill**
  - **If you are interested in testifying, you can use this [form](#)**
- **Historian**
- **OGSL**
- **Senate Speaker**

Open Office Hours - <https://calendar.app.google/AkpYXkNjYtGA65YS8>

- **President**
  - Retreat: thanks to all who came!

- **Vice President**
  - Gift card hold limit
    - Will only “hold” gift cards for the semester in which it was won
  - [When2meet strategic planning meeting](#), fill this out if you would want to be a part of this process
  - Looking into swag, what would folks want?
    - [Ethical swag](#) website
      - Socks
      - Stickers/patches
- **Treasurer**
  - We’ve been getting a lot of grant applications!
  - Fee Forum Wednesday February 15th at noon, Admin first floor lecture hall

## 6. Adjourn