

GSA Meeting Agenda

Date: May 3rd, 2023

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1. Welcome/Call to order:

Please put your full name and program in the Zoom chat so attendance can be taken!

For this meeting, please indicate whether you are the primary, alternate, or extra rep or a guest!

Theeb Alquria	Shemar Markley	Lakota Watson	Anna Wright	Linda-Jeann e Mack	Makenzy Mull
Cody Allen Lis	Avelina Hemingway	Megan Stemberger	Mashhood Wani	Khady Ouattara	Kasey Knopp
Christina McConnell	Sanjana Rao	Erika Ventura Castellon	Kylie Tomlin	Chia-Yun Hsu	Alexander Malyshev
Julie DiGirolamo	Adedola Adebamowo	Jeong-eun Park	Rebecca Collins	Johnathan Lawton	Ryan Meyers

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

a. Motion to approve minutes:

Presentation by Shani Fleming.

3. Reports

a. **President** - Rainer Butler (umb.gsa.president@gmail.com)

i. Elections!!

1. President: Soad Elziny
2. Vice President: Ryan Mayers
3. Secretary: Jonathan Lawton
4. Treasurer: Bernadette Hritzo

- 5. Public relations: Open
 - 6. GC Rep: Nikita Aggarwal
- ii. The next meeting our new E-board will run the show 😊
- b. **Vice President** - Soad Elziny (umb.gsa.vp@gmail.com)
 - i.
- c. **Treasurer** - Jernelle Miller (umb.gsa.treasurer@gmail.com)
 - i. GSA account balance:
 - 1. Checking account: \$10,254.38
 - 2. Cashbox: \$1960.89
 - ii. Awards:
 - 1. Congratulations to our 4th Quarter Travel Awardees!
 - a. Lamia Mokeem, Christie Dionisos, Uzma Pathan, Noah Pollack, and Haelim Lee.
- d. **Secretary** - Sarah Clem (umb.gsa.sec@gmail.com)
 - i. Sign in- please put your name, email, program, and primary/alternate/extra rep in the chat!
- e. **Grad Council Rep** - Nikita Aggarwal (umb.gsa.gcrep@gmail.com)
 - i. Outstanding mentor award notifications sent out.
- f. **Meyerhoff**
 - i.
- g. **NOVA**
 - i. Prepping for our next Brewing Biology event
 - ii. Next meeting will be our Elections! (Thursday, 5/11)

h. **Graduate School DEI Committee** - Nikita Aggarwal

- i. No updates.

i. **Program Rep Updates/Questions/Concerns**

- i.

4. Old Business:

a. Old announcements (aka helpful resources)

- i. If you are a student that is registered for commuter parking, you have access to all campus garages after 4:30 pm on weekdays and all day on the weekends
(<https://www.umaryland.edu/parking/parking-at-umb/student-parking/commuting-student/#:~:text=If%20you%20have%20a%20commuting,does%20not%20guarantee%20parking%20spaces.>)
- ii. Reminder that if you experience something that makes you feel unsafe, please report the incident to the UMB police
 1. <https://www.umaryland.edu/police/report-a-crime/> (for non-emergencies only!)
- iii. <https://www.umaryland.edu/shuttlebus/suggestions/> ; <https://umb.ridesystems.net/routes>
- iv. UMB Food Pantry is up & running! [Click here](#) to place an order for pickup in the SMC Campus Center
- v. New GRID space is open in the HS/HSL library
 - i. We have a new travel award called the [GSA Global Travel Fellowship](#), sponsored by the UMB Center for Global Engagement. Apply through August 31st!
 - ii. Meet & Confer information and past meeting minutes can now be accessed [on the GSA website](#); General GSA info (rep responsibilities, how meetings work, subcommittee & e-board role descriptions, etc.) can now be found on our [welcome page](#)
 - iii. KN95s now available for pick-up at the following locations (no appointment necessary!):
 1. GRID (HS/HSL 3rd floor)
 2. Student Affairs Suit (SMC Campus Center 3rd floor)
 3. GPILS Offices (BRB 1-005)
 4. Graduate School Offices (Lexington Building 1110G)

5. New Business:

a. Meet & Confer updates

Meet and Confer is a committee of students chaired by the GSA President that meets monthly with Dr. Bruce Jarrell (UMB President), Dr. Roger Ward (Interim Provost, Executive Vice President & Dean of the Graduate School), Dr. Erin Golembewski (Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School) and other campus leadership

- i. Next meeting scheduled for May 4th

b. USMSC Updates

The University System of Maryland Student Council meets monthly and includes two representatives from each USM Institution (UMB's are the GSA and USGA Presidents)

- i. Ongoing discussion about posthumous awarding of degrees
- ii. Accommodations for student parents

c. Campus Safety

- i. How do you feel about guard presence on corners around campus? Do you feel you need more/less?
- ii.

d. UMB Shuttle

- i. Revamping transport at UMB - Meetings have commenced, but we still need a representative
 - 1. Want to better integrate safe ride/shuttle/MTA transit options/safewalk to suit student needs better
 - 2. The shuttle work team is looking for one student to be appointed from GSA. The work team will consist of 7-10 individuals with 3-4 students. The work team will act as a steering committee that will engage larger groups of stakeholders. The work team/steering committee will meet virtually/hybrid. Since schedules may vary by member, once the taskforce was formed then schedules would be developed. We are looking for one appointee that would be engaged and able to meet 1-2 per month.

e. SHIP (Student Health Insurance)

- i. Administration is negotiating with Gallagher and United Healthcare to retain the same plan as last year.
 - 1. Premium: **\$4,400** (4% increase)
 - 2. We had an **8%** decrease last year
- ii. Plan summary
 - 1. Platinum level (highest tier)
 - 2. Largest UHC network available
 - 3. Out-of-pocket maximum is \$1,500 per person per year
- iii. Ongoing conversations
 - 1. Expanding coverage for fertility services, e.g. egg freezing
 - a. Done! Fertility services expanded
 - 2. Improving dental and vision coverage

f. Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee

- i.

New Survey for Roommates?

- Academic coordinator would send results (program based) and matches people?

Date of next meeting: June 7, 2023

Motion to adjourn: