

GSA Meeting Agenda

Date: April 5th, 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!

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)

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b. **Vice President** - Soad Elziny (umb.gsa.vp@gmail.com)

i. USGA Updates

1. Multiple schools expressed concerns with SafeRide. Please continue asking students in your programs if they are having issues as well so we can get a better sense of how wide-spread the issue is.
2. MSSA will be hosting Iftar dinners open to ANYONE during the month of Ramadan on Mondays and Wednesdays.

ii. Spring Socials

1. Plant Social (non-alcoholic)

- a. May 4th, MSTF Atrium, 4pm
- b. Look into having this outside on the nursing school

lawn

2. Pickles Social

- a. In Progress (late May/early June?)
- b. Finals might be second week in may? Maybe schedule around this!

iii. USGA Senators

c. **Treasurer** - Jernelle Miller (umb.gsa.treasurer@gmail.com)

- i. GSA account balance:
 - 1. Checking account: \$12,710. 80
 - 2. Cashbox: \$1960.89
- ii. Awards:
 - 1. 4th Quarter travel award closed March 30th.
 - a. Applications currently under review!

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!

ii. **THANK YOU TO OUR GRC VOLUNTEERS & GRC COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!!**

- 1. In case you missed it:  2023 GRC Booklet.pdf
- 2. GRC attendance - over 250 people!
- 3. Congratulations to GRC session winners
 - a. Shabnam Lateef, Jillian Baker, Jenna Leser, Alexandra Soare, Jennifer Mariano, Sanjana Rao, Simon Ho, Daniela Fuller, Noha Ghonim, Nathaniel McClean, Brianna Scotland, Adarsha Malla, & Rebecca Collins

e. **Grad Council Rep** - Nikita Aggarwal (umb.gsa.gcrep@gmail.com)

- i. Research award- Jennifer Kirk

- ii. Professional development award notifications out- April 17th deadline!!!
- iii. Outstanding mentor award applications deadline- March 24th.

f. **Meyerhoff**

- i.

g. **NOVA**

- i. Day of service at Paul's place was pretty awesome.
- ii. Next Nova Meeting is tomorrow at 4 pm! Starting our next brewing biology event planning!

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

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

- i. Student housing survey question (Dami or Jenn)
 - 1. Email or phone number is the only contact information asked for **BUT ONLY if a student opts in**
 - 2. Large zone (e.g., pig town) for where a student has availability so no exact addresses
 - 3. Could benefit incoming and current students in need of housing/roomates

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%20com>)

- [muting.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 (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. (Joint with shuttle this month)
- ii. Crosswalks
 - 1. Working to get repainted and have new pedestrian signs placed

d. UMB Shuttle

- i. Revamping transport at UMB
 - 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

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New Survey for Roommates?

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

Date of next meeting: May 3, 2023

Motion to adjourn: