

GSA Meeting Agenda

Date: June 1st, 2022

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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!

Corinne English	Megan Stemberger	Jean Reagan
Ryan Mayers	Jessica Cornell	Makenzy Mull
Tural Mammadli	Gillian Mbambo	Mashhood Wani
Bernadette Hritzo	Kristen Montgomery	Ioana Ghita
Hadley Bryan	Sydney Ashton	Rashed Alsahafi
Kasey Knopp	Jennifer Kirk	Soad Elziny

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

a. Motion to approve minutes:

3. Reports

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

i. Center for Global Engagement-seeking GSA feedback!

1. Amy Ramirez and Virginia Rowthorn

a. UMB Global House - on campus space for all things global

i. Renovate Pascault Row - Used as student housing currently

ii. Offer global courses, visiting international scholar housing, global events

- b. Want student feedback
 - i. Sending out a survey for student feedback
 - ii. Focus groups
 - iii. Student member of Global House Steering Committee
 - iv. Email Amy and Virginia with feedback
 - 1. virginia.rowthorn@umaryland.edu
 - 2. aramirez@umaryland.edu
 - ii. GSA E-Board Elections
 - 1. Vice President: Soad Elziny -Approved
 - iii. Outstanding Rep Vote-Mashhood and Sarah
 - 1. Sarah Clem
 - 2. Nikita - Cannot be nominated as she is on eboard
 - 3. Kasey Knopp
 - 4. Mashhood
 - iv. Please consider filling out the anonymous Rep Climate Survey [here](#) to share your thoughts about the GSA and things we can improve on
 - v. Shuttle will **not** operate the following days this summer:
 - 1. Monday, June 20th (Juneteenth)
 - 2. Monday, July 4th (Independence Day)
 - vi. We now have GSA representation on the Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee!
- b. **Vice President** - (umb.gsa.vp@gmail.com)
- c. **Treasurer** - Jernelle Miller (umb.gsa.treasurer@gmail.com)
 - i. GSA Account Balance:
 - 1. GSA Checking account: \$10,486.49
 - a. Will deposit \$2200 from NOVA/Halal on the loan
 - 2. Cashbox: \$2068.80
 - 3. Venmo:
 - ii. Awards and Disbursements

1. Global Fellowship (Deadline is August 31st)
 - a. Congratulations to our first recipients, Ashley Marquardt, Alexa Ciesinski, Miriam Menken, and Morgan Pardue-Kim
 - b. The rest of the awards will be awarded after the August 31st deadline
2. 4th Quarter Travel award
 - a. 6 out of the 8 recipients have received their checks
 - b. Waiting on receipts for the last two
- iii. ISPE reimbursement is complete
- 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. Let us know if your program will have different reps for the upcoming academic year!
- e. **Grad Council Rep** - Nikita Aggarwal (umb.gsa.gcprep@gmail.com)
- f. **Meyerhoff**
- g. **NOVA**
- h. **Graduate School DEI Committee** - Nikita Aggarwal
- i. **Program Rep Updates/Questions/Concerns**
 - i. Parking
 1. Updates on parking rates?
 2. Machines at parking garage have issues with reading card swipes
 3. Construction update emails when parking garage access is blocked
 - ii. GSA meetings stay virtual or in-person?

4. Old Business:

a. Old announcements (aka helpful resources)

- i. UMB Food Pantry is up & running! [Click here](#) to place an order for pickup in the SMC Campus Center
- ii. 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)

b. GA Stipend Committee

- i. Waiting for update from Erin on when next meeting is (if there is one scheduled)

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. April & May meetings canceled
- ii. Next meeting scheduled for June 16th at 8am

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. Last meeting occurred May 22nd and was just elections
- ii. Next meeting in the Fall semester

c. Campus Safety

- i. Last Citizens Advisory Board meeting occurred May 16
 1. Finally got the first draft of the student address data! Next meeting going to compare student clusters that are not covered by the shuttle or safe ride/walk

- ii. Next meeting sometime in June
- d. UMB Shuttle
 - i. Last meeting May 11
 - 1. Brought up concern that drivers are driving by students waiting for the shuttle
 - a. Tony emphasized that students should be “waving their arms” to be seen & requested specific stop/route info for where this has occurred
 - b. Reston asserted that drivers *always* slow down or stop at all stops regardless whether they see anyone
 - 2. Still waiting for ridership data and information about the impending rate increase, rumors about route changes
 - a. Asked why drivers are seemingly recording numbers of people getting on at each stop—apparently the new fancy ridership system can only count the total number of people that ride the shuttle, NOT when/which stop they get on. So drivers will always have to record this info manually
 - 3. Brought up concerns about the pull cords (sound staying on; volume too quiet so drivers not hearing it/missing stops) & Reston going to check all busses
 - a. Requested that Reston also communicate with their drivers to *ask* if the volume is an issue to them, because Robert Milner asserted that he/his office rides the shuttles regularly to make sure everything is fine and they hadn’t noticed an issue here
 - 4. Shuttle Committee doesn’t meet in the summer because “students are off”—requested that they check in with the GSA in lieu of a meeting since many research students work year-round; still send us any concerns you have over the summer!
 - ii. Upcoming meeting June 8th at noon—open to all students!
- 6. Upcoming Events:
 - a. No July meeting! Have a great summer and we’ll see you in August!!

Date of next meeting: August 3, 2022

Motion to adjourn: