



◆ **GSA Meeting Agenda**
Date: April 10, 2019

1. Welcome/Call to order at: 5:04 PM

Julia Thayer	Hadley Bryan	Lizzy Robinson	Gillian Mbambo
Emily Smith	Lauren McCarthy	Jenny Afkinich	Brian Johnson
Kelly Rock	Ashley Marquardt	Sara Daniel	McKayla Mickle
Quinton Banks	Heather Mutchie	Kayleigh Majercak	Dante Johnson
Devin Snyder	Megan Lynch	Ramon Martinez	Susannah Shissler
Katie Gwilliam	Alyssa Grogan		

Review minutes of previous meeting - Motion: J. Thayer, A. Marquardt

2. Reports

a. President

i. Announcements

1. Consensual Relationship Policy; questions and comments

- a. Consensual relationships prohibited between faculty/staff and students, potential conflict of interest, currently no policy in place
- b. Alana Kyriakakis from University Counsel and Dr. Susan Buskirk, Deputy Accountability Officer
 - i. Purpose of policy would be to prevent conflicts of interest in a professional environment
 - ii. Looking for comments and input from students of all schools. Email Megan any thoughts and she will forward to Alana and Susan
 - iii. Dr. Perman has organized a task force on Sexual Harassment

ii. Meet & Confer Committee

1. Graduate School move to Lexington- pushed back to April; have a meeting April 15th. Not too late to join the meeting and help design our new lounge

2. Health insurance- no update; the UMBC policy was brought to their attention. They are looking into options for when our Gallagher contract runs out.
3. Shuttle Service- Having trouble getting drivers, they are coming from College Park. Expensive to pay drivers coming from UMCP that need to be here during the day even though shuttles are empty. Peak time is morning/ evening commute, attempting to find a good solution to fill this need.
4. HB 270- administration response was as expected; will not impact our relationship with them if we do not choose to unionize
5. Safety- Non-emergency alerts? Police Department is hiring a communications/information officer

b. Vice President

- i. Announcements
- ii. Social Activities Committee
 1. Thanks for everybody who helped and came out for the social last weekend. Special Thanks to Social activities committee and Quinton for helping me obtain decor for decorating Pickles
- iii. USGA Announcements
 1. Elections tonight!!! Spring Orioles Bullpen coming up on April 19th, 5:30-7pm. Please note time coincides with PGSA Coffee House. Plan accordingly.
- iv. Update on Student Health Care meeting with James Reynolds
 1. Admin and I went through one-by-one all potential alternatives that could be implemented on student health care going forward, all of which was suggested to not be viable for our student community.
 2. In sum, our student pool is too small and generally “too risky” in the eyes of the insurance companies to offer comparable plans that other GAs (like at UMBC) have access too. Short of a whole USM wide grad student

health plan, most school partners are not likely to want to partner with our student pool.

3. Future plan is to ask for better deliverables from Gallagher for the insurance plans, and continue discussions with other USM schools to try and create a larger student pool for searching for health care plans.
4. Better student education on maintaining two insurances in grad school (students under 26), Gallagher webpage info., filing FAFSA if you anticipate large med bills

c. Treasurer

i. Account

1. Current Balance: \$11,342.13

ii. Finance Committee:

1. Next Due Date: April 15th
2. Before you sign their applications check for completeness: CV, Receipts, Signatures, Expenses for Lodging, Transport, and Registration

iii. Student Group Funding:

1. Budgeted for \$900/semester. Funding is on a reimbursement basis and all receipts must be handed over within one month of the date on the receipt.
2. Budget requests MUST be submitted 1 week prior to GSA meetings so they can be emailed out to the GSA body.
3. We still have leftover funds for this semester and are encouraging student groups to apply for funding!

d. Secretary

i. Announcements

1. GRC was a huge success! We had ~80 presenters and over \$1000 in sponsorship donations. Thank you to all volunteers and the GRC committee!

e. Grad Council rep

- i. Announcements
 - 1. Mentor of the year applications are now open - due April 26th
 - a. Need a nomination and recommendation for a complete application submission
 - ii. U of M grad council
 - 1. The GA collective bargaining bill will no longer be considered for vote in the Senate
 - a. <https://dbknews.com/2019/04/05/maryland-bill-graduate-student-workers-collective-bargaining-rights-dead-senate/>
 - iii. Professional Development Committee
 - 1. Professional development award applications are now open. Please make sure your application is appropriate - research conferences are not considered for this award. Applications are due by April 15th.
- f. PR
- i. Announcements
 - 1. Grad Gazette went out on Friday, April 5th.
 - ii. Volunteer
 - 1. BARCs Animal Shelter: Likely going to be first weekend in May
- g. Meyerhoff
- i. No announcements
- h. NOVA
- i. Halal on the lawn is on Friday! Bring donations, large male clothing, toiletries, etc.
3. Old Business:
- a. Status of Centennial Celebration
 - i. April 25th 5pm-8pm in HSF3 Atrium
 - ii. Invitations will be out soon with an RSVP date of 4/18
 - iii. Please sign up for the 'Bake your Thesis' competition!!

1. Can bake any item to represent your thesis and have a 1-2 minute explanation of the baked good. Plan for a serving size 20-30 people. Cake mix and icing will be provided if needed. There will be a first and second prize.

b. **House Bill 270 (Graduate Assistant Collective Bargaining Fairness Act) :**

- i. More information/ check on status of bill: [MD State Legislature page](#).
- ii. No progress since the last meeting; still sitting with the House Appropriations Committee
- iii. Cross-filed with SB0491; Senate Finance Committee
- iv. Will be effective July 1st if it passes

4. New Business:

a. Outstanding Rep Nominations! Will be voting by email to announce at the Centennial.

- i. Ashley Marquardt
- ii. Heather Mutchie
- iii. Emily Smith

b. E-board nominations for 2019-2020!! We will vote at the May meeting. Can self-nominate or nominate someone else. All nominees must accept the nomination (an email to umb.gsa.president.com will suffice). Nominations will be accepted up until voting at the May meeting!

- i. Description of duty and are you re-running?
 1. President (Megan) - Run meetings, plan orientation, meet and confer meetings, other misc. duties helping other exec members or working with administration. Will be re-running.
 2. VP (Ramon) - USGA senator, social activities chair (coordinates all socials and activities). Will be re-running unless he gets UGSA position.
 3. Treasurer (Susannah) - Asks for checks from Graduate School, keeps track of the budget and spending, orders food for GSA meetings, travel awards four times a year. Will not be re-running
 4. Secretary (Alyssa) - Sending out meeting agenda to the representatives,

booking rooms, recording the minutes, organizing GRC. Will not be re-running.

5. PR Officer (Katie) - Grad gazette monthly, maintain the grad school website, plans two volunteer events. Will not be re-running.
6. GC Rep (Janelle) - Represents GSA at grad council meetings monthly. Runs professional development award, research award, and outstanding mentor award. Will not be re-running.

ii. Nominations:

1. Emily Smith for VP and for Secretary (?)
2. Heather Mutchie for treasurer (accepted)
3. Katie Gwilliam for GC rep (accepted)

c. Upcoming Events:

- i. USGA Bullpen - Friday, April 19, Camden Yards outdoor events area
- ii. Halal on the Lawn- Friday, April 12, School of Nursing Lawn
- iii. PGSA Coffeehouse- Friday April 19, MSTF Atrium

5. Other Business/Announcements:

- a. Motion to move the May meeting? Approved to move meeting to Tuesday April 30th.

Date of next meeting: April 30th

Motion to adjourn: Q. Banks, D. Johnson