



◆ **GSA Meeting Agenda**  
**Date: December 4th, 2019**

1. Welcome/Call to order: 5:05PM

Dante Johnson	Kayleigh Majercak	Jennifer Kirk	Talia Guardia	McKayla Mickie
Raquel Short	Chrissy Carney	Atisha Dave	Alyssa Grogan	Ashley Marquandt
Nick Montes	Sara Daniel	Kelly Rock	Hadley Bryan	Sydney Ashton
Julia Thayer	Sol Baik	Liana Andronescu	Rainer Butler	Megan Lynch
Lauren McCarthy	Emily Smith	Tyree Wilson	Heather Mutchie	Katie Gwilliam

2. Review minutes of previous meeting -

- a. Motioned to approve: Julia Thayer, Chrissy Carney seconded

3. Reports

a. President

i. Announcements

1. Increase alumni interest in donations- Kyle Locke (works in the central and Graduate School philanthropy offices)

- Events we could invite alumni to attend to build a foundation for philanthropy for the Graduate School.
- There is a database for alumnae - could we send out a newsletter to them that would generate interest in donations?
- Set up professional development seminars (monthly) or speaker series? Three-minute thesis competition? Networking dinner with alumnae that includes a dinner with reception to follow?
- Create philanthropy committee?
- Increase travel award funds?

2. Safe-Ride Questions- Lt. T. Davis

- The safe ride program is currently considering extension of boundaries and would like our input.
  - Email Lt. Davis with address and he will extend the boundaries so that you can request a Safe-Ride

[\(tedavis@police.umaryland.edu\)](mailto:tedavis@police.umaryland.edu)

- ii. Make sure you are accurately representing the number of people who will be taking the ride.
- b. ALSO: please be aware that you may call for a walk/ride even when your destination exceeds the boundaries by a few blocks.
- ii. Meet & Confer Committee
  1. Next Meet & Confer will be January 7th - request for additional committee member that is not in either GPILS or Pharm Sci (those programs are already represented)
    - a. Health Insurance
      - i. They would like us to contact them directly with all complaints. Please encourage students in your programs to reach out to me with complaints and I will connect them.
    - b. Other issues - if any come up between now and January email the GSA President account
- b. Vice President
  - i. Announcements
    1. Holiday Ugly Sweater Social is **THIS** Friday!
      - a. December 6th 6PM - 9PM
      - b. Pickles Pub
      - c. Bring your school ID AND government-issued ID!
      - d. Low-key social activity - voluntary - will be given a holiday character that will be pinned to the back of your sweater. People can ask you questions to try and guess your character!
      - e. [Volunteer sign up sheet in minutes!](#)
    2. Social Activities Committee:
      - a. Thanks for input on the social!
    3. USGA Announcements:

- a. Shuttle updates:
  - i. New UMB shuttles will be rolled out at the start of the Spring semester (January 2020)!
  - ii. Be sure to share any and all concerns on the UMB shuttle page using this [online form](#)
- b. Student Organization Events coming up this semester (keep an eye out for event details in The Elm or Campus Life Weekly)
  - i. Look for Stressbusters events held in SMC during this month (free massages, petting puppies, etc!)
  - ii. Check out the Global Center at UMB for internationalization opportunities to apply your research/education globally!
  - iii. The Community Engagement Center (CEC) beside Biopark is holding an event called The Christmas Store on December 7th and 14th. Check out the link to check out volunteer opportunities.
    - 1. <http://www.foundrybaltimore.com/christmasstore>
  - iv. UMB Office of Community Engagement K-12 Career Speaker opportunity - go to a K-12 school to talk about your career aspirations!
    - 1. <https://umpartnershipwithwestbaltimore.org/opportunity/join-the-umb-k-12-speakers-bureau/>

c. Treasurer

- i. Account
  - 1. Current Balance:\$18,033.09
- ii. Student Group Funding:
  - 1. Allocated:\$682.98
  - 2. Reimbursed to date:\$189.45
  - 3. Left: \$1610.55

4. New Request: PGSA \$150
  - iii. Any updates from the Research Award Committee? No
  - iv. If you think I owe you a check, please come see me I probably have it.
  - d. Secretary
    - i. Announcements: Registration for the GRC is now OPEN! The GRC will be held March 6th. It is a great opportunity to share your research and see what your fellow graduate students are working on! Encourage your program members to apply. Registration will be open until February 14th, 2020.
      1. Abstract Booklet cover contest, coming soon!
    - ii. Advancement to Candidacy ceremony the day of the GRC. You may bring a guest and invite your faculty mentor to celebrate this great accomplishment! Encourage program members who have advanced to candidacy in 2019 to attend!
  - e. Grad Council rep
    - i. Announcements: No announcements
    - ii. If on Professional Development committee, you should have received
    - iii. U of M grad council: No updates
  - f. PR
    - i. Announcements: Grad Gazette will be coming out this week!
      1. If you have anything between now and February that you would like included in Grad Gazette, contact Tyree ([umb.gsa.pro@gmail.com](mailto:umb.gsa.pro@gmail.com))
    - ii. Communications Committee: No updates
    - iii. Volunteer Committee: No updates
  - g. Meyerhoff: No updates
  - h. NOVA: No Updates
4. Old Business: None
  5. New Business:
    - a. Tuition increases for FY21- committee that includes graduate students met 12/2.
      - i. All of the proposed tuition increases are less than 5% (see attached PDF

included with the minutes)

- ii. There are some new programs; Graduate- PhD Health Professions Education and the Graduate Certificate Global Health and Innovation
- b. Spring Plant Swap Social (SPSS) - Spring social idea
  - i. GSA rep: Sydney Ashton
    - 1. Idea would be an event to bridge post-docs and graduate students. The theme would be plants - would invite a local nursery who could give a brief presentation about the benefits of keeping houseplants, types of plants that do well under fluorescent lighting, how to water them - and bring pots or small plants to sell. Would be earlier in the day, non-alcoholic, just to provide a different kind of social
  - ii. Partner with PDAC (Postdoctoral Advisory Committee)! Have been presented, and they are very on board but do not have the resources to run it.
    - 1. Planning (reserving room, communicating with local nursery) could fall to social committee
      - a. People seemed interested in the idea, social committee is willing to take on the responsibility, discussed the possibility of moving it to the summer - adding an activity to incentivize attendance
      - b. PDAC Can contribute \$300 - decided at 12/4 meeting
  - iii. We'd have to provide food for the event for max 20-30 people→ pizza?
    - 1. Need to vote to allocate funds to this: Have \$600ish that was possibly going to lab socials - could be moved to fund this idea.
      - a. Social committee will meet between now and February meeting to discuss this event, and bring proposal to vote on. If not on social committee and want to be involved in the planning, contact Emily (gsa.vp.umb@gmail.com)
- c. Student group funding request: PGSA Winter Clothing Drive/Holiday Survival Packs
  - i. Overview: Warm clothing drive and creating holiday survival packs on Friday December 20th, funds requested to provide lunch to volunteers and supplement

supplies that will go into the packs.

1. Packs will be donated to Healthcare for the Homeless and House of Ruth (supportive agency for families who have experienced domestic violence)
  2. Total funds requested: \$150.00 (Have room in the budget)
- ii. Motion to approve: Julia Thayer, Seconded: Kelly Rock
1. Approved

6. Upcoming Events:

- a. Holiday Ugly Sweater Social
7. Other Business/Announcements: Charity Basketball tournament next year? 4:4 tournament in URecFit that would include a fee to register (either per person or as a group) - half would be kept, and half would be donated to a local organization. Will look into having URecFit waive daily pass fee.

**Date of next meeting: February 5th, 2020: SMC 208 (Elm Ballroom A)**

**Motion to adjourn: Julia Thayer; Seconded: Sarah Daniel (approved)**