



◆ **GSA Meeting Agenda**
Date: February 5th, 2019

1. Welcome/Call to order: 5:04

Chintal Shah	Dante Johnson	Sydney Ashton	Liana Andrenescu
Tim Mowry	Jennifer Kirk	Ashley Marquadt	Eman Hefni
Jordan Pollard	Sol Baik	Hadley Bryant	Kelly Rock
Nick Montez	Jenny Afkinich	McKayla Mickle	Sarah Tanveer
Raquel Shortt	Alyssa Grogan	Gillian Mbambo	

2. Review minutes of previous meeting -

- a. Motioned to approve: Ashley Marquadt, Sol Baik seconded

3. Reports

a. President

i. Announcements

1. [Check out the website updates!](#)
2. UMB SHIP Advisory Committee- Student Health Insurance Plan Advisory Committee. Patty Alvarez will chair the committee, joined a student from each school and two student affairs deans. This committee would serve as a concentrated student response/feedback to the current plan. Would meet once a month.

- a. We would like an active GSA rep to take on this role - will provide more information about meeting times to those who provided their emails

ii. Meet & Confer Committee

1. Next Meeting in April
2. Updates from last meeting:
 - 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. Campus Smoking Policy - no update but will be brought up again.
- c. Voting (Primary/Presidential Elections) - working on getting shuttles to transport to polling places, also potentially community members. Funding for rideshares? Getting information about free Uber/Lyft rides to the polls. Early voting on campus. USGA is setting up station to register students to vote. Email coming soon to get trained to register people. Look into how to expand the event (food, t-shirts, Snapchat geotags, stickers, etc.)
 - i. Figuring out how to get absentee ballots for students who are not registered in Maryland/absentee ballot information session.
 - ii. Vote.org has information about absentee ballots for each state.
 - iii. SWCOS 'Get out the Vote' campaign, will find out if open to all students.
- d. Stipend for PhD students not adjusted for cost of living for over five years (or more). Find study on cost of living/other resources to support arguments that raise is needed.

b. Vice President

i. Announcements

1. Social Activities Committee:

- a. Spring social @ Pickles: Friday, March 20th at 6PM (TBD on theme!)
- b. Plant Swap Social with PDAC
 - i. Location: MSTF atrium
 - ii. Date & time: May 21 or 28; around 4:30 PM start
 - iii. Basic event structure: B. Willow will teach a short course

& participants can pot their own plant. Participants can also bring their own plant clipping to swap with someone. (Working out specific details with B. Willow now!)

- iv. Budget: \$300 from PDAC and \$600 from GSA (extra money for socials)
 - 1. Will pay for food/drink for event (dry event)
 - 2. Plant potting items: bulk soil, bulk succulents, containers, tools
 - 3. Vote to allocate \$300 toward this event at next meeting after getting more information about cost
- v. Advanced registration to gauge plant supplies and food needed (may offer special prize for those that show up first)
- vi. Planning alongside a PDAC rep Jon Vanryzin
- vii. More details to come!

2. USGA Announcements:

a. Shuttle updates:

- i. Starting in April, the shuttle will charge non-students (faculty, staff, postdocs) to ride the shuttle: \$1.75/per ride (one-way), loaded onto the OneCard
- ii. Guest policy will be similar to above but not rolled out until the fall
- iii. 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. Do you think you have cavities? Dental students are about to take their boards and need model people to volunteer for screenings! If you qualify, you get \$\$ and

free X-rays and fillings. Contact:

nangelos@umaryland.edu for more info!

- ii. Committees forming on campus:
 - 1. Student Health Insurance Policy (SHIP) Advisory Committee
 - 2. Campus Life focus group
- iii. Want to be certified to register people to vote? Contact Ramon Martinez (rmartinez@umaryland.edu) for more info!

c. Treasurer

- i. Account
 - 1. Current Balance: \$17,533.09
 - 2. (That balance does not reflect 2Q Travel Awards or today's food)
- ii. Finance Committee:
 - 1. 2Q Travel Awards - congratulations to Sol Baik, Rachel Margolis, and Shalini Sahoo who were awarded 2Q Travel Awards!
 - 2. Apologies for the all_students email that went out after the due date. Not sure why this went out then.
- iii. Student Group Funding:
 - 1. Allocated:\$832.98
 - a. NOVA:\$137.68 unused from allocated Fall funding
 - b. PGSA:\$51.03 unused from Fall event funding request
 - c. ISPE - no funding used
 - 2. Reimbursed to date: \$484.27
ISPE - Send receipts for your Methods Clinic event ASAP
 - 3. Left: \$1,315.73

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 is open, we've received some great submissions so far. Encourage artistic friends to apply!
 - 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!
 - iii. Volunteers for the GRC: We are recruiting volunteers for the GRC! A volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent out shortly. Roles include set-up, moderators for oral presentations, social hour check-in, and more! There are volunteer opportunities in both the morning and the afternoon.
- e. Grad Council rep
- i. Announcements:
 1. Congratulations to Eryn Dixon for being selected for the fall Professional Development Award!
 2. We received applications for the research award. I'll be reaching out to the committee to score these so look out for an e-mail if you haven't received one already!
 - ii. U of M grad council: First meeting of the year will be this month, have been out of session the last two months
- f. PR
- i. Announcements: Grad Gazette went out last week - please check it out!
 - ii. Communications Committee
 - iii. Volunteer Committee:
 1. Event with Volunteered Untapped on February 8th at Kennedy Krieger located at 1714 Ashland Avenue (near Hopkins). Come out and work with kids at Kennedy Krieger! There will be a social hour after starting at 1pm with half off drinks and free birthday cake. Email PR Rep for more

information!

- g. Meyerhoff: No updates
 - h. NOVA: No updates
4. Old Business:
- a. Graduate Student Lounge Meeting held on Friday
 - i. Lounge will be moving into Lexington Building, we want input on what we would like in the new lounge! More information to come regarding how to get involved with planning
5. New Business:
- a. None
6. Upcoming Events:
- a. GRC- March 6th
 - b. Bake Your Thesis- April 16th (5PM??)
 - i. Food will be the same (but less) than last year. There isn't really a committee for this but let me know if you have interest in helping to organize decorations or food.
 - c. Plant Swap
 - d. USGA Valentine's Day Social - Pickles 7PM this Friday
7. Other Business/Announcements
- a. Customer Service Focus Group (Norma Hunter): information gathered through focus groups will be analyzed and used as a baseline to develop the A&F Customer Service Strategy, an initiative sponsored by Dawn Rhodes, Chief Business and Finance Officer and Vice President for Administration & Finance. The GSA was identified as a key stakeholder that interacts with Administration and Finance from time to time. You may send the following two questions in advance for the group to review and think about their responses prior to the meeting:
 - i. What does excellent service look like?
 - ii. How can Administration and Finance exemplify these behaviors?
 - iii. If think of something after the meeting, contact Ms. Hunter (email provided in

minutes

Date of next meeting: March 4th, 2020: SMC 351

Motion to adjourn: Ashley Mardquadt, Hadley Bryant seconded