

❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda**

Date: February 03, 2015

1. Welcome/Call to order Meeting called to order 5:05pm by A. Mueller

Amber Mueller	Devin Sharp	Linda Senbanjo	Courtney Chandler
Brandy Garzel	Kimberly Filcek	Lain Hostelley	Ramon Martinez
Amanda Labuza	Sarah Rudzinkas	Da Shi	Morgan Bunting
Danielle Abraham	Laura Bozzi	Bilal Khokhar	Janielle Geist
Julia Peter	Eryn Dixon	Sally Hagerman	Ozell Sanders
Alex San Nicolas	Kshama Doshi	Shivani Kapoor	Chieh-ling Yang
John Cosgrove	Quinton Banks	Jon Van Ryzin	Amber Plante

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

3. Reports

a. President

i. Announcements

1. Student dental insurance update – waiting to hear back from Erin Golembewski. Courtney will send out the update once it comes in.
2. 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition – registration link will be sent out with the minutes tonight; the idea is to give a three-minute presentation on your thesis using only one slide. The goal is to help scientists be able to present their ideas concisely to both scientists and non-scientists.
- ii. Meet & Confer Committee – have not met yet this semester. Amber will be checking President Perman’s availability soon.
- iii. Survey Results – 19 responses woo! Thank you for filling it out. Key areas of improvement are to increase professional development opportunities, increase volunteer opportunities, and gain a greater sense that members’ opinions are valued.

b. Vice President

i. Announcements

ii. Social Activities Committee

1. Candidacy Ceremony – date will be Thursday, April 14th, MSTF auditorium & atrium. Let us know if you want to help plan! Trying to decide on caterers, etc.

iii. USGA Announcements

1. February Social Event – Friday Feb 12th, 6:30pm, at Pickles. Speed dating included!

2. Spring Bullpen – April 29th @ Pickles
3. Occupy Towson movement – students from Towson U noticed that their faculty didn't represent the diversity of their student body; they drafted a series of requests that the President signed off on that aim to increase diversity and inclusion on their campus and within their faculty; UMB is also trying to improve, President Perman is trying to be proactive and has set up meetings with student leaders of various campus groups (Jewish Student Association, Muslim Student & Scholars Association, etc.)
4. Parking & Transportation – decision to move student parking to Market Center from BioPark. Three main concerns were safety, distance, and price. Safety is being addressed by both campus & city police, which are patrolling the area more. There will also be an emphasis on walking police escorts. Cost is \$175/semester. Students have raised concerns about what a 'semester' encompasses. Jon will look into this and into summer permit parking passes.
5. UniverCity Partnership Committee – 520 Park Avenue is the newest site of innovation – check it out! Lots of cool vendors.
6. USGA Mandatory Funding meetings will be happening soon – they are taking funding proposals. You must attend one of these meetings to request funding from USGA as a student group.

c. Treasurer

- i. Account - \$6950.87 in the account
 1. Review of the budget – slightly under budget on most things; only thing that is close to/over budget is the food; A. Mueller motions to move the \$200 allocated to office supplies be moved to the food budget for the general body meetings. Seconded by R. Martinez. The motion passes.
- ii. Finance Committee
 1. Review of last quarter's travel awards (due Jan 15); 10 applicants; gave out full or partial funding to all ten; \$2475 given out for travel awards!
 - a. In the future for GSA reps applying for travel awards: have an e-board member sign your application (instead of a GSA rep like the usual applications)
 - b. Finance committee will also be meeting to go over the score sheet (may be making some changes to make the scoring more

objective, trying to set up a standardized scale for the monetary amount awarded versus points awarded to the application)

i. Will also consider the source of the money

c. Trying to decide if applications can be submitted via an online system

d. Secretary

i. Announcements

ii. Professional Development Committee – meeting to judge the Research Award Applications

1. Review abstracts for conferences (to help improve writing)

2. Money to help support professional development-associated classes or trainings – some kind of subcategory of the Research Award

iii. GRC – March 23rd!!! Looking for moderators; everyone sign up! Photo contest to determine the booklet cover. Registration opened today (see email, or email umb.gsa.sec@gmail.com for the link) and will close Friday March 11th.

1. Looking for a social work student to be on the committee/ answer some questions we have

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a. Grad Council rep

i. Announcements

ii. U of M grad council – no new faculty at UMB; one new UMB course approved: MHS Research Seminar; Capstone denied; graduate school is undergoing reorganization – new senior associate dean who will oversee entrepreneurial graduate programs

b. PR

i. Announcements – look out for the Grad Gazette on Friday! Thanks to the new writers who contributed

ii. Communications Committee

c. Meyerhoff – speaker on Tuesday Feb 23rd, 11:00-12:00, for Black History Month; she will talk about her experiences as a minority & woman in science; everyone is invited to come

d. NOVA – first meeting tomorrow in the GSA Lounge, 5:00pm! First service event this Saturday at Port Discovery; contact A. Labuza if you want to volunteer!

labuza@umaryland.edu

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

a. Voter registration drive – idea would be to increase voter registration; could be as simple as having a table on the first floor of the SMC of the campus center to register people to

vote; alternative idea would be to have a 'voting party' on the day of voting to have groups go vote together since these locations aren't often on campus

- b. Project Jump Start budget/request for funds proposal – Project Jump Start is a student organization that makes food Tues, Fri and hands it out to at-risk people in the local community. Put together a bag of food (sandwich, fruit, bagels, pastries); then they deliver them (Dollar General in Pig Town, Hope Care for the Homeless, Pratt St.) They are looking for volunteers! Contact Da Shi for more information (dshi001@umaryland.edu). They are requesting \$150 to buy socks and soap for those at-risk in the local community.

7. Upcoming events

8. Other business/Announcements

Motion by A. Mueller to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by C. Chandler. Meeting adjourned at 6:26.

Date of next meeting: March 02, 2016