



❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda**

Date: April 20, 2016

1. Welcome/Call to order - called to order by A. Mueller at 5:02pm.

Amber Mueller	Kendra Seckinger	Devin Sharp	Courtney Chandler
Linda Senbanjo	Brandy Garzel	Amber Plante	Amanda Labuza
Ramon Martinez	Sarah Rudzinskas	Kim Filcek	Susannah Shissler
Danielle Abraham	Ben Wolfson	Morgan Bunting	Alex San Nicolas
Julia Peter	Janelle Geist	Bilal Khokhar	Rahul Khainar
Kshama Doshi	Shivani Kapoor	Titilola Akintola	John Cosgrove
Sally Hageman	Chieh-ling Yang	Eryn Dixon	Lain Hostelley

2. Review minutes of previous meeting – motion to approve minutes by A. Labuza, second by K. Seckinger

3. Reports

a. President

i. Announcements

1. Dental Insurance – comprehensive Dental Insurance program starting August 1st! Opt-In program. We can give feedback after we see how the service is. Cost TBD. Will be accepted at UMB Dental Clinic.
2. Middle States – site visit happened last month; we got a good review; we will most likely be re-accredited. The one issue is that since the Strategic Partnership was approved, we will have to re-submit a report about how our power structure has (or hasn't) changed under the partnership. The partnership will officially start in October.
3. Strategic Planning – we will officially be the “University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus”.....so that's happening.
4. Commencement Speaker – will be a law student. We are trying to re-gain our input in choosing the speaker.
5. Canton Route Update – should be up and running starting in May.
6. Early Voting moved to the Community Engagement Center – tomorrow is the last day to early vote! The CEC will not serve as a polling place!!! You can only early vote on campus, not actually vote.

- ii. Meet & Confer Committee – meeting has been delayed due to the reaccreditation process & the strategic partnership bill. It will be on June 21st.

b. Vice President

i. Announcements

- ii. Social Activities Committee
 - 1. Candidacy Ceremony – will be held on Thursday, April 21
 - 2. Current have allocated money to host the Friday social hours; we can choose to host our own social hours (we have allocated for three for the rest of the semester); we have told SNAC we would co-host a social with them (\$150); we will roll our extra money into the summer social
 - iii. USGA Announcements
 - 1. Bullpen – next Friday, April 29th!!!
 - 2. Voting tonight for new E-board
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Account – \$12426.12
 - ii. Finance Committee
 - 1. Review and modifications of the travel award criteria – see email. Suggestions include: basing grading on the deficient to the student, relying less on numerical values and more on overall qualitative assessment of the application. The equation would really be good for splitting hairs in quarters with high application rates. We will see how it goes for this next travel awards quarter.
 - d. Secretary
 - i. Announcements
 - ii. Professional Development Committee – outstanding mentor award is currently seeking nominations! Also this committee will be grading them in the upcoming weeks.
 - iii. GRC – thanks to everyone who took the poll!
- 4.
- a. Grad Council rep
 - i. Announcements
 - ii. U of M grad council – out of town for last meeting, no GSA Meeting to update them on anyways; will get minutes and update us during the next meeting; moved meeting to UMB for the 3MT Competition afterwards; May 5th, 2pm, directly following will be the Maryland-Wide 3MT Competition, SMC Room 351
 - b. PR
 - i. Announcements - the last Grad Gazette of the year will go out on May 6th. Send articles to Linda. Shout out to Amanda for always being a great contributor. Send articles by April 29th.
 - ii. Communications Committee

- c. Meyerhoff - no announcements
 - d. NOVA – Halal on the Lawn this Friday! Bring a donation for their bingo nights at Spring Grove Psychiatric Hospital and get halal. Brain Awareness Week happened and was successful.
5. Old Business:
- a. Vote on SNAC proposal – they have requested \$360 for their Bubble Ball event. Motion to fund them for \$210 (50% of their event request, \$60 for the social) by A. Labuza. The motion passes, we will allot them \$210.
6. New Business:
- a. Executive Board 2016-2017 nominations. Nominations will remain open until voting happens at the next meeting. You can self-nominate or nominate someone else – just email Courtney or Amber.
 - i. President – Courtney Chandler nominated & accepted
 - ii. Vice President – Lain Hostelly nominated & accepted
 - iii. Treasurer – Devin Snyder nominated & accepted
 - iv. Secretary – Eryn Dixon nominated & accepted
 - v. GC Rep – Morgan Bunting nominated & accepted
 - vi. PR – Linda Senbanjo nominated & accepted
 - b. Like this video by UMB Grad Students in a Nanotechnology Competition!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNeD3bqtkIU&feature=youtu.be>
7. Upcoming Events
- a. Elections during the May 18th meeting!!
8. Other Business/Announcements

Date of next meeting: May 18, 2016