



GSA Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8th, 2014

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. 4/6 exec. committee members in attendance plus 12 reps (representing 8 programs and 1 Supported Group):
 - J. Van Ryzin (PIN, VP)
 - C. Ross (MBIC, Tres)
 - A. Mueller (MMED, Sec)
 - K. Edwards (TOX, PR)
 - E. Couser (GERO)
 - C. Rapp (MMI)
 - E. Weingartner (MMI)
 - S. Rudzinskas (PIN)
 - J. Wu (DMRT)
 - A. Labuza (PIN, NOVA)
 - S. Russel (MBIC)
 - C. Perry (EPI/HGEN)
 - L. Croft (EPI/HGEN)
 - J. Vandigo (PHSR)
 - W. Hedrich (PSC)
- ❖ Review minutes of previous meeting: C. Perry motioned to accept minutes; 2nd by J. Vandigo
- ❖ Reports
 - President: absent but sent the following to be read aloud - Orientation will soon be upon us, August 18-22! We'll go over the schedule and when we need volunteers. Also, the Middle States self-study is well under way!
 - Vice President: Nothing new
 - Treasurer: Received check for Fall 2014 semester. Currently the account holds \$13,169.82, much of which will go towards orientation.
 - Grad Council Rep: Absent but sent nothing new, as UMBC has not had a meeting.
 - PR: Have been in contact Jenny Owens to set up a new GSA website which will include supported groups. There is a naming contest for the newsletter - \$100 prize. Further details to come at next meeting. Looking for members for Communications Committee.
 - NOVA: Still have not elected officers, hopefully next meeting.
 - Meyerhoff: Kendra gave announcements, as no Meyerhoff rep was present. Held a BBQ in July. A Science fair/Community Block Party is in the works. Dean Reece has access to funds for this type of event.
- ❖ Old Business—
 - Committee Reports
 - Finance: New members for committee are requested. 3 travel awards were given out totaling \$755. Unfortunately many students were not eligible to receive awards because their programs have not been represented at GSA meetings. Proposed that GSA keeps track of who is not represented and sends program coordinators warning emails. Also, unanimously approved budget (motion to approve by S. Rudzinskas, 2nd by J. Vandigo) for the 2014-2015 year- the only thing that has changed significantly from last year is more \$ allotted to Atlantic Catering as their prices have increased and less toward the tab for the Orientation Social at Camden pub.
 - M&C: This committee will be repopulated at the next meeting, and will then convene to assemble an agenda for our meeting with President Perman, Dr. Ward, and Dr. Jarrell.
 - Social Activities: This committee will be repopulated at next meeting.
 - Professional Development: We met two weeks ago with Dr. Onukwugha to review our three applications. The winner this semester is Da Shi of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology program.
 - Dirt: project still on hold due to legalities concerning university liability.
 - GSA Constitutional review: discussed major additions, deletions, and changes. Unanimously approved (motion to approve by C. Perry, 2nd by J. Vandigo)
- ❖ New Business
 - a. Communications Subcommittee
 - b. Orientation Week - went over entire schedule. Camden Pub is confirmed for Tuesday Social. IMET is confirmed for Crab Feast on Thursday - discussed potential for 10pm shuttle back to campus and opinions were mixed. It was agreed upon that the decision would depend on how much the shuttle would cost (ie. not a priority). In total the crabfeast will cost \$7,200 (before alcohol) therefore the GSA suggests charging \$20 a student and \$30 per guest ticket to make back some of that money.
 - i. Volunteers for Ethics Discussion Sessions - Tuesday, Aug19th. 10:30am-12pm. Need a variety of programs. Volunteers must have completed an ethics course
 - ii. Volunteers for Graduate School 101 Panel - Tuesday, Aug19th. 1-4pm

iii. Ideas/volunteers for campus tour - Wednesday, Aug 20th. 1-2pm.
PIN will provide a detailed outline of the campus tours they give during recruitment. We will add the Immediate Care center to that list and take suggestions from new students.

iv. Volunteers for Crab feast ticket sales, ticket taking and cleanup Thursday, Aug 21st 6-10pm. We'll be selling tickets in the morning (8-9 AM) and at lunch (12-1 PM) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Note that sales on Tuesday will only be available for incoming students, and will be open to all students on Wednesday and Thursday.

- ❖ Upcoming Events:
 - a. GSA Social Hour Tuesday, Aug 19th. 5pm
 - b. Crab feast Thursday, Aug 21st 6-10pm
- ❖ Other business/Announcements:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm. Motioned to adjourn meeting by S. Rudzinkas, 2nd by C. Perry.

Date of next meeting: Sept 3rd, 2014.