



❖ **GSA Meeting Agenda and Minutes in Red**
Date: January 7th, 2015

1. Welcome/Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07pm. 6/6 executive board members in attendance plus 18 reps (representing 12 programs and 2 supported groups):

Representative	Program	Representative	Program	Executives	Position
courtney chandler	biochem	chelsea rapp	mmi	geoffrey heinzl	President
janelle geist	biochem	wen liu	nursing	jon van ryzin	Vice President
nehal mehta	dmrt	sarah rudzinkas	pin	christina ross	Treasurer
lindsay croft	epi/hgen	amanda labuza	pin/nova	amber mueller	Secretary
christy perry	epi/hgen	ozell snaders	prs/MH	kendra edwards	Public Relations
elizabeth couser	gero	brandy garzel	psc	christy gaines	Graduate Council Rep
jamila torain	gerontology	sally hageman	sowk		
linda senbajo	mmed PhD	susan klumpner	sowk		
amber plante	mmed PhD	dhanraj deshमुख	tox		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve November minutes by K.Edwards. Second by O.Sanders.

3. Reports

- a. **President** - The 2015 National Postdoc Association meeting is March 13th-15th. If you want to present there is a reduced student price. They will be having a career connections seminar with many large pharma and biotech companies. You can also volunteer to work some sessions if you dont want to present but would like to network. IPE day is coming up, it tends to be clinically oriented.
- b. **Vice President** - the next usga meeting is at end of the month
- c. **Treasurer** - \$12, 517 in the bank. We should get our next check at the beginning of Spring semester so we have \$ for GRC
- d. **Secretary** - will be out of town with limited internet access Jan 10-22nd.
- e. **Grad Council rep** - middle states self-study is going on at UMBC. They are getting help from faculty at UMB. 3 new courses have been approved.
- f. **PR** - nothing to report
- g. **Meyerhoff** - Starting 2 new programs. Minority speaker panel with fellow faculty members, open to all grad students. Research symposium for workshops and career development.
- h. **Nova** - had a small meeting and came up with new ideas. Beginning to plan for brain awareness week. This year we might have students visit labs. Monthly bingo events are

set up for next semester. Healthy First Saturdays are almost all confirmed. A date is set for Ronald McDonald house event.

4. Old Business

a. Committee Reports

- i. Finance - Travel award applications are due this month
- ii. Social Activities - Ugly Sweater event at Camden Pub went well. Hope to get more donations at a Spring service event.
- iii. Meet & Confer - Met with Drs. Perman, Ward and Jarrell. Pushed for dental insurance. Considering creating graduate student lounge so that we have a home facility for quiet study.
- iv. Professional Development - Research Award Applications due Jan 15th
- v. Communications - No January newsletter due to format changes. Committee Website Training on Jan 8th. You can now click on the articles in the email which links you to their home on our website. We should add the November issue to the website.
- vi. GRC - We have a speaker, Dr. Nathaniel Comfort! We need a few more volunteers for the committee. A checklist of tasks is going around. If you see a task that you would like to perform, please sign the sheet with your name and email. Start spreading the word about the GRC! Will hold brief committee meeting directly following.

5. New Business

a) Budgets up for approval for Meyerhoff and Nova.

MH - mostly asking for \$ for food to support guests at their 2 major events.

EVENT	ITEMS	PRICE/UNIT	# UNITS	TOTAL COST/ITEM	REQUESTED
Minority Speaker Series	Pizza	\$15	5	\$75.00	\$75.00
	Soda	\$1.25	20	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Salad	\$5	10	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Total			\$150.00	\$150.00
Meyerhoff Research Symposium	Soda	\$1.25	35	\$43.75	\$50.00
	Food	\$5.00	35	\$175.00	\$175.00
	Total			\$218.75	\$225.00
Total Requested					\$368.75

Nova - Requesting funds to cover food for semester and summer events, supplies for port discovery visits and April Ronald McDonald House visit - will make breakfast for everyone.

NOVA Spring Budget

Item	Associated Event	Frequency	Cost per Event	Total Cost*
Snacks/Drinks	Spring Grove Bingo Night	Monthly	\$50	\$350
Miscellaneous Supplies	Port Discovery Children's Museum	Monthly	N/A	\$55.00
Meals	Ronald McDonald House	Semesterly	\$75.00	\$75.00
EKG/EEG Spiker Box	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$230
			Total	\$710

Motion to fully support both Meyerhoff and nova by G. Heinzl. 2nd by K. Edwards. Approved by majority.

b) VP- Amanda has secured a Ronald Mcdonald house date for our Spring charity event:

Thursday February 5th - breakfast serving from 7:30-9am.

6. Upcoming events

GRC Monday, March 9th, 2015.

7. Other business/Announcements

You may begin registering for GRC on Friday, January 9th, 2015.

Date of next meeting: February 4th 2015

5:45pm motion to adjourn meeting by G. Heinzl, 2nd by C. Ross.