



◆ **GSA Meeting Agenda**
Date: October 2nd, 2019

1. Welcome/Call to order at 5:03pm

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| Rashed Alsahafi | Raziyeh Baghi | Julia Thayer | Nick Montes |
| Iona Ghita | Jenny Afkinich | Atisha Dave | Sara Daniel |
| Hadley Bryan | Raina Butler | Kayleigh Majercak | Raquel Shortt |
| Bern Monari | Alyssa Grogan | Quinton Banks | Dante Johnson |
| Sydney Ashton | Jennifer Kirk | Liana Andronesco | Sharmila Das |

2. Review minutes of previous meeting - Motion to approve: Julia Thayer, Second: Hadley Bryan

3. Reports

a. President

i. Announcements

1. Additional sign in sheet update- encourage younger students to participate and come to meetings, even as extras.
2. American Heart Association is partnering with urecfrit Heart Walk- October 12th!!
 - a. [Sign up or donate!](#)
 - b. Team Name: Graduate School GSA

ii. Meet & Confer Committee

1. Graduate School move to Lexington Building
 - a. Plan approved, work will begin in January
 - b. Likely completed after 2020
2. Health Insurance
 - a. 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 to the appropriate contact person.
3. Shuttle service
 - a. App is likely permanent

- b. Made request for stop buttons on new buses
- c. Brought to their attention that we are concerned about accessibility for anyone with different abilities
- 4. IMPORTANT: Police Department new communications officer will be responsible for making Non-emergency announcements
 - a. Please volunteer: Creation of a **UMB Student Advisory Board** that would work directly with the UMB Police Department on upcoming policies and procedures-- students needed to give input on communicating non-emergency information on campus. E.g. timely warnings, shuttle disruptions, weather delays or closings, traffic, power/water outages. Time commitment will be minimal
 - i. Atisha Dave volunteer
 - b. Chief Cary will be attending the USGA meeting tonight- do we want to invite her to our next meeting?
 - i. No interest in having Chief Cary attend the next meeting
- 5. 'Bake your Thesis'
 - a. Possible end of year social - Need 8-10 people interested for event to work. Will bring up again later.
- 6. Smoking on Campus
 - a. Penn St., Hospital, President Perman to talk to CEO of Hospital
- 7. Next Meet & Confer will be in January.

b. Vice President

i. Announcements

1. Social Activities Committee: No updates right now!
2. USGA Announcements
 - a. USGA has a student issues form. Feel free to submit any school-related issues that you are having and USGA will address

them: [Google Form](#)

- b. Save the Date! Upcoming USGA socials:
 - i. Halloween Social 10/25/19
 - ii. Fall Formal 11/15/19 (location: World Trade Center)
- c. Be sure to download the app "TapRide" for real-time UMB police escort requests. Just select UMB from the list of schools!
 - i. Will find out whether this is replacing the phone number or supplementing it
- d. Shuttle updates:
 - i. ADA Compliance: The temporary buses are not ADA accessible. The current protocol for a student would be to notify the bus driver to call the manager to send out a ADA accessible van. The van can take 10-15 minutes to arrive so this isn't the best solution currently. The new buses will be ADA compliant.
 - ii. Accessing the shuttle on your phone: You can use the MobileUMB app OR the new Rideshare app. Both access the same app for UMB shuttles.
 - iii. Guest policy: This will most likely change or be removed. Staff will have to start paying to use the shuttle (this won't be put into effect until 2020 most likely) and the existing guest policy could be abused to get around the new staff payment requirement. More details to follow.
 - iv. New buses WILL have stop pulls! :)
 - v. Be sure to share any and all concerns on the UMB shuttle page using this [online form](#)
- e. Student Organization Events coming up this semester (keep an eye out for event details in The Elm or Campus Life Weekly)
 - i. Global Medical Brigade: GMB International Trivia Night

(10/25, 8PM)

- ii. Queer Community Alliance: LGBTQ+ 101 (10/28, 5PM)
- iii. Orators at UMB: Spookathon (10/30, 6PM)
- iv. National Alliance of Mental Illness: Journal through Schizophrenia (11/11, 6:30PM)
- v. Indian Association: Diwali (11/14, 6PM)
- vi. Queer Student Alliance: Trans Resilience Vigil (11/20, 8PM)
- vii. Project Feast: Annual Thanksgiving Meal (11/28, 11AM)

c. Treasurer

i. Account

- 1. Current Balance: \$19,419.55
- 2. Have not yet made decisions about how to disperse extra social funding - \$600.00
 - a. Could potentially be used for 'Lab Social Hour'

ii. Finance Committee:

- 1. Deadline for the 1st Quarter Travel Award Application is Tuesday, October 15th! If you traveled during July, August, or September, then you are eligible to apply. Find the application form at <http://www.graduate.umaryland.edu/gsa/Awards/Travel-Fellowships/>
Do not have to include SSN. Send all parts as a single document. Do not mail a physical copy to any address.
Will be asking for help from Finance Committee to score these
New reimbursement forms that include additional information (full name, mailing address, phone number)
- 2. All 4th Q travel awards have been disbursed.

- iii. Student Group Funding: There is an instructional document that outlines the details of this process. If you are a student group who is interested in receiving GSA funding, please email the GSA Treasurer for this documents

d. Secretary

- i. Announcements - None
 - e. Grad Council rep
 - i. Announcements- None
 - ii. U of M grad council - First meeting
 - iii. USGA meetings are occasionally at the same time as GSA meetings.
 - f. PR
 - i. Announcements:
 - 1. Next gazette: This Friday - there is some cool stuff on there, check it out!
 - 2. Looking to work with the Farming Alliance of Baltimore - sign up sheet going around
 - a. Volunteering is Thursday, Fridays, and Saturdays (will try to find a day that works for everyone)
 - b. Involves planting and tending an urban garden
 - ii. Communications Committee: No announcements
 - iii. Volunteer Committee
 - g. Meyerhoff : No announcements
 - h. NOVA: No announcements
 - i. UMB Orators: Meet & Greet was held last Friday (Date) had lower than expected attendance, but did have representation from multiple grad school programs
4. Old Business:
5. New Business:
 - a. Additional benefits including 24-hour mental health counseling is available through the portal under the 'Additional Benefits' tab on the student portal (Find link and insert here)
 - b. QSA had first meeting on September 27th - 25 people were present. A poll will be sent out to find out a good date for the next meeting
6. Upcoming Events:
 - a. American Heart Walk Saturday October 12th
7. Other Business/Announcements

Date of next meeting: November 6, 2019 - SMC 351

Motion to adjourn: Julia Thayer, Seconded Quinton Banks