



◆ **GSA Meeting Agenda**
Date: September 4th, 2019

1. Welcome/Call to order: 5:05

Liana Andronescu	Kelly Rock	Jenny Afkinich	Todd Becker
Kayleigh Mayercak	Julia Thayer	Bern Monari	Hadley Bryan
Andrea Romanowski	Gillian Mbumbo	Talia Guardia	Sol Baik
McKayla Miokle	Chris Goodis	Quinton Banks	Sharmila Das
Ritika Kurian	Sydney Ashton	Ashley Marquardt	Meredith Mirmow
Chrissy Carney	Lauren McCarthy	Heather Mutchie	Megan Lynch
Emily Smith	Tyree Wilson		

2. Review minutes of previous meeting - Julia Thayer, Ashley Marquardt seconded

3. Reports

a. President

i. Announcements

1. Welcome to new members, e-board introduced themselves
2. Thank you Orientation Volunteers
3. Additional sign-in sheet to update the rep email list; last meeting that I will pass this around. Encourage younger students to participate and come to meetings, even as extras.
4. American Heart Association is partnering with urecfrit Heart Walk
 - a. We are trying to get a team for every school
 - b. https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=4311&pg=team&team_id=526545
 - c. Team Name: Graduate School GSA

ii. Meet & Confer Committee

1. 'Summer' meeting September 16th!
 - a. If you received an email from me already you are on the committee, if you have not you may be asked in the spring.

2. Talking points for meeting:
 - a. Graduate School move to Lexington Building
 - i. Will be getting a new lounge. We have been invited to participate in designing the lounge. Anyone who is interested in participating please reach out to join us for a meeting!
 - b. Health Insurance- transition seemingly went well; 1 complaint about cost of PT visit and 1 complaint that there was a delay in sending the details of the new plan
 - i. Other complaints: Asked for a card to be sent, and number on physical card was wrong, ID card had Gallagher ID#, so was not a functional member number. Did not receive a card for dental insurance (despite signing up)
 - c. Shuttle service- how do we like the new app?
 - i. Problems with the app
 - ii. New buses are not accessible for people with disabilities
 - d. Current Reston Limos will be in use for three to four months - other shuttles have been purchased but need to be inspected.
 - i. Will confirm presence of 'stop' button on new buses
 - e. Police Department new communications officer/ Non-emergency announcements: Will be receiving more non-emergency announcements
 - f. 'Bake your Thesis' - Social?
 - i. Would have a budget, outside food beyond the baked thesis

b. Vice President

i. Announcements

1. Orientation social was a success! Thank you to all volunteers who help set

up and take down as well as everyone who attended!

- a. 158 people attended: 7 guests, 151 graduate students
- b. Any feedback on the event?
 - i. Band was great!
2. Ugly Sweater Social: potential date Friday, December 6th?
 - a. Any program-specific event conflicts?
 - b. Any university conflicts?
- ii. Social Activities Committee
 1. Next social to plan is the Ugly Sweater Social in the beginning of December!
- iii. USGA Announcements
 1. Any feedback on the new shuttle?
 - a. Next shuttle meeting is on September 12th
 2. First USGA meeting for school year is on September 11th!
 - a. Starts at 5:30, anyone is welcome to come
 - b. Any specific topics to discuss from the graduate school?
 - c. Events to advertise to the university student body?
- c. Treasurer
 - i. Account
 1. Current Balance: approx \$19,639.74 (Orientation still settling)
 - ii. Finance Committee:
 1. Checks still to be distributed from 4th Q travel awards
 2. Orientation checks are still being distributed
 - iii. Student Group Funding: 1,800 left in budget for the fall
 1. 2 Budget request presentations
 2. There is a step-by-step funding request instructional sheet. To request this sheet, email the treasurer account: umb.gsa.treasurer@gmail.com
- d. Secretary
 - i. Announcements: GRC Committee - Be on the lookout for an email to plan our

first meeting for September. If you are interested in being on the GRC Committee and have not yet signed up, send me an email:
umb.gsa.sec@gmail.com

- e. Grad Council rep
 - i. Announcements: None
- f. PR
 - i. Announcements:
 - 1. Next gazette: Next Grad Gazette will be September 6th
 - 2. Ideas for what to put on the Gazette: Student Bios, Poems, Words of Encouragement
 - a. If you are interested in submitting something to the Grad Gazette, email: umb.gsa.pro@gmail.com
 - ii. Communications Committee - For anyone who would like to be a part of the Communications committee, send me an email!
 - iii. Volunteer Committee - For those who've signed up, a Google doc will be set so that you can put down ideas for what we can do for the semester.
 - 1. If you would like sign up, email the PR rep: umb.gsa.pro@gmail.com
- g. Meyerhoff : No updates
- h. NOVA: No updates
- 4. Old Business:
 - a.
- 5. New Business:
 - a. NOVA budget request: \$462.98
 - i. Attached to email with minutes - includes funding for Spring Grove social: Snacks and drinks for social, as well as funding to supplement donations. Also requested funding for new BINGO set. Funding for end of semester party and lab tour for local Baltimore school students
 - ii. Questions about:
 - 1. Accessibility of BINGO set

2. Size of BINGO nights (up to 30 people)
 3. Expressed support for the Spring Grove BINGO night
 - b. Motion to vote: Julia Thayer, seconded Christy Carney, motion approved
 - c. UMB Orators co-sponsorship request
 - i. Budget attached to email with minutes: \$60.00
 - ii. UMB Orators is a new group that assists with presentation, interview, and speaking skills that is free for all UMB students, faculty, and staff
 - iii. Meet and Greet event: September 27th
 1. Opportunity to learn about the group and recruit members
 2. Requesting funding for food, drinks
 3. Questions:
 - a. People attending? (20-30)
 - b. Advertisement? (Flyers, on the Elm)
 - c. Just Graduate School? (No, anyone at UMB)
 - iv. Motion to vote: Chrissy Carney, Seconded: Julia Thayer
 1. Concerns about whether they should go to USGA to funding
 - a. Help get off the ground, but recommend that they go to USGA for further funding (unable to do this due to make-up of executive board)
 2. Approved with the stipulation that advertisement be sent out through graduate student listserv 1x/week for two weeks prior to event
6. Upcoming Events:
 - a. American Heart Walk Saturday October 12th
 - i. Will be asking volunteer committee to help out with this event.
7. Other Business/Announcements
 - a. None

Date of next meeting: October 2nd, 2019 - SMC 351

Motion to adjourn: Julia Thayer, Seconded: Ashley