



◆ **GSA Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: June 3, 2020**

1. Welcome/Call to order: 5:04

Sol Baik	David Annis	Sarah Tavner	Tyree Wilson
Jennifer Kirk	Karndeeep Singh	Kristen Montgomery	Ioana Ghita
Chintal Shah	Talia Guardia	Colin Robertson	Dante Johnson
Eposi Elonge	Ashley Marquardt	Garrett Bunce	McKayla Mickle
Sarah Taveer	Alyssa Grogan	Kelly Rock	Chrissy Carney

2. Review minutes of previous meeting -

- a. Motioned to approve: Yes

3. Reports

- a. President

i. Announcements

1. Hello from the new E-board! :)
2. GSA & statement of solidarity with the black community in Baltimore (will discuss more in new business)
3. All GPILS courses will be held virtually for Summer & Fall 2020
  - a. Email sent out May 21st
  - b. Students are encouraged to take virtual courses at other campuses
4. Fall student group event and social updates
  - a. Most likely will not be in person - has to be virtual
  - b. Creative ideas for virtual events?
5. Orientation will most likely be virtual
  - a. Mixture of formal sessions (ethics training, EHS training, introduction to student services & advocates) with student interaction (grad school 101 panel, student lunch)
  - b. Creative ideas to engage students?

6. Graduate student-wide recovery phase survey
  - a. Thank you to all reps who have provided responses to the previous surveys for the recovery task force
  - b. We are creating a survey to send out to all graduate students to collect a wide variety of responses (to be sent out on Friday, June 5th)
    - i. Reps - please encourage students within your program to fill out the survey
  - ii. Meet & Confer Committee- GSA members meet with Grad School Admin staff to talk about student needs and issues
    1. Next Meeting (TBD) - Recovery task force & president search is the focus currently. Hope to have a meeting before the fall.
    2. Agenda items for next meeting:
      - a. Student stipends
      - b. Campus Smoking Policy
      - c. Safety concerns
      - d. Summer and non-semester parking options
      - e. Anything else to be discussed?
- b. Vice President
  - i. Announcements
    1. Social Activities Committee:
      - a. All socials are postponed (TBD if we are having events in the fall)
      - b. Virtual Trivia Social: Tentative date: June 18th, 2020 @ 5:30 - consider pushing back due to recent events.
        - i. The social will be conducted over WebEx and initially limited in size. This is a new type of event and we want to make sure it is manageable
        - ii. Working on incentives

2. USGA Announcements:

- a. Any questions or concerns about COVID-19 and UMB? Check out UMB's coronavirus [website](#)
- b. Keep an eye out for UMB virtual events in The Elm or Campus Life Weekly

c. Treasurer

1. Current Balance: \$12,243.26

- a. Spring budget was cut by 30% due to student fee reimbursement so this amount could go down.
- b. GRC checks
  - i. Please email [umb.gsa.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:umb.gsa.treasurer@gmail.com) with the address you'd like me to use.

2. Fall Budget is TBD- will talk to Erin about actual budget

3. Student Group Funding: ISPE -please contact me for reimbursement

4. Updating Travel Reimbursement - Putting to Vote-

*Postpone voting until we have more information about change in budget  
Hopefully voting in August*

- a. Increase maximum amount to \$500
- b. Include application before attending conferences:
- c. "Tentative Award Upon Presentation of Receipts. The GSA is accepting travel applications prior to conference attendance on the basis of anticipated costs. The application and corresponding abstract will be judged and given a maximum award value, all travel receipts must be submitted in a single pdf document including conference registration and accepted abstract after the conference in order to receive the funding. Costs reimbursed will not exceed the awarded value. Awards given prior to conference travel can be submitted one application quarter prior to the anticipated travel. Reimbursement based awards will be given

precedence in the application Quarter.”

- d. When can pre-applications be applied?
  - i. In the Quarter before travel
  - ii. Quarters are 1: July, Aug, Sept **Due:** Oct 15  
2: Oct, Nov, Dec **Due:** Jan 15  
3: Jan, Feb, March **Due:** April 15  
4: April, May, June **Due:** July 15
  - iii. Depending on availability reimbursement awards will be given precedence over pre-applications. The awarded funds are to be taken from the applied quarter (not the traveled quarter), depending on demand the funding quarter may be in the anticipated travel time period.

d. Secretary

- i. Announcements:
  - 1. Updating Rep list for 2020/2021

e. Grad Council rep

- i. Announcements:
  - 1. Outstanding Mentor- Dr. Owen Woodward
- ii. U of M grad council:
  - 1. No meetings til Fall

f. PR

- i. Announcements:
  - 1. No updates
- ii. Communications Committee
  - 1. No updates
- iii. Volunteer Committee:
  - 1. BARCS have opened the opportunity for people to foster pets in their homes during the outbreak. This can be something worthwhile to avoid

having cabin fever. More info will be in the Grad Gazette

2. Skype a Scientist is a fun program where families or individuals can reach out to us as scientists and ask general questions in regards to COVID-19 or the person's field of study (Will have more info in the Grad Gazette)
3. Groups like CHD have launched "Adopt a Grandparent" which will allow volunteers to do just that. This is to compensate for the loneliness the elderly will have during the time of the pandemic. This campaign may also be interesting to some people (More info will be in the Grad Gazette).

g. Meyerhoff: No updates

h. NOVA: No updates

4. Old Business:

- a. Graduate Student Lounge & new graduate school building - on hold
- b. Voting on new travel reimbursement rules - on hold

5. New Business:

a. New E-board

- i. President - Emily Smith
- ii. Vice President - Lauren McCarthy
- iii. Treasurer - Gillian Mbambo
- iv. Secretary - Hadley Bryan
- v. Public Relations Officer - Sydney Ashton
- vi. Grad Council Rep - Katie Gwilliam

b. Discussion on how GSA can be active within the community

- i. Statement of solidarity with the black community in Baltimore
- ii. Creating Google Doc for resources/comments

6. Upcoming Events:

- a. Creative ideas for virtual events this fall?

7. Other Business/Announcements

- a.

**Date of next meeting: August 5th, 2020**

**Motion to adjourn: 6:01 PM**