

**GSA Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: June 2, 2021**



1. Welcome/Call to order: 5:03PM

**Please put your full name and program in the Zoom chat so attendance can be taken!**

David Annis	Lauren McCarthy	Debra Card	Kasy Knopp
Makenzy Mull	Ioana Ghita	Danté Johnson	McKayla Mickle
Amanda Boyer	Sarah Tanveer	Alexander Malyshev	Sarah Clem
Eposi Elonge	Kelly Rock	Mashhood Wani	Bern Monari
Emily Smith	Ashley Marquardt	Karndeeep Singh	

2.

3. Review minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve: Emily Smith and Lauren McCarthy

4. Reports

- a. **President**

- i. Announcements:

1. Hello from the new E-board (and thank you to the 2020-21 E-board!)
2. Happy Pride Month!
3. 100 year anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre May 31 & June 1

- a. Quick summary [here](#)
- b. More resources (books, audio & more) [here](#)

4. Happy Memorial Day

- a. [First Memorial Day](#) held in 1865 by Black people freed from enslavement after the fall of Charleston, SC as the Civil War ended

5. UMB has announced their "Return to Campus" Framework, linked [here](#)

- a. Number of people on campus:

- i. By June 1st: no more than 50%

1. URecFit reopened with limited hours. They released a [statement](#) saying that they have received approval to hire new staff which would allow them to expand their operating hours

- ii. By the fall: work to have most students in-person

**b. Vice President**

- i. Announcements
  - 1. Social Activities Committee
    - a. Exploring bringing a Hollaback! bystander intervention training
  - 2. USGA Announcements:
    - a. Equity Committee selected a new DEI Officer for USGA's Equity Committee
    - b. If you are a current senator, expect an email me re: continuing in this role soon. We will likely need new reps for next year!

**c. Treasurer**

- 1. Current Balance in GSA checking account: \$8061.85
  - a.

**d. Secretary**

- i. Announcements:
  - 1. If you are graduating or can no longer be a rep next semester, please recruit a new rep for your program.

**e. Grad Council rep**

- i.

**f. PR**

- i. Announcements:
  - 1. Thanks to everyone who donated clothing and items at our event last month!
  - 2. We officially purchased the books for Martha's Place new book club they're starting for their members!

g. Meyerhoff: No updates.

h. NOVA: No updates.

**i. Graduate School DEI committee (Nikita Aggarwal):**

- i.

**j. Program Rep Updates/Questions/Concerns:**

- i. Lexington (Market Center) Garage closed (8 floors, not the Lexington Market Rooftop)
- ii. Dental insurance:

-Comments from Kasey Knopp: FYI: for dental and vision you can be seen by residents/students at the University as well. It is a decent alternative and much less expensive than going to an office. We recently had a student have to do this for serious dental work.

- iii. Make quick facts sheet for incoming students

## 5. Old Business:

### a. Meet & Confer updates

- i. May meeting cancelled, meeting June 10th
- ii. Planned next agenda items:
  1. University System of Maryland vaccine mandate for all students
  2. Clarification of COVID-19 compliance on campus
  3. Planning to also present on “what it means to be a graduate student” to the Deans and VPs this fall
  4. Anything else that we should bring to their attention?
  5. Dental and eye insurance

### b. SafeRides and SafeWalk perimeter

- i. Meeting in early April screenshared the local address data results but was not able to actually share the data with the safety committee
- ii. In the meantime, the committee could visually identify a section of Pigtown that had many students living there but was not included in the perimeter

### c. Parking & Transportation

- i. UM Shuttle resumes on August 2nd
- ii. Starting on August 1st, students need to return to parking in Lexington Garage
- iii. The Lyft programs will end July 30th
- iv. SafeRides and SafeWalk will continue!

### d. UMB Police & Safety

- i. Maryland passed many police reform bills last month and UMB PD is working to be in compliance with all of the new legislation
  1. Link to an article about the [legislation](#)
- ii. Internship opportunities for SSW students in collaboration with UMB Police
  1. Fall 2021 program start
  2. Most likely will work with people in the community experiencing homelessness OR those with misdemeanor charges

- iii. Discussed the variety of stress-induced safety training that UMB Police are planning and organizing

6. New Business:

a. GRA Stipend

- i. Emily, Hadley, and Sydney met with UMB's Executive Cabinet today to go over the stipend presentation
  - 1. Some mixed responses
- ii. We are STILL pushing for a transparent, annual stipend assessment for all programs
  - 1. Will bring this up again at Meet and Confer to see if there was feedback from this morning's meeting
- iii. We do want your feedback!
  - 1. We have been posed a question about *fees being included in stipends vs. an increase without fees included*. Let us know your thoughts [here](#)

7. Upcoming Events:

a. Thank you from the 2020 -2021 E-board!

b. Other Business/Announcements

- i. GSA Rep Climate Survey linked [here](#)
- ii. FREE online trainings on bystander intervention and conflict de-escalation, particularly focused on anti-AAAPI harassment and hate by Hollaback linked [here](#)
- iii. All reporting, including COVID-19 compliance, is still required to go through UMB Hotline via EthicsPoint. You can call the hotline or fill out a form online linked [here](#).
- iv. COVID-19 testing locations:
  - 1. Baltimore Convention Center: Link to find available appointment times [here](#) from Monday - Friday. Can also walk-in.
  - 2. UM Immediate Care: Register [here](#) (just select 'Covid testing only')
- v. COVID-19 vaccination at UMB and in Maryland is ongoing.
  - 1. COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the SMC has received approval to vaccinate *anyone 16 or older* regardless of whether they live, work, or learn in the city of Baltimore. This includes all students, faculty, and staff of UMB, as well as alumni, family members, friends, and neighbors!
    - a. Vaccination locations: UMB's campus center, Baltimore Convention Center, M&T Bank Stadium, pharmacies, health department, etc

- i. [Article](#) that discusses various vaccination locations
      - b. Use this [form](#) to indicate to sign up to be vaccinated at UMB
    - 2. Want to volunteer at a mass vaccination site with other Maryland students? Register at this [link](#).
    - 3. UMB's campus center is still looking for Spanish speaking people to volunteer at the vaccination site as UMB will be vaccinating the Latinx population.
      - a. Reach out to me if you or someone you know is able to help!
  - vi. GSA's work against discrimination of marginalized communities:
    - 1. Created a living document of resources in support of this work (articles, books, podcasts, movies, etc) linked [here](#)
      - a. Working to organize this!
    - 2. If you would like to have a resource added to this list, fill out this [form](#)
    - 3. Created a living document of GSA's ongoing work linked [here](#)
- c. **No July meeting! See you in August! Look out for updates on how orientation will work this year- fingers crossed for some type of in person event!**

**Date of next meeting: August 4, 2021**

**Motion to adjourn: Lauren McCarthy and Alex Malyshev**