



❖ **GSA Meeting Minutes**
Date: October 7, 2020

1. Welcome/Call to order: 5:01PM

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

Joy Schucker	Sol Baik	Gila Fridkis	Karndeeep Singh
Danté Johnson	McKayla Mickle	Rainer Butler	Ashley Marquardt
Saba Shahzad	Ioana Ghita	David Annis	Heba Mitwalli
Jennifer Kirk	Amanda Boyer	Rhea Mehta	Eposi Elonge
Kristin Montgomery	Chintal Shah	Kelly Rock	
Chrissy Carney	Sanjana Roa	Alex Malyshev	

2. Review minutes of previous meeting

a. Motion to approve minutes: Ashley and Chrissy

3. Reports

a. **President**

i. Announcements:

1. URECfit will not be opening during the fall 2020 semester. Fees will be reimbursed accordingly but virtual classes and services will still be offered.

2. Flu shots:

- [FluShot Clinic](#) open to all UMB students, staff, and faculty will be held on October 13th and 14th. Sign up now! (Note that this is a partnership with Walgreens which doesn't accept UHCR)
Other options suggested were Harris Teeter, Target, CVS
- UMB Immediate Care is also offering flu shots on October 13th and 16th. Sign up [here](#).

3. Sign up for a GSA committee, linked [here](#). Every GSA rep is asked to serve on one committee! Options include: Communications, Diversity & Inclusion, Finance, GRC Planning, Professional Development, Social, Stipend, & Volunteer/Outreach.

b. **Vice President**

i. Announcements

1. Social Activities Committee: Plan another trivia night for all students!

a.

2. USGA Announcements:
 - a. Recruiting USGA senators now! Reach out to me if interested.

c. **Treasurer**

1. Current Balance from our budget: \$9384.00 Total amount in account: \$11,015.67
 - a. Extra not budgeted: \$1631.67
 - b. Pending items: Welcome Gift
 - i. Budgeted: \$4350.00
 - ii. Estimated cost: \$3840.60
 - iii. Remainder: \$509.4
 - c. Balance after pending item: \$5543.40**
2. All awards, reimbursements and panelist checks have been distributed and reception confirmed by all recipients (please make sure to cash your checks)
 - a. Need receipts from Research Award recipients
3. Finance Committee:
 - a. 2nd quarter travel award was due Sept 30th - did not receive any applications
 - b. 1st quarter travel award and COVID WFH awards due October 15th
 - i. Have received a good amount of WFH apps so far (\$1958.71), if we get more applications than what we budgeted for, can we roll over the travel award fund and other funds/extra money in our account?
 - ii. 1st vote- Voting to move money from travel award and left over from welcome gift - to WFH award - Voted yes
2nd vote- If there are even more applications, move extra from money that hasn't been budgeted - Voted yes
4. Student 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 document
 - a. Budget: \$560.19, Balance: \$450
 - b. Reimbursed: ISPE (\$110.19 late reimbursement from Fall 2019)
 - c. New funding request: NOVA funding request (\$115) - voted yes
 - i. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1r2H7fEtGtpFC5AfsFQC9i1VPGDk3PbsOlh--RqVdHfM/edit#gid=866821379>

d. Secretary

- i. Announcements:
 - 1. Updating Rep list for 2020/2021 - reaching out to programs that haven't been involved in the past few years and new master's/certificate programs
 - 2. CastleBranch and UMB Connect emails are also going to spam
 - 3. Meeting with Erin Golembewski & Jim Reynolds.
Shout out to Sarah and Chintal for their work within PHSR!

e. Grad Council rep

- i. Announcements:
 - 1. Professional Development Awards for this semester are due November 1st. This is for workshops, professional networking events, conferences, trainings, etc attended from April through September.
 - 2. Gillian and I are working with Celeste ordering the GSA Grad Shirts and Masks. There will probably be some extras from what we are ordering so if you didn't sign up for one and want one please send me an e-mail and I can keep you on a list if we have extras.
- ii. U of M grad council:
 - 1. UMB and UMBC are working on passing a lot of new certification programs (especially within the Medical Cannabis program)
 - 2. UMBC's GSA President is working with us to help us with the virtual 3 Minute Thesis so stay tuned for more information.

f. PR

- i. Announcements:
 - 1. October Grad Gazette went out Monday, October 5
 - a. Please send me any news, events, announcements, personal pieces, etc!
 - ii. Communications Committee
 - 1. No updates
 - iii. Volunteer Committee:
 - 1. No updates
- g. Meyerhoff: No Updates.
- h. NOVA: NOVA's Sidewalk Science event will be running Oct. 11-17th! Inspired by a quarantine science outreach effort developed by Danna Staaf and others, we will be providing chalk to volunteers who will write a message on a local sidewalk (outside their homes, a nearby park, etc) e.g. "Hi Baltimore, A scientist lives here! If you have a question, ask it and I'll answer it!", and leaving chalk for passersby to ask questions about science, which the volunteer will then write back and answer. If you're interested (whether your

expertise is in neuroscience or not), fill out this form and NOVA will provide you with chalk!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEpaqVZbuEtHj4oJJCkk-Ouq6Hhz2hKjdiTb-SfLpQiSix8YA/viewform?gxids=7757>

i. Program Rep Updates/Questions/Concerns:

- i. Change in virtual counseling services from BetterHelp to HealthiestYou.
Alternative suggestions thanks to Jennifer Kirk:
 1. Completely free counseling for residents of Maryland.
<https://probonocounseling.org/>
 2. Better help which used to be covered does have a financial aid application.
<https://www.betterhelp.com/advice/therapy/what-is-sliding-scale-therapy-do-you-qualify/>
 3. If you can afford the \$15.00 copays there are many in network options that can be found using the behavioral provider link on the Gallagher site.
 - a. <https://www.gallagherstudent.com/students/provider-networks.php?idField=1356&KosterWebSID=4nsp1toCr8m310s5rq19j1tr21>
 - b. Search directory that Gallagher links to:
<https://provider.liveandworkwell.com/content/laww/providersearch/en/home.html?siteId=3077&lang=1>
 - c. Currently the UMB insurance allows for telehealth visits with these providers, but at a cost vs. the HealthiestYou app, which is difficult to use.
- ii. Interested in a social justice and equity conscious book club? Contact Chintal one of our PHSR reps for more info: chintalshah@umaryland.edu

4. Old Business:

- a. Meet & Confer updates
 - i. Discussed racial justice initiatives again
 1. Mandatory anti-racism training: UMB is working with SSW to create 90min campus wide “training” as part of the curriculum; will be ready for review by mid-October
 2. New [executive order](#) allows universities to be investigated for recognizing systemic racism on the campus and federal funding can be revoked
 - a. This does not apply to educational initiatives (like the trainings)
 - b. Encouraged GSA and students to advocate within our departments/programs for this curriculum
 3. On Thursday October 1st at 4PM, the law school held a town hall titled “The Legal Lens of Social Justice: Breonna Taylor and Beyond” educating the public on the legality of the murder of Breonna Taylor, the grand jury

proceedings, the laws surrounding no-knock warrants, etc. It was recorded but the link hasn't been posted yet.

- ii. Campus shuttle concerns
 - 1. Lexington St. Garage daily rate will [increase to \\$9](#). In order to get the student daily rate of \$6, students must register in the student commuter parking, linked [here](#).
 - 2. Meeting between Lyft and Parking/Transportation occurred on Friday, October 2nd. They are moving forward by starting to draft up university communications regarding this, but no details as to when the service will begin. Updates to come.
- iii. Reporting for COVID-19 compliance
 - 1. Reporting is through UMB Hotline EthicsPoint (at the bottom of every UMB webpage)
 - a. COVID-19 module is no longer present but they are working to put it back up
- iv. Change in virtual counseling services from BetterHelp to HealthiestYou
 - 1. Erin Golembewski is working to determine why this decision was made
 - 2. Plan to meet with UMB Counseling Center to fulfill other counseling needs for students
 - Danté recommended contacting Cassandra Moon
- v. Proposed agenda items for upcoming October meeting on 10/15/20:
 - 1. Mr. Trump's [executive order](#) and how that might affect the new Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer position
 - 2. Student stipend committee & transparency in process
 - 3. Student fees related to gym closure
 - 4. Update on shuttle alternative Lyft option
 - 5. Suggested agenda items to include for our next meeting?

5. New Business:

- a. Feedback for shuttle committee regarding Spring 2021 semester
 - i. Shuttle committee meets tomorrow, October 8th to discuss options for Spring 2021 semester
 - ii. Potential scenarios:
 - 1. Mostly online curriculum like this semester (<30% students on campus)
 - 2. Hybrid curriculum (50/50 students on campus/at home)
 - 3. Fully in-person (100% students on campus)
 - iii. What do we see for the shuttle in each of these scenarios?
 - 1. NOTE: If we want to bring back the shuttle, all students, regardless of being on and off campus, will be charged the shuttle fee. It's an all or

nothing decision.

2. Fee: \$189 per year/\$94.50 per semester for full time students
 3. Some suggestions included: if there is a shuttle, having it run all day so students would not be stuck on campus for longer than they need to be during COVID, potential partnering with the UMBC shuttle if it is also running in the spring, and getting city bus passes for students who are on campus/in lab so as to not burden students who are completely WFH with additional fees
- b. Student gifts for incoming students:
 - i. Ordering now! Will reach out to current students for purchasing details in the next two weeks.
 - c. COVID-19
 - i. SMC, along with CulinArt and The Market, and the library are now open with limited hours.
 - ii. USGA has created a form for all UMB students to submit COVID-related issues and concerns linked [here](#)
 - iii. Specific concerns to address with Graduate School?
 - d. Sign up for subcommittees!
 - i. Student Stipend Subcommittee
 1. Headed by: Hadley Bryan
 2. **Sign up [here!](#)**
 - ii. Diversity & Inclusion Subcommittee
 1. Headed by Lauren McCarthy
 2. **Sign up [here!](#)**
 - iii. All subcommittees are in the same [spreadsheet](#), so be sure to check them all out! If you have any questions, reach out to the exec in charge of that subcommittee (listed at the top of each spreadsheet tab).
6. Upcoming Events:
- a. Virtual three minute thesis (3MT) event sponsored by GSA and the Graduate School: November 2020
 - b. USGA sponsored event & new group
 - i. Unconscious bias training workshop: Tentative date- Wednesday, October 21st, 5-6 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 - ii. UMB Anti-Oppression Alliance is being formed by USGA. Student-run organization devoted to strengthening movements for anti-oppression and social justice at UMB and within the Baltimore community. If interested, sign up [here](#).
 - c. Suggestions for virtual events
 - i. Additional trivia nights

- ii. TED Talks - sort of like a “lunch and learn” but more casual
 - iii. Incorporation of UberEats vouchers?
7. Other Business/Announcements
- a. **VOTE!**
 - i. Based on your state of residence, check out this [link](#) for deadlines to register to vote and to vote by mail.
 - ii. Create a plan to vote: By mail? At an early voting center? At a polling place on election day?
 - iii. Maryland deadlines & dates to know:
 - 1. Register to vote online by Tuesday, October 13th
 - 2. Mail-in registration deadline (must be postmarked) by Tuesday, October 13th
 - 3. In-person registration deadline is on election day Tuesday, November 3rd
 - 4. General Election Day: Tuesday, November 3rd
 - iv. Consider working as an election judge for Maryland
 - v. Already registered? Voting by absentee? Some states are using [Ballottrax](#) or similar services to let voters know the status of their ballot. If you’re registered in MD, look [here](#)!
 - b. Previous GSA President Megan Lynch is defending her PhD thesis proposal on Monday, October 19th at 1PM! If interested in attending and want to support her, the zoom link is [here](#).

Date of next meeting: November 4, 2020

Motion to adjourn: Ashley and Gila