

1. GSA President Jessy Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Senator Training
 - Stephanie George reviews motions and the voting processes, as well as the requirement that senators attend each senate meeting. Senators are also told to be aware of the schedule of Senate meetings, which is part of the Senate packet.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2018 Senate Meeting
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - In favor: 54; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
 - Due to the fact that the clicker system is not functioning, all further voting will be done with paper ballots and will be counted to see if everything will pass by consent. This means that if the opposed and abstained vote totals cannot outnumber the possible in favor total then the motion will pass.
4. Announcements
 - GSA Vice President, Connor Walters, briefly introduces the services offered by GSA and the current GSA staff that are not present at tonight's meeting. GSA Programming Coordinator, Courtney Doxbeck, introduces herself, as does Mark Diamond Research Fund Director, Jen Schechter.
 - Senators are reminded of the Senate meeting schedule in their packets, and are asked to post flyers advertising GSA services, which are also found in their packets.
 - Courtney briefly reviews the GSA events planned through early October.
 - September 7th- Java Junction, 11:00am – 1:00pm in 310 Student Union
 - Free Tim Horton's coffee and doughnuts for graduate students in the GSA office.
 - September 10th- Discount AMC Movie Tickets Available
 - \$6 each at the SBI Ticket Offices. 1 per UB ID.
 - September 14th- South Campus Siesta, 1:30 – 3:30pm in 105 Harriman Hall
 - Free food and beverages for graduate students at South Campus
 - September 17th- Discount Corn Maize Tickets Available
 - \$5 each at the SBI Ticket Offices. 2 per UB ID.
 - October 6th- Fall Fest at the Farm (Becker Farm Trip)
 - \$10 each at the SBI Ticket Offices. 2 per UB ID.
 - October 7th- Buffalo Bills Football Game vs. Tennessee Titans
 - Tickets on sale September 17th for \$25 each. 1 per UB ID.
5. Report of the President
 - Jessy introduces herself and mentions that her goal for the year is to advance the cause of a living stipend for TAs and GAs.
6. Report of the Vice President
 - Connor introduces himself and states that mandatory officer training will be taking place on 9/17, 10/10, and 10/11, with a returning-officers-only training on 10/19.
7. Report of the Treasurer
 - GSA Treasurer Josh Joseph introduces himself. He announces that there have been some adjustments to the budget. \$1,600.00 more was given to the SBI allocation due to an increase in the allocation price per student by \$0.30. Also, an extra \$6,550.00, which was planned to be allocated to departmental club budgets, was now actually allocated for departmental club budgets. An error in Microsoft Excel had caused this oversight.
 - Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$3,550.00 allocated this month, \$11,450.00 remaining
 - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$15,000.00 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$5,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$5,000.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 24 requests totaling \$10,678.95 requested for August, 24 applications approved for \$10,678.95
 - 11 requests totaling \$3,350.00 requested for September, 11 requests approved for \$3,350.00
 - Beginning Balance: \$132,000.00; Remaining Balance \$117,971.05
8. Old Business
 - No old business.
9. New Business
 - Call for Committee Members
 - Call for Finance Committee members is announced. The following students volunteer:
 - Marc Schilder (Mathematics)

- Abisha Vijayashanthar (Public Health)
- Rhea Fernandes (Electrical Engineering)
- Xingyu Chen (Global Gender Studies)
- Meg Morris (Physics)
- Viswanath Pasumarthi (Chemical and Biological Engineering)
- Peter Farruggia (Community Health and Health Behavior)
- Emily Novak (Transnational Studies)
- Chris Rupert (Biological Sciences)
- Alternate 1: Braden Brown (Linguistics)
- Alternate 2: Kwasi Adusei (Nursing)
- Motion to approve the Finance Committee members and alternates
 - Motion: Geology
 - Second: Mathematics
 - Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes by consent
- Call for Election Committee members is announced and explained to the Senate, but will not be finalized and confirmed until October. The following students volunteer:
 - Allison Leet (Geography)
 - Xiang Chen (Global Gender Studies)
 - Congying Wang (Computer Science Engineering)
 - Taylor Glausen (Microbiology)
 - Will need one more volunteer
- Call for Services Committee members is announced. The following students volunteer:
 - Zaque Evans (Sociology)
 - Aditi Chaubey (GISA)
 - Keenan Philips (Anthropology)
 - Emily Novak (Transnational Studies)
 - Eva Santos Garcia (Romance Languages and Literatures)
- Motion to approve the Services Committee members
 - Motion: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - Second: Library & Information Studies
 - Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes by consent
- Club Recognition
 - A representative from Taiwanese GSA presents on their club.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$650
 - Motion to approve Taiwanese GSA at the recommended amount
 - Motion: Psychology
 - Second: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes by consent
 - Representatives from UB Group for International Graduate Students (GIGS) present on their club.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$300
 - Motion to approve UB GIGS at the recommended amount
 - Motion: Linguistics
 - Second: Speech
 - Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes by consent
- Funding Requests
 - A representative from Chinese Student and Scholar Association presents on their Mid-Autumn Gala Special Activity.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
 - A representative from Economics GSA presents on their Regression Discontinuity Research Design Workshop Special Activity.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,150.00
 - A representative from Chemical and Biological Engineering presents on their Career Perspectives and Networking Conference Special Activity.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
 - Motion to approve all funding requests as a block at the recommended amounts
 - Motion: Mathematics
 - Second: Communication
 - Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes by consent

10. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Students are reminded to please make sure to turn in their voting cards and clickers before leaving in order to be counted for Roll Call.
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:22pm
 - Motion: Communication
 - Second: Physics
 - Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion passes by consent