

1. GSA President Jessie Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 Senate Meeting
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Political Science
 - In Favor: 56, Oppose: 3, Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes
3. Announcements
 - GSA Programming Coordinator, Courtney Doxbeck, briefly reviews the GSA events planned through early December.
 - Discount AMC Movie Tickets Available
 - \$6 each at the SBI Ticket Offices
 - November 10th- Escape Room Buffalo
 - \$10 each at the SBI Ticket Offices
 - November 14th- Distinguished Speaker Series presents Peter Diamandis, 7:30pm at Alumni Arena
 - Reception and VIP tickets available. If interested, contact gsa-programming@buffalo.edu by tomorrow morning.
 - Free tickets available at the SBI Ticket Offices. 1 per UB ID.
 - November 16th- South Campus Siesta, 1:30 – 3:30pm in 105 Harriman Hall
 - Free food and beverages for graduate students at South Campus
 - December 1st- Holidays, Hatchets and Hops, 6:00 – 8:00pm
 - \$10 each at the SBI Ticket Offices. 2 per UB ID.
4. Report of the President
 - Jessie states that Student Life is looking for a volunteer to help with the Bookstore Taskforce, and that interested volunteers should contact her at gsa-president@buffalo.edu.
5. Report of the Vice President
 - GSA Vice President Connor Walters states that a make-up officer training meeting has been scheduled for 11/9 at noon in the GSA office. He notes that there was not a single time that worked for everyone, and so a second make-up training will be scheduled.
 - Connor gives a Services Committee update, stating that the Services Committee found the MDRF to be a fund that is solely for research costs and not conference or publication costs. The Services Committee has taken up the task of pursuing additional conference funding.
 - Connor states that during the monthly meeting with the Graduate School, the GSA was asked about the needs of graduate students in terms of TA appointments and in terms of mental health. Students can expect brief surveys about these issues in the next GSA newsletter.
6. Report of the Treasurer
 - GSA Treasurer Josh Joseph states that UB is seeking 5-10 volunteers to sample different vendors for new printing methods coming to campus. He asks interested students to contact him at gsa-treasurer@buffalo.edu.
 - Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$10,250.00 remaining
 - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$1,350.00 remaining
 - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$12,225.00 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$5,000.00 to start, \$4,300.00 allocated this month, \$700.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$1,750.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 75 requests totaling \$23,834.70 requested for November, 74 applications approved for \$23,634.70
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00, raised from \$132,000.00; Remaining Balance \$88,487.35
7. Old Business
 - No old business.
8. New Business
 - Club Recognition
 - A representative from Bangladeshi GSA presents on their club.
 - Recommended: \$300
 - A representative from Saudi GSA presents on their club.
 - Recommended: \$650
 - Motion to approve Bangladeshi GSA and Saudi GSA as a block at the recommended amounts
 - Motion: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - Second: Cancer Sciences- RPCCC
 - In favor: 60, Oppose: 4, Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes
 - Funding Requests

- Josh states that the first proposal being voted on today is a Community Outreach project that the Finance Committee is not recommending for funding. He states that the committee saw this as a recruitment event and not as a community service project.
- A representative from Pharmaceutical Sciences GSA presents on their UB's Health Sciences Symposium Community Outreach project, addressing concerns that this is a recruitment event.
 - Requested: \$250.00; Recommended: \$0.00
 - Josh reads from the Community Outreach application guidelines to allow the Senate to debate and decide for themselves.
- Motion to uphold the Finance Committee's recommendation, denying funding for the Community Outreach project.
 - Motion: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - Second: Political Science
 - In favor: 17, Oppose: 40, Abstain: 8
 - Motion fails
- Motion to approve Community Outreach funding at the requested amount
 - Motion: Cancer Sciences- RPCCC
 - Second: Physics
 - In favor: 58, Oppose: 7, Abstain: 3
 - Motion passes
- A representative from Anthropology GSA presents on their Chronika Scholarly Publication proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,400.00
- A representative from English presents on their P-Queue Scholarly Publication proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,400.00, with a stipulation pending confirmation of co-sponsors.
- A representative from Art GSA presents on their MFA Graduate Catalogue Scholarly Publication proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,500.00
- Motion to approve all Scholarly Publication funding requests as a block at the recommended amounts with the Finance Committee's stipulation
 - Motion: Urban Planning
 - Second: Library & Information Studies
 - In favor: 58, Oppose: 4, Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes
- Approval of Election Code and Code of Conduct
 - A representative from the Election Committee, Xingyu Chen, presents the changes the committee is seeking approval for. They are:
 - Changing the dates in the rules and regulations to reflect the 2018-2019 academic year.
 - The elimination of paper absentee ballots and resultant restructuring (for example, the Code of Conduct now cites Section 13 as the source for information on violations).
 - The addition of an Oxford comma to the title of section 12.
 - A change to grammar in the Code of Conduct.
 - Motion for the approval of the recommended changes to the Election Code and Code of Conduct, with the addition of the striking of section 13, to be replaced by section 12, and to amend Section 12.1 to refer to Section 9.6 instead of 10.6. These are further restructures needed as a result of the elimination of absentee ballots.
 - Motion: Chemistry
 - Second: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - A student states that under the Code of Conduct, section 3, "gender identity" is not mentioned as a protected group, and they would like it to be added. The motion is modified by the original motioner and the second.
 - Motion for the approval of the recommended changes to the Election Code and Code of Conduct, with the addition of: the striking of section 13 of the rules and regulations, to be replaced by section 12; the amendment of Section 12.1 of the rules and regulations to refer to Section 9.6 instead of 10.6; and the addition of "gender identity" following "gender" in the Code of Conduct.
 - Motion: Chemistry
 - Second: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - In favor: 60, Oppose: 2, Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:19pm
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Political Science
 - In favor: 55, Oppose: 4, Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes