



GSA Senate Business Meeting  
Feb 13, 2024 @11am – 12:15pm  
Baker Lab Room 254

## Agenda

1. Welcome - Emme 11:01am
2. Roll Call - Makayla
  - a. Apologies & Proxies
    - i. Laurel Williams proxying for Makayla Light
  - b. Quorum
    - i. Confirmation for quorum 10/15
3. Confirmation of meeting minutes for Jan 16, 2024
  - a. Motion to confirm meeting minutes by Emily Friden and seconded by Andrea Cass, unanimous consent
4. Senate Business
  - a. Previous Business
    - i. CCESS24
      1. Call for abstracts is still open, have 53 people registered and only 19 presenting
      2. Promote conference, especially within departments. Need at least 20 more people for posters and 10 more for oral presentations.
      3. If you are unsure about research fitting, email committee to find out if you would fit for the conference.
      4. Writing Workshop: designed for end of stage grad students, but also useful for when you are working on your proposal. You'll submit and get feedback during the conference. Using to develop an actual writing program for graduate students.
      5. Elevator pitch competition
    - ii. Research Mentoring
      1. Officially commenced, 7 graduate students in program
      2. Had more mentees than graduate students
  - b. New Business
    - i. Upcoming Events - All
      1. Grants and Awards
        - a. Looking to accept new form of awards, ORP will be giving decision within next few weeks.
        - b. Be on the lookout for announcements and notifications until mid-March
      2. Social
        - a. Reaching out to do an ESF family play date event for students and faculty who have kids pre-k and below.
        - b. For events in the future, have department representatives send out the flyers.
        - c. Free breakfast during Tuesday before break
      3. Chem Rep.
        - a. Senate drop-in room changed
      4. Communications



- a. Senate drop-ins: see excel sheet and sign up for open slots
5. GPES
  - a. Planning group trip to Newcomb at the end of March
  - b. Anticipating around 15 people can go on a first come first serve basis
6. GSEU
  - a. Should be getting an email if you are a TA, there will be a link to sign up, see what the state has to say and looking at the proposals from the GSEU
  - b. RU has been bargaining
- ii. [ESF Graduate Student Scholarship Excellence Funds](#) - Annie/Emme
  1. Submitted proposal for the ESF Graduate Student Scholarship Excellence Funds.
  2. John recently resigned from VP of Research
  3. Valerie Luzadis is also leaving in March, has transferred this to Katherina coming from Open Academy.
  4. Sets the foundation for what we want the scholarship to be. Offering more grants and awards to graduate students, along with more funding. Aim to cast wider net.
  5. Review document for more information.
  6. Award Ceremony is normally during the Spring TG, but looking to establish an award ceremony.
- iii. SAF Update from Business Office - Liv
  1. Got a deposit into account for student fees.
  2. Fees aren't due until March 15th.
- iv. Managing Affiliate Organisations - Emme
  1. [Standard Operating Procedure](#)
    - a. Resolution was passed last year that stated the GSA would retain a minimum number of large-scale events and will empower the student body to host events that they deem necessary for their own groups. GSA would fund events as applicable.
    - b. See framework linked above for more detail.
  2. [Application Questions](#)
  3. [EDGE](#)
- c. [Resolution to Evaluate Options to Increase Graduate Student Activity Fees](#) - Emme
- d. [Fee breakdown](#)
  - i. See links on resolution for increasing graduate student activity fees.
5. Any Other Business\*
6. Adjourn at 12:15pm
  - a. Next meeting on March 11, 2024, from 11am-12:15pm