Graduate Student Association (GSA) Meeting Minutes
December 7th, 2017
Biomedical Sciences Building (BMSB-room# 324)

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- President- Rabab (Ruby) Sharif-Present
- Vice President/ Secretary- Dawn Bender-Absent
- Social Chair- Hailey Houson-Present
- GREAT Chair/Treasurer- Kimberley McCullor-Present
- GREAT Vice Chair/Keynote Speaker- Sarah Bland-Present
- GREAT Career Development Chair- Benjamin Frempah-Present
- GREAT Workshop Chair- Jaanam Gopalakrishnan-Absent

II. Approval of November Minutes—motioned: Sarah Bland, second: Kim McCullor—Approved

III. Reports

i. Senate-Sarah Bland-Contacted department of operations regarding green recycling around campus, waiting for response.
   Healthy union-recipe card every Tuesday 11:45-1pm
ii. COMGSA- Sarah Bland-Nothing to report.

IV. Old Business

- Oklahoma Regional Food Bank: Saturday, 11.11.2017, 1:30-4pm-Student volunteered - Success
- City Rescue mission (CRM): Sunday, 11.19.2017, 4:30-6pm-Student volunteered and enjoyed giving back to community
- Chipotle Fundraiser event: Thursday, 11.2.2017, 5-9pm- GSA raised $98.53
- GSA Fall social: Thanksgiving potluck, Thursday, 11.16.2016, 5-7pm-Great food and company

V. New Business

i. GREAT Symposium updates: Kimberly McCullor
ii. GREAT Vice Chair/Keynote Speaker: Sarah Bland
iii. Pre-GREAT workshop nominations: Jaanam Gopalakrishnan
iv. GREAT workshop speaker nominations: Benjamin Frempah
Waiting for response from keynote
Pre-GREAT workshops January 12th – March 19th 2018

VI. **2017 Mid-Year Student Survey:** chance to win 75$ Amazon gift card, students were encouraged to complete online survey

VII. **Association for Woman in Science-OK (AWIS):**
What: Social at a board game cafe
When: Thursday, Dec 7th, 7-9 pm
Where: Loot & XP, 2228 W Main St, Norman, OK, 73069

VIII. **Ongoing Community Service:**
- **OU Children's adopt-A-Patient (Winter wishes):** GSA has been assigned:
  Students signed up for all available donation spots
  - (2) Adult – female
  - (2) Adult – male
  - (1) Infant – male
  - (1) Child (preschool) – female
  - (1) Teen – female
  - (1) Teen – male
  - (1) Child (elementary) – female
  - (1) Child (elementary) – male

  **Donations to be dropped off at Library atrium, Thursday, December 14th 2017 @ NOON**

  GSA President and Social chair will collect donation at that time

  **Sign-up sheets for the following volunteer opportunities, ongoing December-January**
  - **Feed the children**
  - **Oklahoma Regional Food Bank**
  - **City Rescue Mission (CRM)**

  No GSA meeting in January, but GSA will announce ongoing volunteer opportunities via email.
Sooner standard-Volunteer photos- incorporate student volunteer event photo at GREAT symposium to showcase GSA volunteering and increase student participation.

IX. **Holiday social gathering**: Bricktown water taxi rides-GSA: **Free Thursday, 12.14.2017, 6-9pm**
GSA members Carpooling, and Hot Chocolate included-8 students signed up for this event

X. **GSA Christmas tree**: **GSA president** Wishes for 2018, and what you love about your GSA? Gathered wishes to be added to tree Friday, 12.8.2017, approved by Graduate College to set the tree in library atrium/grad College.

XI. **Adjourn**

Minutes by GSA President-Ruby Sharif