

**GSA Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**BMSB Room 324**

**I. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

- a. GSA President – Rabab (Ruby) Sharif– Present
- b. GSA Secretary/Vice – Dawn Bender – Present
- c. GSA Social Chair – Hailey Houson – Present
- d. GREAT Chair/Treasurer – Kimberly McCullor – Absent
- e. GREAT Vice Chair/Keynote Speaker – Sarah Bland – Present
- f. GREAT Workshop Chair – Jaanam Gopalakrishnan – Present
- g. GREAT Career Development Chair – Benjamin Frempah – Present
- h. Graduate College Senators
  - i. Alex Yeganeh-Present
  - ii. Sarah Bland-Present
  - iii. Ashley Martin-Absent
  - iv. (Proxy) Kim McCullor-Absent

**II. Approval of May Minutes**

**III. Reports**

- a. Senate
  - i. During Senators Leadership Retreat meeting committees were formed
- b. COMGSA
  - i. During last COMGSA meeting new officers were elected
  - ii. Planning to continue with the Dodgers event and OKBio
  - iii. Trying to plan another Fall event, may include GSA and Post-doc Association

**IV. Old Business**

- a. GSA Representatives for Graduate College Standing Committees selected and approved
- b. Student Orientation feedback was good
- c. Graduate College Welcome Reception feedback was good

**V. New Business**

- a. GSA Budget for the year
  - i. \$3000 from student activity fees
  - ii. Food budget around \$1400 need to stay around \$130-\$140 for monthly lunches
  - iii. \$500 for great travel award
  - iv. Leaves \$1544 remaining
- b. Student Organization Registration
  - i. Request GSA funding
  - ii. Register by the 10<sup>th</sup> of September
  - iii. Take up with Student Affairs
- c. GREAT
  - i. Discussed Key Note Speakers and Vendors, have asked Dr. Mary-Claire King who studies genetics and discovered the BRCA1 gene.
  - ii. Advertising for GREAT logo, accepting submissions

- iii. Pre-GREAT workshops- have confirmed Alix Darden and Melissa Medina back to speak, waiting on response from Rebecca Berman
    - iv. Career workshop speaker nominations- career development speaker recommendations panel on Thursday
  - d. Bridges to Access B2A
    - i. 11<sup>th</sup> annual student run conference “Overcoming Sociocultural Barriers to Health”
    - ii. Seeking volunteers for liaison from each graduate college, due Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, interest meeting on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Library Counsel News
    - i. Meet once a year in December talked about encryption student viewpoint for changes in the library
    - ii. Collection of career development books available to check out at the library
  - f. Community Service
    - i. Annual City Rescue Mission having a community outreach event
      - 1. GSA booth needs volunteers, doodle poll will be sent out
      - 2. Will talk about clothing drive next meeting
    - ii. Make a Difference for Hurricane Harvey
      - 1. donations extended until 15<sup>th</sup> of September
    - iii. Miles for Smiles
      - 1. November 11<sup>th</sup> \$25 fee
      - 2. May do fundraiser to cover the fee
  - g. Fundraising
    - i. S&B fundraiser \$262 last year, will repeat, need a few volunteers to show up
    - ii. Chipotle may donate 50%, need to check on it
  - h. Social Event for Fall
    - i. Dodgers was \$400 last year and \$760 the prior year, we will repeat this event
    - ii. Dave & Busters is a maybe, not too much of a turnout in the past
    - iii. Thrift shop Halloween seemed to be a popular idea, need to find a venue
    - iv. No drinking on campus without police and licensed server
    - v. Dodgers stadium ice slide with tubes with an event room
    - vi. Halloween or Christmas
  - i. GSA Advertising
    - i. Has to go through graduate college approvals
    - ii. Facebook meeting – needs to be set up with Michelle Staudt

**VI. Thank you Dr. Anne Pereira for the Hoodies!**

**VII. Adjourn**

Minutes taken by Dawn Bender