

GSA Meeting Minutes
September 7th 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 10th 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. 11th annual student run conference “Overcoming Sociocultural Barriers to Health”
 - ii. Seeking volunteers for liaison from each graduate college, due Sept 15th, interest meeting on Sept 13th
 - 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 15th of September
 - iii. Miles for Smiles
 - 1. November 11th \$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