

1. GSA President Jessy Coley calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

## 2. Announcements

- GSA Staff Introductions
  - The executive board introduce themselves, as well as announcing the student and professional staff members behind the various services offered by GSA.
- The schedule of board meetings for the year has been distributed to board members via their packets. Locations for the Spring semester meetings are unconfirmed due to the Student Union Master Plan.
- Board members will be receiving emails about a required training on the responsibilities of board members. They should submit certificates as proof of completion. The October meeting will feature a question and answer session about this information with GSA counsel, Joshua Lippes.
- Board members have been provided with GSA service flyers via their packets. They are asked to post them in their departments so their constituency can be made aware.
- Programming information will be announced via the website and listservs as soon as we are able to make it available.

## 3. Report of the President

- Jessy announces that as part of the incorporation process, the GSA is required to adopt a Whistleblower Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy. There are written policies already proposed for approval. The need for an Ethics Officer is also announced. Next meeting, board members will be asked to verify receipt of these policies.
  - Motion to adopt the Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest policies as written
    - Motion: Anthropology
    - Second: Graduate Indian Student Association (GISA)
    - In favor: 44, Oppose: 1, Abstain 1
    - Motion passes
- Jessy states that she is looking for a person to serve on the FSA Board in her place. Anyone interested in volunteering should email [gsa-president@buffalo.edu](mailto:gsa-president@buffalo.edu).

## 4. Report of the Vice President

- Connor states the dates and locations of the upcoming mandatory officer training meetings.
  - Monday, Sept. 16th at 11:00am in 330 SU
  - Wednesday, Oct. 9th at 10:00am in 330 SU
  - Thursday, Oct. 10th at 7:00pm in 105 Harriman Hall (South Campus)
  - Friday, Oct. 11th at 5:00pm in 330 SU
    - This meeting will be a shortened version of the training for returning officers only, and will require prior registration for verification purposes.

## 5. Report of the Treasurer

- Funding Account Balances:
  - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$1,200.00 allocated this month, \$13,800.00 remaining
  - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
  - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$15,000.00 remaining
  - Scholarly Publication: \$5,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$5,000.00 remaining
  - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
  - Conferences:
    - 30 requests totaling \$12,495.31 for August, 28 applications approved for \$11,445.31
    - 13 requests totaling \$4,798.50 for September, 12 applications approved for \$4,598.50
    - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$123,956.19

## 6. Old Business

- No old business.

## 7. New Business

- Call for Committee Members
  - A need for committee members for Finance, Election, and Services committees is announced.
  - Volunteers fill the Finance Committee, and partially fill the Election and Services Committees. The latter committee members will be voted on for approval in October once they are full.
  - Finance Committee
    - Marc Schilder (Mathematics)
    - Meg Morris (Physics)
    - Emily Novak (Transnational Studies)
    - Tania Islam (Public Health)
    - Omar Elsherif (Physics)
    - Edward Spangenthal (English)
    - Angelyn Brown (Nursing)

- Sushruth Muralidharan (Physics)
    - Valentina Marulanda Ospina (RLL)
  - Finance Committee Alternates
    - Megan Fitzgerald (Cancer Sciences)
    - Courtney Fitzgerald (Physics)
  - Motion to approve the Finance Committee
    - Motion: Linguistics
    - Second: Anthropology
    - In favor: 42, Oppose: 1, Abstain: 0
    - Motion passes
- Club Recognition
  - A representative from Taiwanese GSA presents on their club.
    - Recommended: \$750
  - A representative from Graduate Bangladeshi Student Association presents on their club.
    - Recommended: \$750
  - A representative from Chinese Students and Scholars Association presents on their club.
    - Recommended: \$750, conditional on updated officer list
  - A representative from MD-PhD GSA presents on their club.
    - Recommended: \$350 to start, increased by up to \$350 after the December 2019 Senate meeting, conditional on verification of member list eligibility
  - Motion to approve all clubs as a block at the recommended amounts with the recommended stipulations
    - Motion: Mathematics
    - Second: Anthropology
    - In Favor: 40, Oppose: 2, Abstain: 1
    - Motion passes
- Funding Requests
  - A representative from CSSA presents on their Mid-Autumn Festival Special Activity proposal.
    - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
  - Motion to approve the funding request at the recommended amount
    - Motion: Linguistics
    - Second: GISA
    - In Favor: 39, Oppose: 4, Abstain: 0
    - Motion passes
- Approval of the Updated 2019-2020 Budget
  - The need for a new budget due to the loss of SBI as a fiscal agent is explained. Board members are informed that the GSA is now responsible for separately contracting things like payroll, benefits, and insurance. The floor is open for questions and discussion.
  - Motion to approve the updated budget.
    - Motion: Biological Sciences
    - Second: Social Work
    - In Favor: 42, Oppose: 2, Abstain: 0
    - Motion passes

## 8. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:55pm
  - Motion: Physics
  - Second: Linguistics
  - In Favor: 41, Oppose: 1, Abstain: 0
  - Motion passes