

1. GSA President Jessie Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:49pm.
 - GSA Vice President Connor Walters asks how many people have never been to a Board or Senate meeting before. When more than half of the room raises their hands, Connor briefly reviews the motion and voting process by which the Board meetings run and the general content members should expect.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2018 Senate Meeting and the September 4, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
 - Motion: Microbiology
 - Second: Physics
 - In Favor: 61; Oppose: 3; Abstain: 6
 - Motion passes
3. Announcements
 - The Board of Directors 201—2020 meeting schedule is listed on the back of the Agenda
 - Spring meeting locations have not yet been confirmed and will be announced as soon as possible.
 - GSA events through the end of October are presented.
 - October 4th- Java Junction, 11:00am – 1:00pm in 310 Student Union
 - Free Tim Horton’s coffee and doughnuts for graduate students
 - October 7th- Discount AMC Movie Tickets Available
 - \$5 each online or at the Ticket Office. 2 per UB ID.
 - October 11th - South Campus Siesta, 1:00 – 3:00pm in 105 Harriman Hall
 - Free food and beverages for graduate students at South Campus
 - October 13th- Fall Fest at the Farm, 10:45am – 4:00pm at Becker Farms
 - \$10 each online or at the Ticket Office. 2 per UB ID.
 - October 20th- Buffalo Bills Football Game vs. Miami Dolphins
 - \$25 each online or at the Ticket Office. 1 per UB ID.
 - October 23rd- Distinguished Speaker Series presents Nyle DiMarco, 7:30pm at Alumni Arena
 - Free tickets available soon at the Ticket Office
4. Report of the President
 - Nothing new to report
5. Report of the Vice President
 - Mandatory Officer Training Meetings for all club Presidents and Treasurers will be held on the following dates. If your officers do not attend one of these meetings, your club’s funds will be frozen.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 9th at 10:00am in 330 Student Union
 - Thursday, Oct. 10th at 7:00pm in 105 Harriman Hall (South Campus)
 - Friday, Oct. 11th at 5:00pm in 330 Student Union
 - This meeting will be a shortened version of the training for returning officers ONLY, and will require prior registration for verification purposes.
 - Please make sure to register your club on UBLinked if you have not done so already.
 - Special Interest and International clubs are HIGHLY encouraged to use Listservs for the announcement of meetings and general emails to club members. This may become a requirement for all GSA clubs in the near future.
 - Events must still be advertised to the entire student body. Email sifrank@buffalo.edu for inclusion in weekly GSA Newsletter email.
 - Listservs allow students and community members to add or remove themselves, making your life as club officers easier.
 - Connor reviews the process for requesting a new listserv to be created. Stephanie George must be listed as an owner in order for the request to be approved.
6. Report of the Treasurer
 - Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$13,800.00 remaining
 - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$1,350.00 remaining
 - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$1,390.21 allocated this month, \$13,609.79 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$5,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$5,000.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$250.00 allocated this month, \$1,750.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 65 requests totaling \$18,949.99 requested for October, 62 applications approved for \$17,299.99
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00, Remaining Balance \$106,656.20
7. Old Business
 - Board of Directors Training Review and Q&A

- Connor thanks the Board for their time and energy in completing mandatory board member training. GSA counsel Josh Lippes is available for questions regarding the training.
- Policy Receipt Acknowledgements for Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies
 - Board members are thanked for their cooperation in signing off on receipt of the policies, which were adopted at the previous meeting. Josh Lippes is again available for questions around this policy.
- Approval of Services Committee Members
 - Connor states that currently, only voting Board members are allowed membership on the Services Committee. However, an amendment to the By-Laws is being proposed that will change this. There are no new volunteers for Services Committee, so the approval is tabled until the next meeting.
- Approval of the Election Committee
 - Connor briefly reviews the purpose of the Election Committee. They will have the Election Code revised and ready for review and approval at the November Board meeting.
 - Volunteers are called for and once all seats are filled the members are asked to step out of the room to elect a Chair from amongst themselves.
 - Election Committee Volunteers:
 - Tania Islam Chair (Public Health)
 - Olabowale Olola (Public Health)
 - Sadat Khan (Public Health)
 - Amber Rivera (Chemistry)
 - Xingyu Chen (GGS)
 - The committee chooses Tania Islam to serve as the Election Committee Chair (ECC).
 - Motion to approve the Election Committee members and Chair.
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Exercise & Nutrition Science
 - In favor: 56; Oppose: 5; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
- Approval of the Ethics Officer
 - Call for Volunteer
 - Bianca Bassett (Social Work) volunteers for the role.
 - Motion to approve the Ethics Officer
 - Motion: Bangladeshi
 - Second: English
 - In favor: 55; Oppose: 5; Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
 - A representative from The LGBTQ+ Grad Club presents on their club.
 - Requested/recommended: \$350 with the stipulation that they must submit an updated membership list to comply with regulations
 - Motion to approve The LGBTQ+ Grad Club at the recommended amount with the stipulation listed
 - Motion: Mathematics
 - Second: Library & Information Science
 - In favor: 59; Oppose: 6; Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes
- Funding Requests
 - A representative from Chemical and Biological Engineering GSA presents on their Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Symposium proposal.
 - Requested/recommended: \$1,390.21
 - A representative from Chemistry GSA presents on their Buffalo Science Museum Community Outreach proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$250.00
 - Motion to approve all funding requests as a block at the recommended amounts
 - Motion: Physics
 - Second: Biological Sciences
 - In favor: 59; Oppose: 5; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
- Reading of Proposed By-Law Amendments
 - Connor explains that the Services Committee is the only GSA committee that restricts graduate student membership to Board members. They state their belief that this is unintentional, and that allowing a greater range

of student voices is conducive to a more useful committee. The proposed amendments that are read concern opening Services Committee to any fee-paying graduate student, and correcting a difference in spelling of the word "committee" in a single instance in the document. The approval of these amendments are tabled for students to discuss and consider with their club membership, and will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:25pm
 - Motion: Physics
 - Second: Biological Sciences
 - In favor: 52; Oppose: 5; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes