

Summer 2026 Meeting Minutes
GSO Advocacy Committee Meeting
Virtual (Microsoft Teams)
July 15, 2026. 1:00 pm CST

Attendance:

- **Reem Ahmed:** GSO VP, Advocacy Committee Chair, COUN ED Representative
- **Ana Batista:** Architecture department representative.
- **Sarah Egbulem:** Mathematics Department representative.
- **Clement T. Okolo:** GSO President

The meeting started at 1:13

- **Old Business**
 - No concerns were received from students for Summer 2026.
- **New Business**
 - **Payroll Transition:** Our voices were heard!
 - Graduate Assistants will continue receiving monthly stipends. The first fall semester stipend will be issued on Aug. 31.
 - More information For your reference: [Transition to a Biweekly Pay Cycle - Monthly Employees | University of Louisiana at Lafayette](#)
 - **Initiatives for Fall 2026**
 - Graduate Student Support Circles
 - “Grad School & Burnout: A Conversation”
 - “Feeling Behind: Normalizing the Graduate Experience”
 - “*International Student Transitions*” (For graduate and undergraduate students)
 - “Navigating Academic Pressure”
 - “Life Beyond the Degree”

- **Floor Opening for Any Other Concerns**

- None Mentioned

The meeting ended at 1:35