

Graduate Student Organization

Fall 2024 General Meeting 1

Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, at 12:30 P.M.

Location: Helma Constantine, RM 209A, Student Union

1. Call Meeting to Order: 12:37 P.M.

2. Attendance [establish quorum: 50% +1 of current membership]

3. President's Welcome: Clement Tochukwu Okolo

4. President's Report: Clement Tochukwu Okolo

- a. Brianna J Doucet (EDFL GSO Rep)—New Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Council's IDEA Committee
- b. Spring 24 & Summer 24 Advocacy Reports
 - i. Suggestion from Dr. Khey: Can we include how much a student needs, such as what goes over what a student is allowed?

5. Vice President's Report: Abdel Garbie

- a. Grader Experience with faculty
 - a. Complaints files that Professor within Math department unfairly treating graduate and international students, making derogatory remarks
 - b. Asking for Non-TA duties like filing professor's taxes
 - i. MFK: Tenured faculty are not immune to consequences of Power Based Violence. Will discuss with MATH rep further.
- b. Library hours and personal study spaces
 - a. Personal study spaces are being closed at times when library is not
- c. Student fees
 - a. Insurance fees for international students
 - b. GSO fees currently in discussion
- d. Shopper Shuttle
 - a. Bus not on time, tracking is inconsistent.

6. Communications Report: Tessa Rock

- a. GSO Rep shout-out
- b. Stay-Up and Write
- c. GSO Logo Competition Update
 - a. T-Shirt design competition instead, and then sell to graduate students. Not GSO themed, but graduate student themed.
- d. Updating website photo

7. Treasurer's Report: Precious Batubo

- a. Status of current applications [see budget spreadsheet]
 - a. Moving forward, we will try for possibility of Library purchasing books for students for dissertation, with the respective department paying for the books
- b. Funding Committee recommends GSO fee increase and f
 - a. Note: These fees cannot be used to fund an endowment. They can only be used for funding students.
- c. Tier list concern and update

8. Old Business

- a. Walmart shopping shuttle updates and concerns
 - a. We will not be adding another stop until times and tracking are more up to date as the process is smoothed out.
 - b. Long term plan is that the city buses will be available for use by students
- b. Charging online student GSO fee
 - a. As this is a package deal made by the University and the Board of Regents, this cannot be changed.

9. New Business

- a. Vote—Discretionary fund 5% (i.e. \$850) or \$500 of semester encumbrance, whichever is more
 - a. Council has moved to approve \$850 for discretionary funds.
- b. Vote—Funding Applications for the summer [see budget spreadsheet]
 - a. Council has moved to approve all students who were fully eligible for funding.
- c. Vote—Commence the process of increasing the GSO fees
 - a. Council has moved to commence the process of increasing GSO fees, beginning with deliberation from the funding committee to formulate a plan.

10. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions 11. Announcements

- a. After this meeting, the GSO President will follow up via email to reps with notes you can relay to your departments' students
- b. Representatives are responsible for finding a successor and ensuring that they understand their responsibilities [see [By-law](#)]

12. Adjournment

- a. Meeting ended around 1:55 P.M.