

Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Fall 2022 General Meeting 3
Friday, December 2, 2022, at 12:00 | Location: Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order–12:07
2. Attendance [establish quorum: 50% +1 of current membership]
3. President’s Welcome: Clement Tochukwu Okolo
 - a. Thanked reps for their service this semester
4. President’s Report: Clement Tochukwu Okolo
 - a. Executive Board Vacancy and Responsibilities
 - i. Secretary-will be voting on this position today.
 - b. GSO Stoles Update
 - i. Graduate school agreed to cover 50% of the cost of stoles
 - ii. Stoles available for pick up on Dec. 12
5. Vice President’s Report: Brice Gutshall
 - a. Mental Health Check: Committee agreed this was a good idea to check in with everyone before the meeting.
 - b. Updates on current initiatives: emergency funding website being closed; additional support options are available but not ideal
 - c. Reporting issues through the website: Do we need to make it easier to navigate to on the website
 - d. Parking for Graduate Assistants
 - e. Non-gendered restrooms
 - f. Insurance for International Students: We need to come up with ways to get more opinions on the hardships students face related to insurance requirements
 - g. Minutes from Advocacy Meeting will be shared with the general council on Teams and will be posted to the website.
6. Treasurer’s Report: Stacy Calhoun-Grosch
 - a. New Budget Spreadsheet
 - i. New spreadsheet tracks the supplemental funding voted on in general meeting 2.
 - b. Status of current applications
 - i. 32 applications were submitted to GSO for Meeting 3. (20 travel, 8 research supplies, and 4 professional development)
 - ii. 27 outstanding applications from meeting 2
 1. All eligible outstanding Meeting 2 applications are able to be funded due to supplemental funding
 - iii. Only 10 of the Meeting 3 travel applications can be funded due to limited funds
7. Secretary’s Report
 - a. Description of secretary position ahead of vote later in the meeting
8. Public Relations’ Report: Jeremy LaBorde
 - a. Described position of PR officer
 - b. GSO Profiles
 - i. Temporarily put on hold; now moving forward with them again

- ii. Templates are ready for participants to use to create their own profile
 - iii. Spreadsheet for participation will be made available via Teams
 - c. Communications Initiatives
 - i. In comms meeting, updating social media and expanding social media presence was discussed
 - ii. More GSO events are wanted and will be pursued next semester
- 9. Old Business
 - a. Update on discussion with the Grad School about GSO Endowment Fund Initiative
 - i. GSO Executive Board has not yet met with Graduate School
 - ii. Insights from Dr. de Mahy:
 - 1. Amount required to generate necessary interest is high—on the order of millions of dollars
 - 2. GSO can put together expectations and requirements from the endowment and we can bring that to the Graduate School and determine how or if we can move forward.
 - iii. Question from John Miller: Could we use our current savings as leverage to garner donations to help grow the nest egg to be able to get an endowment started?
 - iv. GSO needs to figure out our goals for the endowment to be able to move forward
- 10. New Business
 - a. Vote—Funding Applications for General Meeting 3 [see budget spreadsheet]
 - i. Travel Fund: 27 outstanding applications & 20 new applications received
 - 1. All eligible applications were approved with no opposing votes
 - i. Research & Supplies Fund: 8 applications received
 - 1. All eligible applications were approved with no opposing votes
 - ii. Professional Development Fund: 4 applications received
 - 1. All eligible applications were approved with no opposing votes
 - iii. Programming Fund: 0 application received

App #	Date	Time	Name	Funding Category	Dept	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
1	10/04/22	17:58	Spencer Silverthorne	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	ENGL	\$500.00	\$400.00
2	10/05/22	13:06	Gracie Babineaux	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	GEOS	\$500.00	\$500.00
3	10/06/22	10:37	Matluck Afolabi	Travel w/out Academic Duties	CHEE	\$100.00	\$100.00
4	10/07/22	15:14	Rhiannon Thorne	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	ENGL	\$400.00	\$300.00
5	10/18/22	12:52	Tania Nachrin	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Research	COMM	\$500.00	\$500.00
6	10/18/22	14:09	Nicole Pyke	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	PSYCH	\$340.00	\$300.00
7	10/20/22	0:53	Ahmed Hossain	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	CIVE	\$500.00	\$500.00

8	10/20/22	12:16	Remil Aguda	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	CHEE	\$300.00	\$300.00
9	10/20/22	15:07	Emelie Foster	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	BIOL	\$300.00	\$300.00
10	10/20/22	21:12	Jonathan Allen	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Research	BIOL	\$233.00	\$233.00
11	10/21/22	10:22	Ashlyn Suchand	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	PSYCH	\$500.00	\$500.00
12	10/21/22	13:48	Ethan Hayes	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	PSYCH	\$500.00	\$500.00
13	10/21/22	16:20	Jesse Figueiredo	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Research	BIOL	\$130.00	\$130.00
14	10/21/22	19:48	Anita Saha	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	PSYCH	\$500.00	\$500.00
15	10/26/22	16:18	Ali Mokhtari	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	CMIX	\$400.00	\$400.00
16	10/28/22	12:02	Seyedeh Newsha	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	CMIX	\$500.00	\$334.30
17	10/29/22	2:57	Anireju Dudun	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	PETE	\$400.00	\$400.00
18	10/31/22	19:25	Brianna Sadighian	Professional Development	PSYCH	\$100.00	\$100.00
19	11/03/22	18:32	Hunter Bouillion	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	PHYS	\$500.00	\$500.00
20	11/03/22	18:54	Naomi Mathew	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	PHYS	\$500.00	\$500.00
21	11/06/22	1:09	Sarah Djos-Raph	Professional Development	MODL	\$15.00	\$15.00
22	11/09/22	13:08	Prynceston Fant	Research Supplies-Equipment	PSYCH	\$160.00	\$160.00
23	11/09/22	15:07	Richard Hoover	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	BIOL	\$400.00	\$400.00
24	11/09/22	15:13	Olivia Hawkins	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	BIOL	\$400.00	\$400.00
25	11/13/22	17:54	Jwhar Alotaibi	Research Supplies-Equipment	ENGL	\$160.00	\$160.00
26	11/13/22	20:27	Jahidul Alam	Travel w/out Academic Duties	ENGL	\$100.00	\$100.00
27	11/16/22	20:34	Shauna Landry	Research Supplies-Printing	EDFL	\$100.00	\$100.00
28	11/17/22	14:58	Bonnie Slaton	Travel w/ Academic Duties-Conference	BIOL	\$220.00	\$220.00
29	11/17/22	17:35	Aishat Abdulgafar	Travel w/out Academic Duties	CMIX	\$200.00	\$100.00
30	11/21/22	11:32	Ashraful Islam	Research Supplies-Printing	CMIX	\$100.00	\$100.00
31	11/22/22	10:38	Chase Cormier	Research Supplies-Equipment	MODL	\$82.02	\$82.02
32	11/23/22	11:05	Tessia Tequena-Ozene	Research Supplies-Printing	EDFL	\$100.00	\$100.00
33	11/23/22	15:24	Matthew Andersland	Professional Development	PSYCH	\$100.00	\$100.00
34	11/23/22	16:07	Arranette Polite-Bobb	Research Supplies-Printing	EDFL	\$100.00	\$100.00

b. Vote—Executive Board Vacancy

i. Secretary

1. Nominations: Jon-Patric Veal (declined nomination), Allison Comeaux
2. Allison Comeaux voted in as Secretary with no opposing votes.

11. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions

12. Announcements

- a. Encourage grad students in your departments to apply for GSO programming fund.
- b. Graduating representatives should let GSO know now so we can help find a successor as GSO Department Rep.
- c. After this meeting, the GSO President will follow-up via email to Reps with notes you can relay to your departments' students.

13. Adjournment–13:04

Departments in Attendance

Clement Tochukwu Okolo – President
Brice Gutshall – Vice President, ARCH
Stacy Calhoun-Grosch – Treasurer, BIOL
Jeremy LaBorde – PR Officer, STEC
Allison Comeaux – EDFL
John Miller – PHYS
Elizabeth Boyd – CHEE
Morgan Borrourghs – MUSC
Pubali Sarker – CIVE
John Olajire – CMIX
Victoria Landry – EDCI
Anireju Dudun – PETE
Pierre-Olivier Pire – MODL
Raquel Thorne – ENGL (Proxy for Faryal Atif)
Alexandra Dufour – MBA
Yusuf Afolabi – MATH
Precious Batubo – GEOS
Jon-Patric Veal – PSYCH

Additional Attendees

Dr. Philip de Mahy – Assistant Dean of Graduate School