

Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
Spring 2023 General Meeting 2
Friday, March 24, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.
Location: Helma Constantine Forum B (209 B), Student Union

Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order : 12:37

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

3. President's Welcome: Clement Tochukwu Okolo

4. ~~Inclusion, Diversity, Equity: Kiwana McClung, Chief Diversity Officer at UL Lafayette~~

5. President's Report: Clement Tochukwu Okolo

a. Executive Board Vacancy – PR Officer

b. Graduate Student Appreciation Week: - GSO Grant Writing Workshop on Tuesday, March 28 by 11 am. Griffin Hall 315 - Graduate Student Panel (Learn about grad school life): Thursday, March 30th by 2 pm. Moody Hall Room 127

c. GSO Zoom Account Update

I. still working with Graduate school to get GSO Zoom working

6. Vice President's Report: Brice Gutshall

a. Overview of Meeting Topics

b. Affordable Health Insurance Workshop

I. Contact Jennifer Kansas for more information

7. Treasurer's Report: Stacy Calhoun-Grosch

a. Status of current applications[see budget spreadsheet]

b. Supplemental Budget Recommendation

I. needs approval and will be voted on Meeting 3

c. By-law Update – Meeting operation cost- to be voted on at third meeting

I. The discretionary fund will amount to 5% of the semester's encumbrance or \$500, whichever is more. If any discretionary fund is unused by the third general meeting, remaining funds will be transferred to the travel funds category.

8. Public Relations' Report

a. Position is still open

9. Old Business

- a. Additional Funds for GSO Update: One pager request
- b. Trivia Night
 - i. Idea to have at Hideaway on Lee in stead of Jefferson Street Pub due to closing.

10. New Business

- a. Vote—Funding Applications for General Meeting 1 [see budget spreadsheet]
 - i. Travel Fund: 15 applications received- postponed
 - ii. Research & Supplies Fund: 4 applications received- approved, no opposed
 - iii. Professional Development Fund: 5 applications received approved, no opposed
 - iv. Programming Fund: 1 application- postponed, no opposed
- b. Vote—Supplemental Budget- approved, no opposed
- c. Vote—PR Officer
 - i. nominations postponed til third general meeting

11. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions

- a. Graduate Student Success and Retention Committee seeks graduate student voices.

12. Announcements

- a. Nomination for the Secretary position is still open.
- b. GSO graduation stole collection.
- 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: 1:36

Departments in Attendance

Clement Tochukwu Okolo—President

Brice Gutshall—Vice President, ARCH

Stacy Calhoun-Grosch—Treasurer, BIOL

Allison Comeaux-Secretary, EDFL

Precious Batubo—GEOS

Aishat Abdulgafar—CMIX

Faryal Atif- ENGL

Conner Chaney–EECE

Mary Pritchard–CMCN

Benjamin Vidrine–HIST

Yusuf Afolabi–MATH

Dudun Anireju–PETE

Patricia Arias Hunt (proxy for Mary McMahon)–CODI

Romy Zingraff–CJUS

John Miller–PHYS

Erica Piazza–NURS

Morgan Burroughs–MUSC

Jon-Patric Veal–PSYCH

Juliette Okoronkwo–MECH

Alexandra Dufour–MBA

Elizabeth Boyd- CHEE

Sumona Hoque Mumu- KNES

Ahmed Hossain- CIV EN

Additional Attendees

Dr. Philip de Mahy–Assistant Dean of Graduate School

Grayson Stepanek- MBA

