**Summer 2025 Meeting Minutes**

GSO Advocacy Committee Meeting

**Virtual (Microsoft Teams)**

July 16, 2025. 5:00 pm CST

**Attendance:**

* **Clement T Okolo** (GSO President)
* **Farooq Azam Khanzada** (GSO VP, Advocacy Committee Chair, CIVE Representative)
* **Yazdan Mahmoudi** (ENGL Representative)
* **Nuzhat Tabassum** (COMM Representative)
* **Brianna J Doucet** (EDFL Representative)

The meeting started at **5:05 p.m.**

* **Old Business**
  + No concerns were received from students for Summer 2025.
* **New Business**
  + Initiatives for Fall 2025
    - Career Preparation Session:
      * Collaborate with Career Services to organize a session early in the semester focused on preparing for job applications, interviews, and professional development.
    - Alumni/Graduate Student Panel
      * Host a panel discussion featuring alumni and current graduate students to share experiences and offer insights on securing internships and full-time positions.
    - Grant Writing Workshop
      * Invite professors and current engineering PhD candidates with successful grant experience to lead the workshop, focusing on NSF proposals and strategies.
  + Coordinate with the GSO Communication Committee to organize a daytime writing session modeled after the “Stay Up and Write” program.
* **Floor Opening for Any Other Concerns**
  + The committee proposed evaluating the feasibility of expanding the Shopper Shuttle service beyond its existing once-per-week schedule.
    - It was noted that limited funding and logistical resources may pose challenges to implementation.

The meeting ended at **5:26 p.m**.