Graduate Student Association
Senate Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2018

Senators in Attendance

Melissa Dilillo (GSA)
Roshan Chandapeta (GSA)
Tyler Johnson (GSA)
Lauren Rodriguez (OGSL)
Carole Hughes (OGSL)
Marcus Smith (GMA)
Rita Ortiz (GSCA)
Sophie Savelkouls (GISA)
Anthony Russo (STM Student Forum)
Natalia Evens De Menezes (SSW)
Vicente Munoz Reja Alonso (GASA)
James Hadaway (GEA)
Margaret Summerfield (GPA)

Executive Board Updates

Executive Director Updates

Academic Year Goal: Build community among graduate students across communities and increase graduate student involvement in programming with group collaboration.

Murray House: The Murray Graduate Center is a great place for grad students to stop by for coffee, to eat their lunch, study, or host meetings. Please spread the word around campus so all graduate students are aware that this is a resource available to them.

Voting: The senate will be responsible for voting on the startup of new graduate organizations. The first voting will take place for the registration of an organization at next month’s meeting.

UGBC: A meeting with the GSA and UGBC will be occurring tomorrow (Friday 9/21) to gather information on the organization’s academic year goals.
**Director of Programming Updates**

Strongly encouraging collaboration through programming.

Ice cream and pizza social at the Murray House next Thursday (9/27)

Red bandana 5k run in October, would be great to create an all-graduate team.

Apple picking event in October, collaborating with GMA!

Halloween posh cocktail party at O’Connell House on 10/31.

Planning on making scavenger hunt an annual tradition.

December 1st BC vs. BU hockey game

December 10th Boston Celtics game

**Director of Finance Updates**

Treasurers and Presidents within groups not communicating enough.

Need documents weeks in advance before the event date.

Budget is lot tighter this year – we encourage collaboration to split duties.

Affinity groups funding request was sent in the beginning of this week, should be available soon once processed through SABSC.

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**Senator Updates**

**Graduate Education Association**

Academic Year Goal: To provide LSOE graduate students with adequate programming on campus as well as expanding beyond the Lynch School and having more community based events. In addition to the programming the GEA has done in the past, we have three primary goals for this academic year including marketing, service, and inclusion.

Additional Updates/Items for Discussion: Collecting donations for the victims of Boston gas explosions/fire through the local American Red Cross

**Graduate Students of Color Association**

Academic Year Goal: To increase outreach among graduate students of color.

Additional Updates/Items for Discussion: Would like to improve attendance at events and increase awareness about GSCA on campus. Potentially work with alumni of color to help facilitate this.

Programming: welcome back lunch tomorrow (9/21) at noon at the Murray House

**School of Theology and Ministry Forum**

Academic Year Goal: Seek to create dialogue that bridges ideological polarization within the school and create programming and outreach that allows all students to feel a part of the robust STM community.
Graduate Arts and Sciences Association

Academic Year Goal: Foster academic and professional collaboration among graduate students in the various departments of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences.

Additional Updates/Items for Discussion: GASA would like to improve outreach to access more graduate Morrissey students, through email listservs and more.

Graduate Management Association

Academic Year Goal: Continue to make it a priority to ensure as much interaction among all CSOM graduate students as possible while also connecting with alumni this year.

Graduate Pride Alliance

Academic Year Goal: To continue to provide community, support, and fellowship for LGBTQ+ students and their allies in the form of social events, seminars, and more meetings. This year we are also committed to increasing our advocacy work on campus by raising awareness about transgender rights and the Yes on 3 campaign, fostering stronger ties between graduate and undergraduate LGBTQ+ students, and providing opportunities for our members to volunteer on behalf of the wider LGBTQ+ community.

Working with Spectrum this semester. Provide safe and support group for the community.

Long term goals: Educating more on black and pink organisations.

Programming: Bowling night tomorrow in Brighton (9/21). First meeting next Thursday at the Murray House, free food provided. GPA mixer next Saturday

School of Social Work Collective

Academic Year Goal: Help every new student succeed in their classes and transition into the new rigorous program. Continue helping returning students in their academic journey. Reestablishment of the SSW. Bridging first and second years, bringing the spirit of social work to the community. Make more of a connection to alumni for post-graduate opportunities.

Graduate International Student Association

Academic Year Goal: Organize events that reach a larger group of students, by working on publicizing better and including more people on the e-board to help with programming

Additional Updates/Items for Discussion: Include things in newsletter and e-board to encourage more international students to branch out, attend events, and feel comfortable in the community.
GSA meeting with UGBC on 21st Sept.
Meeting with VP of Student Affairs on Oct 1st
Meeting with provost to advocate for grads on Oct 4th – good opportunity to speak our voice as grads.
Guest speakers during our meeting.
Meeting with Chief Evans on Oct 3rd – feel free to send ideas to discuss.

Senate Meeting Calendar

Thursday, October 18 from 11AM-1PM
Thursday, November 15 from 11AM-1PM
Thursday, December 5 from 11AM-1PM

Alternate senators were added to the Senator listserv for ease of communication.