



## Graduate Student Association Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2024

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of the Agenda
- III. Attendance of GSA Officers Recorded.
- IV. Approval March 8, 2024 - GSA Meeting Minutes
- V. Remarks of the President, Shenese Patterson
- VI. Remarks of the GSA Administrative Liaison, Dr. Kevin Miller, Director, Graduate Studies
  - a. Graduate Advisory Committee – Virtual April 16, 2024, at 12:15pm who is willing to attend and provide GSA updates.
  - b. Merit-based applications
    - i. There was a total of 8 PT applications – 6 were funded. There was one student who initially was PT who become FT. The student was the highest ranked PT student. Question: Should we provide the full FT funding of \$1,200 to the student or leave it at \$700? If we do this, it will result in a total of 9 FT students being funded. This also provides the opportunity to fund another PT student at \$700.
    - ii. There was a total of 26 FT applications – 8 were funded.
    - iii. letters of notification sent to all applicants. Awardees are being provide the option to have award sent to student accounts to be applied towards loan if they have a loan or have the award sent as a check, which may taxable.
  - c. Graduate Student Research Fair & Capstone Contest – set meeting with Executive VP Morris
- VII. Remarks of Vice President of Finance, Clivens Fresnel
  - a. Presentation of the Amendment to the GSA Constitution for vote
  - b. Review of approved guide for budget expenditures.
  - c. Merit-based scholarship winners' allocation amount starting 2024/2025. Amount under consideration is \$1,000 per student full time or part time.
  - d. GSA Constitution does not state a minimum or maximum number of awards to be awarded. The number of total awardees will be determined by the 2024/25 GSA Senate or can be set with a recommended allocation from this year's GSA.
- VIII. Remarks of Executive Vice President Cinnamon Morris
  - a. Motion to adopt \$2,800 spending proposal for Graduate Student Research Fair
  - b. 2023 = \$1,497.89 Student Welfare (\$731 Balloon Masters; \$766.89 Chartwells)
  - c. 2023 = \$800 Academic Line for Printing (\$575 Posters; \$225 Programs)
  - d. 2024 = \$1,800 Student Welfare (\$850 Balloon Masters; \$950 Chartwells)
  - e. 2024 = \$1,000 Academic line for Printing posters and event programs



- IX. Remarks of Vice President of Administration, Desiray Slaughter
  - a. Planning Committee update
  - b. Tabling Events
  
- X. New Business
  - a. Funding Request from **Derek Smith** for \$401.36 for refreshments at Community Research Colloquium in Buffalo” on April 18 at Buffalo State. The event is open to all graduate students and made on behalf of MPA students.
  - b. Motion to approve funding of refreshments for tabling and professional development events. \$300 total (estimate \$100 for each event).
  - c. GSA Social Media Platforms – addition to GSA website
    - i. Upcoming event flyer shared on Instagram, possibly Discord Facebook
  - d. Remarks/Thoughts from Senators – constituent questions/comments
  - e. Other
  
- XI. Closing Comment
  
- XII. GSA Senate Meeting Reminder: April 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., May 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.:  
Graduate Student Research Fair & 3-Minute Capstone Contest Finals
  
- XIII. Adjournments