

# Graduate Student Association Meeting

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## *Minutes*

**Friday, October 18, 2013**

**Bacon Hall 225**

**6:00 pm**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Siraj Bah Dinash Lal Alexandria Donkor Dr. Kevin Railey Andrea Gustafson John MacInnes Emmanuel Abreu Ashley Lanning Kaitlyn Marie Gardner Jimmy Doran Sharmin Jimenez Muhammed Sumbundu	Thomas Waters

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President of GSA Siraj Bah called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The Agenda was approved.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes from Monday, September 9th, 2013 GSA meeting were all approved.

**PRESIDENTS REMARKS:**

*Vice President Siraj Bah:* Welcome senators to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Thank you all for the support you have shown that the GSA matters. Our president, Thomas Waters cannot make it today meeting because of family. He is very sad about it but next meeting, he will be with us.

*Remarks of the Administrative Liaison Dr. Railey:* Welcome senators and point out that GSA is the only stand-alone in the SUNY system. And GSA has been on Buffalo State College for only three years, it has taken a lot of work and effort to shape GSA to get it where it is now, so we all should do our part. The meeting will be run by the Robert's Rules of Order.

***Treasurer Report:***

1. Recent Expenses:
  - a. The cost for Graduate Student Night, including Campus House and food, **\$247.80.**
2. Review of recent approved funding requests:
  - a. School of the Professions - \$100
  - b. School of Natural & Social Sciences - \$1250 (3 requests)
  - c. School of Education - \$400
  - d. School of Arts & Humanities – no requests
4. Current GSA balance approximately, **\$27,116.71 (as of 10/18/13)**

**Discussion:**

1. Senator Sharmin Jimenez will chair the Budget Committee and since Senator Kaitlyn Gardner expressed interest in this, they will both work together with anyone else who is interested. They will work on funding requests and possible conditions to attach GSA granting funds. These will eventually find their way into the Constitution

2. Senators Sharmin Jimenez and Andrea Gustafson will co-chair an ad hoc committee, to address grants and scholarships for graduate students in light of recent fund raising efforts by the college and the strategic plan.

3. Senators request, the Treasurer's report will now include the total cost of activities associated with GSA funding request.

4. Senator Ashley Lanning will Chair the Wellness Committee.

5. Partnering with other campus offices to further the GSA brand.

6. Muhammed Sumbundu : At the last College Council meeting, we discuss the state of the institutions budget and the deficit. We looked at enrollment and retention rates.

7. Muhammed Sumbundu : I will be representing GSA at the next SUNY Assembly annual conference in Rochester.

8. Muhammed Sumbundu: GSA should look into having a representative on the Alumni Board.

9. Muhammed SumbunduI will be bringing up the issue of bus passes for graduate students at the next Parking and Transportation meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

Still working on Graduate students getting their own floor in the library

**New Business:**

## Standing committee chairs

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Ended at 6:56pm