



GSA Student Council Meeting

February 7, 2022 - *Minutes*

7pm; zoom

Meeting Start time: **7:04pm EST**

I. Guest: Mary Nucci

- A. Science cafe is a way to allow people to communicate work and get in front of others you may not normally talk to
- B. Graduate students have expressed interest in giving talks
 - 1. Sign up and speak about work to audience to then answer questions
- C. Greater emphasis should be placed on communicating science to public
- D. Can send Google Form and based on feedback can work on executing idea for Fall 2022

II. Voting: Professional and Academic Development Director, Social Media Chair, Blog Manager

- A. Alvis Zhao: Professional Development Director
- B. Ife Campbell: Academic Development Director
- C. Gagan Gowda Madaiah: Social Media Chair
- D. Ashlea Coulter: Blog Manager

III. Recognition of New Graduate Student Organizations

- A. Rutgers SHRM Chapter
 - 1. Mission: The Mission of this organization shall be to strive to increase interaction among Human Resource Management students, researchers, and practitioners
 - 2. The chapter will facilitate exchange of information and keep students abreast of the latest trends in the HR field
 - 3. getINVOLVED:<https://sites.rutgers.edu/ru-shrm/>
 - 4. Executive Board

- a) President: Tiffany Adams: ta467@scarletmail.rutgers.edu
- b) VP Finance: Shanese Corbin: ssc171@scarletmail.rutgers.edu
- c) VP Membership: Sarah Winjob: sarah247@scarletmail.rutgers.edu
- d) VP Online Students: Peter Lee: peterdlee96@gmail.com

IV. Report on the State of GSA

A. President (P) president@gsa.rutgers.edu

1. Graduate Knight at the Museum
 - a) RSVP: <https://rutgers.campuslabs.com/engage/event/7592978>
 - b) Friday 2/11 at 4-7 pm at Zimmerli Art Museum
2. Mark Schuster 100 Day Commemoration
 - a) Virtual gathering on 2/26/22 at 4 pm (Zoom)
 - b) For any videos (30 sec or less) or questions email markschuster2021@gmail.com
3. Celebrate of Life for Dean Mark Schuster
 - a) 3/25/22 at 3-6 pm both in-person (Zimmerli Art Museum) and virtual
 - b) Crowdfunding through RU Foundation- artwork will cost \$4500 and will be created by undergraduate students (to be commissioned and displayed at GSL)
4. Renaming GSL: considering renaming as Mark Schuster's GSL or Schuster's GSL
 - a) Renaming can be done at minimum after 2 years after a person has been deceased but this can be done with the help of Dr. Mena
5. Student Advisory Board Office of Climate Action
 - a) GSA is now officially a part of the Student Advisory Board for the Office of Climate Action (OCA).
 - b) More information about the mission and goals of OCA can be found here and action plan.
 - c) If you have any questions/comments/feedback that you would like us to mention, please fill this Google Form.
 - d) Contact: president@gsa.rutgers.edu

B. Executive VP (EVP) evp@gsa.rutgers.edu

1. SAS Associate Dean of Humanities Meeting
 - a. Dr. Jorge Marcone - Professor of Spanish, Portuguese, and ComplLit - SAS
 - i. More holistic approach to graduate education
 - ii. Developing transferable skills
 - iii. Work toward expanding opportunities outside of canonical academia

- iv. SGS now requiring IDPs
 - v. Build iJOBS-like programs
 - vi. Word of mouth difficult - pandemic pushes people to rely on email
 - vii. Faculty still very much academically focused
 - 1. Students should feel comfortable expressing affinity toward non-academic careers
2. GSA In-Person Event Guidelines
- a. GSOs must
 - i. Obtain explicit, written departmental review for any in-person event
 - ii. Submit documentation via the website for GSA pre-approval
 - iii. Submit events to EACS where necessary (25+ attendees)
 - 1. Provide documentation of submission and outcome
 - iv. Must complete these steps & receive GSA clearance before holding event
 - v. Documents must be included in final reimbursement submission
 - vi. Masking still required at all times indoors

C. Treasurer (T) treasurer@gsa.rutgers.edu

- 1. In-person event flow chart
- 2. Introduce proposed changes
 - a. Language for types of student involvement and gatherings
 - i. Aim: encourage unity and provide a fulfilling experience for all graduate students while recognizing unique needs of departmental GSOs
 - b. Funding Policies Section 5: GSA Procedures for Determining GSO Entitlements
 - i. Aim: clarify the determination of GSO annual entitlements by adding and centralizing acronyms, reorganizing subsections, and including the precise equations used for calculating.
 - c. Voting Date: Next Council Meeting, Monday, March 7th, 2022
 - d. Durable Goods Request Form is open!
 - i. [Should be an item that will provide use to GSO](#)
- 3. Proposed Student Involvement Definitions
 - a. GSO Member – a graduate student regularly involved as an attendee at GSO events. Any graduate student from any department must be permitted to be a GSO member.
 - i. Voting Member – if and only if a GSO is an academic GSO

may there be a difference between member and voting member. Voting membership will be reserved for graduate students from the associated department(s). The distinction must be clearly stated within the GSO's constitution.

- b. Executive Board – a GSO's leadership committee including but not limited to President, Treasurer, Vice-President, and Secretary. These positions must be open to any graduate student from any department. Appointment procedures for Executive Board positions must be clearly stated in the GSO's constitution.
 - i. For Academic GSOs, it is allowable to limit these positions to voting members and to limit voting of these positions to voting members. This must be clearly stated within the GSO's constitution.
- c. Attendee – a student who attends a GSO event but does not want to assume an active role in the organization
- d. View Google Doc of Proposed Student Involvement and Gathering Definitions

4. Proposed Gathering Definitions

- a. Event – a GSO-hosted gathering either in-person or virtual for which attendance may be beneficial to a student through enrichment of knowledge, professional networking, or social connections. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Professional events such as seminars, Q&A panels, group study sessions, and meet-and-greets.
 - ii. Social events such as game nights, movie nights, and festive gatherings.
 - iii. All gatherings that use GSA funds or GSA funded equipment (such as materials procured from the Durable Goods fund)
- b. Open General Meeting – a general meeting either in-person or virtual open to any graduate student who wishes to attend. To encourage unity across the graduate student population and to recognize the value in diversity of opinions and backgrounds, this is open to any graduate student. Funds may be used for this type of gathering if in accordance with the GSA Funding Policies.
 - i. Closed Secondary Meeting – if and only if a GSO is an academic GSO may there be a closed meeting reserved for Voting Members following the Open General Meeting. This must be clearly stated within the GSO's constitution. GSOs are prohibited from using GSA funds or GSA funded equipment for

secondary meetings.

- c. Executive Meeting – a private planning meeting either in-person or virtual reserved for the appointed Executive Board. No GSA funds nor GSA funded equipment may be used for these meetings.
 - d. View Google Doc of Proposed Student Involvement and Gathering Definitions
5. Proposed Changes to Funding Policies
- a. View the Google Doc of edited Section 5 with tracked changes
6. Durable Goods Request Form
- a. Durable Goods Request Form. sites.rutgers.edu/gsa → Records → Electronic Submission Portals
 - b. DISCLAIMER: NO GOODS MAY BE PURCHASED UNTIL EXPLICIT WRITTEN APPROVAL IS PROVIDED.
 - c. For more information on what qualifies as a durable good and the restrictions, see the GSA Funding Guidelines.

D. Secretary (S) secretary@gsa.rutgers.edu

1. N/A

E. GSA Subcommittees

1. Health and Nutrition (HN) healthandnutrition@gmail.com

- a) Make Friends with Food Survey
 - (1) Match people with same preferences
 - (2) Disclosure before survey - will share only email addresses
- b) How well do you know your best friend quiz (limited participants)
 - (1) All food preference questions
 - (2) Can compete to see who gets more correct
- c) Workshop on food positivity
 - (1) Talking about food comfortably
 - (2) Not labeling food

2. Mental Health (MH) mentalhealth@gsa.rutgers.edu

- a) MHC is recruiting new members. Contact mentalhealth@gsa.rutgers.edu
- b) <https://sites.rutgers.edu/gsa/resources/health-and-wellness/>
 - (1) List of downloadable mental health resources
 - (2) "How to find a therapist" doc

- c) Mental Health Survey
 - (1) Survey closed February 2022 with 254 responses. Look out for a report in the next Council Meeting!
- d) Rutgers Meditation Wednesdays
 - (1) 2/9 and 2/16 from 7-8 pm: tiny.cc/RutgersMeditates
 - (2) Contact Pooja Bhalode: prb63@rutgers.edu
 - (3) See GSA email and getINVOLVED to get registered!

F. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

- 1. Committee Co-Chairs: Ruchi Yadav and Nusrath Yusuf
- 2. Upcoming Plans
 - a) Screening the Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks on 2/24 at 5:30 pm (hybrid event)
- 3. Recruiting new members! Email diversity@gsa.rutgers.edu

V. Updates from the Senate

- A. The University Senate met on December 10, 2021 and January 21, 2022
 - 1. Meeting agendas:
 - a) December:
<https://senate.rutgers.edu/meeting/senate-meeting-december102021/#>
 - b) January: <https://senate.rutgers.edu/meeting/senate-meeting-12/#>
 - c) President Holloway gave an administrative report
 - 2. Student Caucus met with the staff caucus
 - 3. Budget and Finance Committee - working on glossary for budget
 - 4. Instruction Curricula and Advising Committee - office of disabilities charge update
 - 5. Research and Graduate & Professional Education Committee - research information systems (RIS) charge update
 - 6. Next Senate Meeting: February 18, 2022 at 1:00pm

VI. GSO Announcements

A. N/A

VII. Any Other Business

A. N/A

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Post-meeting minutes

N/A