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Graduate Student Association

Plenary Council Meeting

Graduate Student Association
May 1st, 2023



AY 2023 - 2024 Executive Committee Election Results



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- **President** - Eric Chiles
- **Executive Vice President** - Mahsun Oti
- **Treasurer** - Tarun Reddy Arasu
- **Secretary** - Laura Estaban



Eric



Tarun



Mahsun



Laura



Presidential Oath of Office



GSA Board

- Vice Presidents, Directors, and Committee Chairs will be appointed by the new Eboard
 - If you are interested in starting a GSA committee or serving the current committees, please email ec@gsa.rutgers.edu
 - Current Committees:
 - Mental Health
 - DEI
 - Recreation
- Business and Events Managers
 - Business:
 - Shawn Rumrill
 - Molly Stern
 - Events:
 - Atharva Raut
- Thank you to Julian, Our Elections Coordinator!





Goodbyes from current board



Presidential Update





Proposed Amendment - Constitution DEI Statements - Vote

“In accordance with the Rutgers’ DEI strategic plan, all recognized GSOs are required to include a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement in their constitution which is in alignment with the 5 goals set forth by the plan including:

1. Recruit, Retain, and Develop Diverse Community
 2. Promote Inclusive Scholarship and Teaching
 3. Define Sustainable and Substantive Community Engagement
 4. Build the Capacity of Leaders to Create an Inclusive Climate
 5. Develop an Institutional Infrastructure to Drive Change”
- GSA will prepare a template for use by GSOs.
 - GSOs will be allowed to adapt or draft their own DEI statements
 - Per constitutional review, all statements are subject to review and approval by the GSA EC



EVP Update





Bargaining updates

[Summaries of Articles in the Full-Time Faculty \(including BHSNJ faculty\) and Grad Worker TA](#)

Please attend Graduate Worker Town Hall Meetings

Tuesday, May 2, at 12 p.m. + Info Session for Union elections at 6pm

Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, at 10 a.m.

Friday, May 5, at 1pm

[Click here to launch the meeting](#)



Treasurer Update





Proposed Amendment Vote

Funding Guidelines: Prizes and Giveaways

GSOs are permitted to spend up to \$75 per semester on prizes and giveaways combined from their allocation. This does not roll-over. The GSO must submit a Prize and Giveaway Request to the GSA EC detailing the intended use prior to the purchase including the event details, link to the prize and details, and how the winner(s) will be selected. The EC will take a vote in which the majority must agree.

Events with prizes or giveaways must be advertised through the GSA events list mailer and the GSA calendar, in addition to the GSO's getINVOLVED page. The event listing description must indicate that there will be a prize or giveaway.

Prizes can be for subjective contests with voting either by a panel or audience (such as posters or presentations), objective contests (such as trivia or game winners), or winners by lottery where all graduate student attendees have an equal chance.

Giveaways are intended to be small items, such as pens, stickers, or buttons, and do not require a contest to be acquired.



End-of-Year Important Notes

Important Notes:

- There will be no rollover of funds available.
 - Appeals procedure for cancelled events. See following slide.
- Summer budget requests are made on a case-by-case basis
 - Not to exceed \$1000 total
 - Reimbursed at the start of Fall semester, with successful funding application
- Public Spending Records spreadsheet ONLY includes expenses reimbursed by check
 - To confirm your spending thus far, contact the Business Manager (help@gsa.rutgers.edu)
- Get your honoraria requests in 4 weeks in advance!

When AY 2023-2024 GSO officers are elected, you must:

- Replace and update getINVOLVED officers and page managers
- Handover any relevant passwords to new officers (social media, email accounts, etc.)



IMPORTANT

DUE BY MAY 30TH, 2023

1. Any remaining Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Reimbursement Requests

- Reimbursement requests after this date will be denied - no questions, no exceptions.

2. Event and Expenditure Reporting

- Must include Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 spending
- [Submit to portal on getINVOLVED](#)
- *Appeals Procedure for cancelled events: If any of your events were unexpectedly cancelled due to the Union authorized strike or other unforeseen circumstances which would reasonably prevent you from maximizing budget spending and thus impact your allowed allocation request for the next year, please describe below.*



Beginning '23-'24 GSO Checklist

- Important Funding and Recognition Dates
 - Application opens Tuesday, September 5th 12:00 AM
 - Application closes Tuesday, September 19th at 11:59 PM
 - Funding Workshops (3 total) week of September 24th.
 - **MUST ATTEND - NO EXCEPTIONS, NO MAKE UPS**
 - Funding notifications made by Oct 4th.
 - Funding contracts due Oct 6th.
- Changes to application procedure
 - Required to provide list of anticipated events and estimated costs
 - Option to indicate no changes to constitution from last year
 - All recognized GSOs are required to include a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement in their constitution



Secretary Update





Business Manager Update





Vice President of External Affairs Updates





- DC Trip was a great experience for all and we were able to talk about and bring attention to graduate student issues to New Jersey's congressional offices



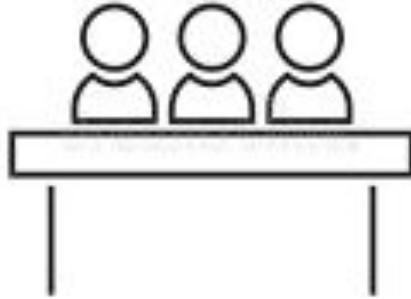


Professional and Academic Director Development Updates





Committee Updates





Recreation Committee



**Thanks for a great winter of events!
Stay tuned for a fun spring!**





Mental Health Committee

RU Maintaining Peace, May 4th, 11am-2pm

- The RU GSA is presenting a destressing Event named RU Maintaining Peace.
- This event will take place Wednesday, **May 4th 11am-2pm in Busch Campus - CABM Atrium**
 - **679 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, NJ 08854**
- This will be a space for students to destress and share how they can maintain self care
- Snacks, and RU merchandise will be available



DEI Committee

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

- Date: Tentative Week of May 15th
- Title: TBD
- Location: Graduate Student Lounge
- Interested Affinity Group Co-Sponsors?!
- Email: diversity@gsa.rutgers.edu





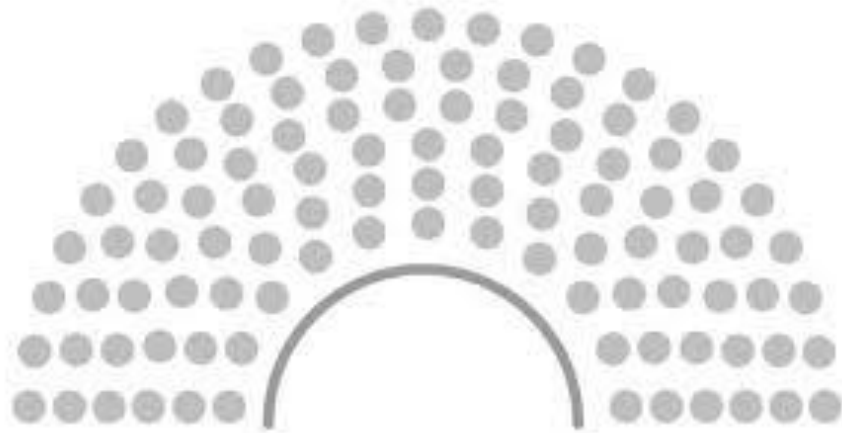
GSA Events Update

- End of Year BBQ - Wednesday, May 3rd, 4-7pm, Busch Buell Apartments
- GSA Breakfast and Coffee Mixer - Wednesday, May 3rd, 9-11am, Busch CCB lobby
- Movie Night: Guardians of the Galaxy - Sunday, May 7th, 7:15pm, RU Cinema- Ticket distribution tomorrow 5-6pm

Please RSVP on [getINVOLVED!](#)



Senate Updates





Open to all
New Brunswick RU
Graduate Students!



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To join the Rutgers Graduate
Student Association Discord
Server!

Please share with your
GSO members and at
your GSO events!

Questions? Email discordmod@gsa.rutgers.edu

[Rutgers GSA Discord Server Link!](#) (or) <https://discord.gg/QGKjYJ62vX>



Questions? Comments? Announcements from
GSOs