1. Introductions -- 12:35PM
Introductions of GSS staff and Lydia Washington, advisor (announcements about changes in GSS)
Introductions from GEO
-what GEO does/ who GEO supports (anyone with assistantship)
-benefits of GEO
-sign up to be a steward
-when bargaining period begins (Spring 2017)
-membership meetings (Next Thursday 6 PM Earth Foods cafe)
3. Question regarding councils
-How to get involved in councils
-Application in email that Canan sent with senate meeting agenda; email CV to Canan and she will get back to you by 9/23
Introduction from Joanne Levenson - Office of Family Resources
-programs OFR offers
Question - How many graduate students have children? And, consequently, how many people does the Office of Family resources potentially cater to?
-Canan will provide numbers next senate meeting

2. Getting Involved in the Graduate Student Senate -- 12:50
Become a Senator
Ways to become a senator from your department explained both during the meeting and in emails sent by Daniel Morales (either official online process or internal process established within the department)
We are in nomination process; ends the Sunday after the meeting 5 pm
Campaign week 9/26-10/2
Oct 3rd, 4th, 5th link on campus pulse to vote on your department senator
Duties of a senator - briefly described; also see online GSS site for a more comprehensive outline
Benefits of becoming a senator outlined - helping fellow grad students, contributing to policy making on campus, disseminating knowledge, etc.
Question - How long is a senator's term? An academic year (two semesters starting with the fall semester)
Childcare assistance application information presented by Daniel Morales
Question: Can you be reimbursed for past child care?
5888. Answer: We need the income, current receipts of provider
Daniel will send email to the whole student body on Wednesday regarding this 
Question - issues with campus pulse childcare; email has the right link 
Daniel will change it

Committees and Councils
How to get involved; email Canan Cevik

Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs)
What are GSOs?
Experiences of folks who have participated in GSOs
- type of support they’ve received from GSS

Setting the Senate Agenda for the academic year ahead -- 13:10
Please fill out the survey
Discussion:
A survey about the most salient issues graduate students are facing
-international students: adapting to housing, there aren’t enough tips for finding housing; knowing which services are provided;
-grad students have desk and office; it’s hard to find space for meetings/ skype; library doesn’t have spaces for individuals
-emergency salary payment; told that it’s impossible for TA salaries;
-international students: during holidays; no buses or few buses; travelling to and from campus during holidays; need more buses; carpool services to get to airports; is there an online rideshare for grad students? Umass rideshare?
-for international students; help getting IDs/Driver’s licenses;
-help advertise seminars and speakers happening between depts
-section on GSS website for senators to upload their dept seminars
The most desirable programming/events grad students want GSS to pursue
(Didn’t get to discuss this; see survey)

5889. Introducing some Resources on Campus -- 13:40
Craft center introduction
-Flyers available
-Open House for grad students next Friday

Reminders/Events -- 13:55
Announcements about coffee hours
-Locations, times, dates are on the agenda
Wednesday (tomorrow) 1-2:30 grad student financial training for GSOs
October
Lunch -- 12:00PM
Lunch started on time, people enjoyed healthy dishes.

Call to Order -- 12:15PM
Welcome
Canan-introduction
Approval of September 2016 meeting minutes (located on the handout)
In favor 17
Opposed 0
None abstain

Announcements -- 12:20PM
Josh Odam, Student Trustee (Not present)

Johanna Frances Yunker, Graduate School Office of Professional Development
Presentation with the Graduate School Office of Professional development (reaching out to student who usually
don’t utilize events)
Mission: help grad students find success at UMass and beyond
Career help workshops (academic, industry); communications events: in collaboration with the writing center; “the
Fall Writing Series” drop in to write with other people, there are cookies and snacks, no matter what you are writing
and also no matter if you can come to write from the beginning of the program; grant and fellowships (Heidi);
Personal development. Personal development: time management and procrastination; dealing with your advisor,
making connections with your department, etc. Teaching section: TEFTE; groups for international graduate students
who are teaching. Workshops for spring suggestions or feedback: question from the public regarding updates
through social media. Are updates through social media helpful? Perhaps it can be helpful. Suggestion: workshops
in managing a classroom and discussion techniques; writing skills for international students. Suggestion: networking
at conferences or speaking in front of various audiences. There will be a lot of interviewing coming soon. Johanna:
are there any better times to organize events? Suggestion - perhaps rotating the same event at different times on a
rotating schedule. News - they will try their first online webinar on alternative careers.
Do you ever do events during the winter break? Major one upcoming during the winter: dissertation Writing retreat;
a teaching workshop

5888 Jack Ahern, Vice Provost, Director of International Programs (+Ken Reed, +Andrea Drake (risk
management)+ Calpen Travetti for education abroad.)
Talking about a new proposal regarding “University-related travel” and new policies related to this (anything paid
for by the university or related to your study). IPO feels accountable and have to have emergency responsibilities.
Travel policy was first approved a few years ago and required undergraduate students on university related travel to
register it through the IPO; Grad Students not required but highly recommended as per the current policy. (IPO has
evacuated students for political or environmental reasons so far, etc). IPO is proposing a change in the policy to
require students to register all of the university related travel (mandatory). A draft has been submitted to the present
people, who can see on it an outline of the proposed policy and also benefits for the students for actually registering (pursuant to this new possible policy). They would like to emphasise a pre-departure preparation in this new policy. Students will have a choice in listening to pre-departure travel. Who will make sure grad student registers: they are proposing that the providers do that (IPO will not ask faculty to “turn students in” if they don’t register.)

Questions: What happens if a student does not register - but calls from abroad that they are in trouble? (Removed the concept of “risky countries” and the stigma associated to that.)

If it’s university related we have a responsibility, if you are not university related the IPO insurance is not going to be able to help in such a case.

We are expecting feedback on the draft; IPO meets on the first Monday of every month, they would like to take this as a final draft to the next meeting.

Canan will send draft out and look for receiving feedback within 3 weeks

Lydia Washington, GSS Advisor

Introduction of her role as an advisor. And proposing that Senators should go to council meetings/smaller committees that should give a different perspective from the Grad Student Life.

Santiago: update on what the Labor Center is going through (assistantships being cut out); revenue generating programs receive more fellowships and threats of defunding programs that are not revenue generating. Re-evaluating: what is the role of a public institution - to give a chance to the working class people to get an education or to make a revenue?

Update 2: Several Caucusses being organized in GEO/ Thursday oct 21 Herter 301 presentation on incarcerated women (snacks available)

GSS/Senators/Grad Students (nothing raised from the floor)

Committee Formation -- 13:10

33554432. Executive (GSS President Canan Cevik, Chair)

33554433. Finance (GSS Treasurer Talia London, Chair)

Committee Reports -- 13:35

Elections (Daniel Morales, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Child Care Assistance Program (Daniel Morales, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Equity and Access Survey Results (Nandi Marumo, Gender and Racial Equity Coordinator): reports on the highest priority needs; diversity issues, etc and give a brief account in regards to who would be responsible for implementing some changes that could come as a response to some of these issues (administration, councils, GSS). Nandi can send out the document with all of the suggestions and people can end back feedback.

Suggestion: there is a google drive for UMass; site: UMass Apps, with one’s ID

F2016-1: Ratification of Senator Elections

In favor: 19; Opposed 0 Abstain 0

F2016-2: Executive Committee Formation

Canan, Daniel and Talia will be there; Canan outlines tasks; weekly meetings, then one monthly meeting with chancellor and provost Gabriel Schmidt; Robert Santiago In favor: 18; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0.

F2016-3: Finance Committee Formation

Talia: committee run by Talia; proposing a new budget, review request for funds, advise GSO for budget, also meeting once a week, doodle will be sent out) Christopher Lukasic, Aman Sharma; Laura Hancock; In favor: 18; Opposed 0 ; abstain 0.
Josh reads the motion/ In favor: 18; opposed 0; abstain 0.

Reminders/Events -- 13:55

GSS Writing Session, Mondays
  4-8pm 11/7 and 12/5 in CC-803
  11/14, 11/28 and 12/12 in CC 804-08

GSS Craft Center Workshops
  Mask Making Workshop--Tuesday October 25th, 6-8:00pm
  Leather Workshop --Tuesday November 15th, 6-8:00pm
  Book Making Workshop --Tuesday December 6th, 6-8:00pm

GSS Motion F2016-4 Motion in Solidarity with the UMass Labor Center

Whereas the UMass Labor Center is one of UMass’s cherished institutions, and carries a special legacy of educating and training members of the labor movement who have fought hard for working people in the United States and abroad;

Whereas a big part of this legacy was that the Labor Center was accessible to all qualified students; funding, in the form of teaching and research appointments, was available to provide tuition waivers and livable salaries to students, making top notch education and training were available to all, such that working people were able to participate in labor movement leadership in a robust way through this arrangement.

Whereas that funding has now been cut, meaning that the education and training that the Labor Center provided will now be available only to students with the ability to pay for tuition, effectively putting the resources of the Labor Center out of reach for poor and working people, which is an affront to the special legacy of the Labor Center, as well as the democratic and accessible ethos of a public educational institution;

Whereas the shrinking funding of the UMass Labor Center has not occurred in isolation, but as part of broad cuts to the funding of higher education by the state, with concomitant attempts to allocate graduate funding by the ability of departments to ‘pay’ by the number of undergraduate students taught, as outlined by the Joint Task Force of Resource Allocation (JTFRA) at UMass, be it resolved that

Therefore, we oppose funding models like the one outlined by the JTFRA in general, and the cuts in the funding structure to the UMass Labor Center in particular;

Therefore we commit to pushing pressure upwards, through the University Administration and onto the State level, to restore the funding of the students of the UMass Labor Center, and to oppose funding models like the ones proposed by the JTFRA, which tie graduate funding to undergraduate demand.

[1][via “The Promise of the UMass Labor Center”.PPT by Tom Juravich, Interim Labor Center Director, presented to the Sociology Department body meeting on September 14th 2016]


[3][http://www.umass.edu/chancellor/sites/default/files/jtfra-finalreport-and-supplement_042114_0.pdf– Section Model Options]
Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

911-915

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Lunch — 12:00PM

Call to Order — 12:15PM

Welcome

Approval of September 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:20PM

Josh Odam, Student Trustee

Johanna Frances Yunker, Graduate School Office of Professional Development

Jack Ahern, Vice Provost, Director of International Programs
Lydia Washington, GSS Advisor

Graduate Employee Organization

GSS/Senators/Grad Students

**Committee Formation — 13:10PM**

Executive (GSS President Canan Cevik, Chair)

Finance (GSS Treasurer Talia London, Chair)

**Committee Reports — 13:35**

**Elections** (Daniel Morales, GSS Vice President & Chair)

**Child Care Assistance Program** (Daniel Morales, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Equity and Access Survey Results (Nandi Marumo, Gender and Racial Equity Coordinator)

**Motions — 13:40**

F2016-1: Ratification of Senator Elections
F2016-2: Executive Committee Formation

F2016-3: Finance Committee Formation

F2016-4: Motion in Solidarity with the UMass Labor Center (Peter Huntington, Geography)

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Graduate Student Senate

Next Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2016

Campus Center 163 *12:30-2pm

Lunch Will Be Provided at 12:00

Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2016

Campus Center 163 * 12:30-2pm

Call to Order — 12:30PM

Welcome

Approval of February 2016 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:35PM

Emily O’Neil, University Student Trustee
John McCarthy, Graduate School Dean
Graduate Employee Organization
University Student Trustee Candidate Josh Odam — 12:45PM

Presentation: Professors Elizabeth Chilton and Jennifer Normanly, Co-Chairs

Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (JTFRA) — 12:50PM

Additional information about JTFRA is available at the following link:

https://www.umass.edu/chancellor/strategic-planning/joint-taskforce-resource-allocation

Presentation: Leslie Button, Associate Director for Library Services — 1:20PM

Amendments to Library Carrel Policy

GSS Reports — 1:30

Bylaws (Emily Devenney, Senator & Co-Chair)
Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)
Executive (Adina Giannelli, GSS President & Chair)
Finance (Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer & Chair)

Motions — 1:40

FY2016-6: Ad Hoc Funding Request: Student Academy of Audiology (SAA)
FY2016-7: Ad Hoc Funding Request: Society of Mycology at UMass for Teachers and Students (SMUTS)

FY2016-8: Ad Hoc Funding Request: Chinese Music Association (CMA)

FY2016-9: Ad Hoc Funding Request: Graduate Association of Europeanists (GAE)

FY2016-10: Ad Hoc Funding Request: Stroke Support Group (SSG)

FY2016-10: Ad Hoc Funding Request: Palenques y Quilombos (PyQ)

FY2016-11: Ad Hoc Funding Request: Religious Verism Association (RVA)

Reminders


“Forms of Feeling: Navigating the Affective Turn”: English Graduate Organization (EGO) 8th Annual Graduate Conference, Saturday, April 2, 2016

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Call to Order — 12:30PM

Welcome

Approval of December 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:35PM

Emily O’Neil, Student Trustee
John McCarthy, Graduate School Dean
Graduate Employee Organization
Kelin Loe, English Senator — EGO Conference — April 2, 2016
GSS/Senators/Grad Students
Liza Detember, Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH)
Coalition to End Rape Culture (CERC)

UMass Survivors’ Bill of Rights available at the following link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jacNaNV4eX66fqfSTAQRnBlsPNYTDWqGiHT6LcEsqOU/edit

GSS Reports — 12:55
Executive (Adina Giannelli, GSS President & Chair)
5888. Enfranchisement Committee formation
5889. Graduate Students of Color — agency formation
5890. Institutionalizing consultation protocol
5891. Food Security Working Group update

Bylaws (Emily O’Neil & Will Syldor-Severino)
Joint Task Force on Resource Allocation (Ghazah Abbasi, GSS Rep)

Motions — 1:10PM

FY2016-1: Funding Allocation Request — International Students Club ($1000)

FY2016-2: Ad Hoc Funding Request — Graduate Researchers Interested in Data (GRID) ($400)

FY2016-3: Ad Hoc Funding Request — JATFA GSO ($400)

FY2016-4: Ad Hoc Funding Request — Indian Student Association ($300)

FY2016-5: Ad Hoc Funding Request — DuBois Department GSO ($350)

Budget Planning Presentation — 1:30

Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair

Reminders
Senate Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015

Campus Center 174-176

12-1:30

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of November 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

*Emily O’Neil*, Student Trustee
*John McCarthy*, Graduate School Dean
Graduate Employee Organization
GSS/Senators/Grad Students
Berthiaume Center for Entrepreneurship Fellows

Committee Reports — 12:25

Executive (Adina Giannelli, GSS President & Chair)
  SRTI survey
  Food Security Working Group
  Campus Diversity Leadership
  Senator Concerns

Presentation of UMass Internationalization Plan Draft — 12:40

Jack Ahern, Vice Provost of International Programs

Motions — 1:15

F2015-5: Syrian Refugee Motion (Ryan Mahan)

F2015-6: Ad Hoc Funding Request–Poets & Writers (Amount TBA)

F2015-7: Ad Hoc Funding Request–Taiwanese Student Association (Amount TBA)

F2015-8: Ad Hoc Funding Request–Chinese Music Association (Amount TBA)

GSS Motion F2015-5: Syrian Refugee Motion

Whereas, the Graduate Student Senate represents the interests of the graduate student body of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and;
Whereas, the University of Massachusetts Amherst plays a critical role in the state of Massachusetts as the flagship campus for the University of Massachusetts system, and;

Whereas, Governor Charlie Baker of Massachusetts said that he is “not interested” in accepting Syrian refugees into Massachusetts at this time, and;

Whereas, 7.6 million Syrians have been displaced and over 200,000 Syrians have been killed in the current conflict, and;

Whereas, refugees statistically commit acts of terror against the United States at a significantly lower rate than the general population of the United States, and;

Whereas, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants finds it highly unlikely that Daesh and other terror groups would attempt to send terrorists through the refugee pipeline due to the relatively high volume of radicalized Americans with American documents at their disposal, and;

Whereas, there is already a vetting process that is put in place to virtually eliminate any threat of accepting terrorists into the nation, therefore;

Be it resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate condemns Governor Baker’s decision of refusing to accept Syrian refugees into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, therefore,

Be it further resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate urges Governor Baker to expediently retract his previous statements and allow Syrian refugees to take refuge in Massachusetts, therefore,
Be it further resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate endorses an open letter to Governor Charlie Baker of Massachusetts concerning his stance on Syrian refugees.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2015

Campus Center 174-176

12-1:30

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of October 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

Emily O’Neil, Student Trustee
Evandro Tavares, Student Government Association — Code of Student Conduct
Charlotte Kelly, CEPA, Million Student March
Mzamo Mangaliso & Ernie Washington, Co-Chairs, Status of Diversity Council — SRTI survey
John McCarthy, Graduate School Dean
Graduate Employee Organization
GSS/Senators/Grad Students

Committee Reports — 12:40

Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)
Communication & Deliberation Policy (Will Syldor Severino, SJE Senator & Chair)
Executive (Adina Giannelli, GSS President & Chair)

Committee Formation — 12:55

Executive (GSS President Adina Giannelli, Chair)
Finance (GSS Treasurer Daniel Morales, Chair)

Motions — 1:00

F2015-1: Ratification of Senator Elections
F2015-2: Executive Committee Formation
F2015-3: Finance Committee Formation
F2015-4: Motion in Support of Letter of Solidarity in Support of South African student protests (Jonathan Jenner, Economics)
F2015-5: Motion in Support of Million Student March

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2015

Campus Center 803
12:00PM-1:30PM

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Announcements — 12:05PM

5888. Emily O’Neil, Student Trustee
5889. UMass Divest (UMass Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign)
5890. John McCarthy, Graduate School Dean
5891. Graduate Students
5892. Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)
5893. Student Government Association (SGA)

Committee Updates — 12:30PM

Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)
Executive/Committee & Council Representation (Adina Giannelli, GSS President & Chair)

A Conversation Around UMass Grad Student Issues — 12:45PM

(Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer & Facilitator)

Facilitator Updates
  Family Issues/Graduate Student
  Families/Housing- Sumera
  Sexual Harassment/Assault/Title IX- Canan
  International Student Experience- Javier
Upcoming Events

**GWN Writing Group**: Mondays 4pm-8pm in Campus Center 901

**GWN Yoga Group**: Thursdays 5:30-6:45 in the Student Union Art Gallery

**GSS Hikes the Notch**: Saturday, October 17, 10AM-noon

**Next Senate Meeting**: Monday, November 2, 2015, 12PM-1:30PM CC162

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

CC163

12 pm-1:15 pm

**Call to Order — 12:00PM**

Welcome

Approval of March 4, 2015 meeting minutes
Announcements — 12:05PM

5888. John McCarthy, Dean of the Graduate School
5889. Sarah Freudson, University Student Trustee
5890. Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)

Senator Updates

Executive Committee Updates — 12:25PM

Finance Committee Updates — 12:30PM

Elections Committee Updates — 12:35PM

Motions — 12:40PM

S2015-5: Motion to Ratify Elections Results
S2015-6: Motion Supporting GSS Endorsement of Letter to Transit Services

S2015-7: Ad Hoc Funding Request — AGASA ($300—ISC festival)
S2015-8: Ad Hoc Funding Request — ISA ($500 — India Night)

S2015-9: Ad Hoc Funding Request — Food Science GSO ($500—Institute of Food Technologies Annual Meeting)
S2015-10: Financial Support to ISC International Festival ($700)

Reminders — 1:10PM

GWN Film & Discourse Series/Student Union Art Gallery
5888. Fridays 4PM-7PM
4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)
Board of Trustees Meeting on Graduate Student Life — Wed., April 8 @ 9am
Next Senate Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, noon-1:15pm in CC165

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Student Union Art Gallery

12 pm-1:15 pm

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of February 4, 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM
Executive Committee Updates — 12:20PM

Grad School Diversity Task Force Updates — 12:25PM

GSS Research Team Updates — 12:30PM

Trustee Candidate Introductions — 12:35PM

Motions — 12:45PM

S2015-4: Motion on Fossil Fuel Divestment (Peter Huntington, Geoscience Senator)

Communication & Deliberation Policy Committee Survey — 1:00PM

Reminders — 1:10PM

Graduate History Association Conference:
“Transcending Borders and Disciplines: The Global Importance of Transnationalism.” Saturday, March 7
2015-2016 GSS & Student Trustee Elections: March 10-March 12 via Campus Pulse
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3/6 & 3/20 (Honoring Women of the World)
4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)
Campus Leadership Forum for Graduate Students:
Tuesday, March 31 at 8:30AM
Board of Trustees Meeting on Graduate Student Life —
Wed., April 8 @ 9am

Reminders — 1:10PM

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Senate Meeting

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Student Union Gallery

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Call to Order — 12:00PM

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Approval of December 3, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life
(Graduate School)
University Student Trustee
Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)
International Students Club (rep. TBA), re: support for
International Students Festival
CEPA (rep, TBA)
Gabriel Schmit (undergraduate student), re: SHIP/health insurance
Peter Huntington (Geosciences Senator), re: fossil fuel divestment

**Executive Committee Updates** (GSS President) — 12:25PM

Monthly Memo—Updates from the GSS Office **Elections Committee Updates** (GSS Vice President) — 12:30PM

2015-2016 Elections Timeline & Information **Finance Committee Updates** (GSS Treasurer) — 12:35PM

GSO updates and training during Spring FY2016 Budget Process & Information **GSS Staff Updates** — 12:40PM

**Motions** — 1:50PM

S2015-1: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($500)
S2015-2: Venakey Ad Hoc Funding Request ($150)
S2015-3: Religious Verism Association Ad Hoc Funding Request ($170 & $210)

**Reminders** — 1:10PM

Diversity Strategic Planning Open Forum — Thursday, December 4, 4-5pm, Campus Center Auditorium. Visit this website to provide feedback on the document: https://www.umass.edu/chancellor/strategic-planning/diversity-feedback

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Fridays 4PM-7PM
2/13 & 2/20 (Honoring Black History)
5888.3/6 & 3/20 (Honoring Women of the World)
5889.4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)

Trustee Forum for Graduate Students: Monday, March 2 at 3PM
2015-2016 GSS & Student Trustee Elections:
Board of Trustees Meeting on graduate student life —
Wednesday, April 8 @ 9am (Worcester)
/health insurance
Peter Huntington (Geosciences Senator), re: fossil fuel divestment

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Board of Trustees Meeting on graduate student life —
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Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014

Campus Center 163

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of November 12, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM
Sarah Freudson, University Student Trustee
Liam Gude, undergraduate student — re: UMass/Amazon partnership
Javier Campos, GSS International Students Coordinator—Formation
Bette Elsdon, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA); Faculty Senate

Executive Committee Updates

Advocacy for university hiring transgender clinicians & clinicians of color
Scheduling meeting with Board of Trustee Chair, Henry M. Thomas III, J.D.
December 2014: Graduate Student Space advocacy; submission of graduate orientation program plan to administration

Motions — 1:25PM

F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner (Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer)
F2014-9: Motion to Unify GSS, SGA & Trustee Election
F2014-10: Motion To Create The GSS Communication & Deliberation Policy Ad Hoc Committee (Will Syldor, Social Justice Education)

Reminders — 2:10PM

GSS Grade-In (with food): Friday, December 5 from 10:00am-2pm (Off Campus Student Center)
GWN End-of-Semester Dinner & Karaoke at the ABC: Friday, December 5 @ 7pm
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014

Campus Center 905-09

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of October 8, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

Sarah Freudson, Student Trustee
CEPA (Center for Education Policy and Advocacy)
Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life
(Graduate School)
Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee
Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government
Association (SGA); Faculty Senate
Committee Report — 1:20

Elections (*Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair*)

Motions

- F2014-2: Motion to Ratify Executive Committee Election Results
- F2014-3: Motion to Ratify Finance Committee Election Results
- F2014-4: Motion in Response to Campus Pepper Spray Ban
- F2014-5: Motion to Separate UMass Trustee Elections from SGA Elections
- F2014-6: Motion Advocating for Proportional Student Trustee Votes (1 vote per campus)
- F2014-7: Motion to Endorse GSS Statement on Anti-Racism
- F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner

Reminders — 2:10PM

- Next GSS Senate Meeting: Wednesday, December 3rd @ 1pm (CC 163)
- GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC 803)
- Let Our Voices Be Heard: Teach-In on Student Empowerment (CEPA; GSS co-sponsoring): Friday, November 14, 11AM-3PM in Student Union/Cape Cod Lounge
- GSS Ad Hoc Committee on Policing & Police Engagement Mtg, Wednesday 11/19 @ 10am (GSS office)
- GSS Grade-In (with food): Friday, December 5 from 10:00am-2pm (room TBA).
- GSS End-of-Semester Celebration the ABC: Saturday, December 13 @ 7pm
- GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of May 5, 2014 & September 10, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

Sarah Freudson, Student Trustee
Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life
(Graduate School)
Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee
Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government
Association (SGA)
Faculty Senate

Chair’s Remarks — 1:30

Monthly Memo/GSS Officer and Staff Update
Senator Outreach

Committee Reports — 1:35
Elections (Dani O'Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Committee Formation — 1:40

Executive (GSS President Adina Giannelli, Chair)
Finance (GSS Treasurer Daniel Morales, Chair)
Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Motions

F2014-1: Approve members to Executive Committee (two senators)
F2014-2: Approve members to Finance Committee (three senators)
F2014-3: Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Reminders — 2:10PM

“Balancing Life, Love and School: Co-ed Grad Group”
Mondays 6:30 to 8:00pm (CC802)
GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/21)
GWN Writing Group — Wednesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/22)

Crossroads Conference: Roots, Routes, and Roundabouts — UMass Comp Lit (Oct. 10-12, 2014)

Reception for SACL Grad Employees (GSS, GEO, & SACL) — Mullins Center 10/17, 3PM-5PM
GSS Ice Skating Party at Mullins Center practice rink — October 25, 2014
GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details; more info to follow Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of May 5, 2014 meeting minutes

Welcome

New Business — 1:10pm

Senator Elections
Childcare
Officer and Staff Introductions

Discussion — 1:30pm

Graduate Student Needs, and the Work of the Senate:
An Open Discussion

Announcements — 2:10pm

Student Government Association
Student Trustee
Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate

Motions
Reminders — 2:20PM

Senator elections in the department: nomination period is September 8 – September 21; campaign period is September 22 – September 28; Senator Elections are September 29 – October on Campus Pulse.

Childcare Funding Application Deadline is Tuesday, Sept 23rd at 5:00PM.

Childcare Cooperative (with OFR) to launch Monday, September 15th.

GSS Writing Group meets every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-9pm in room 803. All are welcome, light refreshments provided.

Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2014

Campus Center 904/08
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes April 24th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old/New Business: 4:25PM

Introduction of New Officers
2014/2015 GSS Budget

Motions: 4:45PM

S2014-17: 2014/2015 GSS Budget

Discussion:

Senator Survey

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2014

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 31st, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student
Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty
Senate)

Motions: 1:20PM

S2014-13: Motion to Transfer $1000 from GSS
Operations to Ad Hoc Funding Account
S2014-14: Brain Behavior Organization (BRO) Ad Hoc
Funding Request ($300)
S2014-15: Du Bois Department Graduate Organization
(DBDGO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-16: Sociology Graduate Student Association
(SGSA) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

Special Order: 1:40

GSS Election Results and Ratification
Old/New Business Discussion: 1:45PM

Introduction of New Officers
Introduction to 2014/2015 GSS Budget

Discussion: 2:05

Carolyn Gardner

Reminders: 2:20

Last Senate meeting is May 5 at 4:00PM in CC. A motion to approve the GSS budget will be the main topic for this meeting.
ABC Social: Friday, April 25, 7:00-PM-9:00PM. Light snacks provided. All UMass graduate students invited.
GSS will be hiring for the following 4 staff positions for the 2014-15 academic year: 1.) Equity/Access Coordinator, 2.) Graduate Women’s Network (GWN) Coordinator, 3.) Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Coordinator, 4.) International Students Coordinator. For more information please visit blogs.umass.edu/gss or email at gss-pres@grad.umass.edu

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM
Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 13th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Motions: 4:15PM

S2014-11: Sequential Arts Colloquium: ad hoc request of $400.00
S2014-12: Grad Stroke Support Group: ad hoc request of $400.00

Old/New Business Discussion: 4:30PM

Introduction of GSS Constitutional/Bylaw Amendment about senate representation
Presentation by IPO on Internationalization
Presentation by JTFRA Co-Chairs
Presentation by JTFSO Co-Chairs

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2014

Campus Center 904-08

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes February 18th, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

Officers and Staff
Grad Council Subcommittee on Grievances (graduate student appointee)
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Discussion: 1:20PM

Constitutional Amendment for more adequate representation
Resolution to include diversity as a core value in the JTFRA

Motions: 1:35PM

S2014-06: Grad Q&A Ad Hoc Funding Request ($350)
S2014-07: Chinese Christian Lunch Fellowship Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-08: ChEGS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($288.95)
S2014-09: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-10: Resolution to Add Diversity as a Core Principle in the JTFRA

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes January 30th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Graduate Dean John McCarthy
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)
Old Business: 4:35PM

Update on Motion S2014-03: Resolution denouncing UMPD response to crimes on campus.

Motions

S2014-04: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on TECS GSO Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-05: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on ECo GSC Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

New Business: 4:55PM

JTFRA Presentation by Timothy Anderson

Reminders — 5:20PM

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, January 30th, 2014

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 1:00PM
Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes December 5th, 2013

Old/New Business: 1:05PM

JTFRA/CDAC update

**Motions** (S=Spring)

S2014-01: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on GSCA Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-02: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on UGCALS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-03: Resolution denouncing UMPD response to crimes on campus.

**Announcements — 1:50PM**

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

**Reminder — 2:15PM**

GSS Events:
- Winter Ice Skating Party: Friday, Jan 31, 7:00PM-9:00PM, at the Mullins Center Practice Rink.
- High Horse Welcome Back Social: Feb 6 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at High Horse

International Student Workshop/Events
Weds, Feb. 5 from 4:00PM-5:00PM: International Coffee Hour at The Spot (entrance of the Student Union).
Thurs, Feb 6 from 12:30PM-2:00PM in CC 165: International Student Housing Workshop. Lunch Provided

Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) Upcoming Events
Mon, Feb. 3 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in CC 804-08. From Planning to Publication – Developing an Effective Writing Process. A light dinner will be served, but registration is required. Register at http://guides.library.umass.edu/content.php?id=518952

Thurs, Feb 6 from 11:30AM-1:00PM in CC 163C. Exploring Alternate Academic (Alt-Ac) Careers. A panel of scholars to discuss non-faculty career opportunities in higher ed. Bring your lunch-coffee and dessert provided. Pre-register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RpF5oXp8WB6mvNZ64X7QzFfayYnoSBBWsd4iFyOi3FQ/viewform

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting
Thursday, December 5th, 2013

Campus Center 165-69

Call to Order — 1:00PM
Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes November 14th, 2013

Old Business:

New Business — 1:05pm

VP Election Report
Discussion — 1:15pm

Tabling update, share ideas on how to outreach
Teaching and Professional Development committee
Organizing committee

Motions (F=Fall)

Announcements — 1:50pm

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

GWN Mixer at ABC

Friday, December 6, 5:30-7:30

GSS Office Hours during December/January
Dec. 16-19 and Jan. 6-9: 12PM-4:00PM;
Closed Fridays
Committee on Workplace Climate and Bullying
Friday, December 13 at 9am-12pm,
Campus Center Auditorium

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 14th, 2013

Campus Center 163C

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes October 24th, 2013

Old Business: 1:05pm

Ad Hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, Funding and Progress

New Business — 1:20pm
VP Candidate speeches

Discussion — 1:30pm

Discussion of Open Forum

Motions (F=Fall) — 1:45pm

F2013 09: ad hoc funding request: AGASA Thanksgiving Celebration ($400)
F2013 10: ad hoc funding request: ECoGSC ($220)
F2013 11: Motion to address the 5 student trustees on the BOT

Announcements — 2:05pm

Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

Mission Still Unaccomplished – Teach-in November 14 from 12-6 in the Cape Cod Lounge. The teach-in will focus on issues of affordability and accessibility for all. For more info visit HTTP://BIT.LY/MISSIONUNACCOMPLISHED

Social Justice Dialogue Series- Next one Monday, November 18th 7:00pm. Topic is LGBTQ Experiences at UMass

Lobby Day for Five Student Trustee Votes November
Buses leave UMass at 8:00 for Boston and return by 5:00PM. To sign up please visit HTTP://BIT.LY/5TrusteeVotes. This lobby day is geared toward our interest in increasing the number of student trustee votes on the Board of Trustee from 2 to
Senator Mixer – Thursday, November 21
6:30pm-9:00pm at the University Faculty Club (near Franklin Dining Hall)
Jody and Olga, from SORC, are planning a meeting for relief efforts in the Philippines. If interested in these efforts, please contact Jody at Jtgoodman@umass.edu.

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate
November 14, 2013

Motion – F2013 11

Whereas, there was a period from 1987 to 1991 during which the University of Massachusetts system consisted of three campuses, Amherst, Boston and Worcester with the Student Trustee from each campus assuming full voting power on the Board;

Whereas, this sets a precedent for every campus to have a Student Trustee with voting rights on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees;

Whereas, in 1991, when UMass Dartmouth and Lowell joined the University of Massachusetts system, voting rights were not specifically extended to Student Trustees at these campuses;

Whereas, legislation from 1991, Chapter 142, section 17, sub-section 1A, instead stripped Amherst, Boston, and Worcester of the annual voting rights of their respective Student Trustees, instead granting it to two out of five Student Trustees on a rotating basis;
Whereas, from 1991 to the present, voting rights are granted to only two of the five Student Trustees on an annual rotating basis;

Whereas, current Massachusetts General Law’s most recent update to the student’s participation on the Board of Trustees was 22 years ago;

Whereas, the governing bodies of graduate and undergraduate students (Graduate Student Senate & Student Government Association) are relegated to advisory status (alongside the Faculty Senate);

Whereas, institutionalization of student voting power (graduate and undergraduate) is central to the democratic functioning of the University;

Whereas, full voting rights for Students Trustees on the University Board acts as a model for shared governance at the University system level;

Be it resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate supports Bills H.1088 and S.580, Acts providing full student representation on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees,

Be it further resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate recommends the swift passage of Bill H.1088 and S.580 through the Massachusetts State House to be enacted into law.

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 24th, 2013

Campus Center 911

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes October 3rd, 2013 meeting

Announcements — 1:05pm

Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 1:20pm

Motion to Approve Proposed Bylaw Changes
JTFSO: small and large group discussion

New Business — 1:35pm

Motion to approve these ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board
Discussion — 1:45pm

Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
  Small group discussion; Large group discussion

Motions (F=Fall)

F2013 06: Approve Proposed Bylaw Amendment Changes (requires ⅔ majority vote)
F2013 07: Motion to approve the following ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board
F2013 08: Motion to move into Executive Session (i.e. closed session)

Reminder — 2:20PM

Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, October 30th 7:00pm

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd, 2013

Campus Center 101
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes September 12th, 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Election Results
Faculty Senate Council and Committee sign-up sheet

New Business — 1:05pm

Wellman Document Presentation
Additional funding for Student Legal Services
Bylaw changes
Formation of Executive Committee (Vote in 2 Senators)
Formation of Finance Committee (Vote in 3 Senators)
Formation of Elections Committee (appoint 4 graduate students)
Formation of an ad hoc Bylaws Committee
Formation of GWN Advisory Board (TBD graduate students)
Formation of ad hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Discussion — 1:45pm

Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
  Presentation of JTFSO
  Small group discussion; Large group discussion

Announcements — 2:15pm

Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates

**Motions (F=Fall)**

F2013 01: Increase funding in the amount of $10,000 for Student Legal Services. Funds used to make a temporary appointment of a 4th attorney by November.
F2013 02: Approve members to the Executive Committee
F2013 03: Approve members to the Finance Committee
F2013 04: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee
F2013 05: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

**Reminder — 2:20PM**

Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, Oct 17th 7pm
Yoga

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

**Senate Meeting**

Thursday, September 12th, 2013

Campus Center 163C

Call to Order — 1:00PM
Approval of minutes May, 3 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

New Business — 1:10pm

Senator Elections
Childcare
Officer and Staff Objective and Goals

Discussion — 1:30pm

Objective and Goals of the Senate.

Announcements — 2:15pm

Student Government Association
Student Trustee
Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate

Motions

none

Reminder — 2:20PM

Senator elections in the department: nomination period is Sept. 9 – Sept 15; campaign period is Sept 16 – Sept 22; Senator Elections are Sept 23 – Sept 25 on Campus Pulse.

Childcare deadline is Sept 16.

GSO training and re-registration is…

Health – health plan.

Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, May 3rd, 2013

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Approval of minutes April 12, 2013 meeting

Special Order –2:05

Election Report
Old Business — 2:10

Student Bill of Rights – (motion to move from table needed)
Bylaws Revision
Funding & Progress Committee

New Business — 2:25pm

Executive Committee – transition report
Chancellor’s Strategic Plan—guest speaker John McCarthy, Graduate Dean

Discussion — Move over to Berkshire DC — 3:10pm

Motions

To move the Student Bill of Rights to table

To endorse the Student Bill of Rights

To approve or table Bylaws revision

Reminder

Senator elections in the department—September or now; alternative senator; notify GSS

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Friday, April 12th, 2013

Campus Center 903

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes March 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm

GSS FY 2014 Budget – 15 min
Jocelyn Silverlight – seeking support for campaign for
President of Executive Board of Local 2322 – 10 min
Enactment to support the divestment in fossil fuels by
University Endowment – Aaron Karp – Fossil Fuel Divestment – 10 min (aaronkarp@1gmail.com)
Bylaws Revision Proposal – 10 min
Article II Section D (5) a.: A constituency has not elected
as many alternate senators as Senate seats to which
they are entitled. In this case, a Senator representing this
constituency may temporarily delegate his/her voting
rights in upcoming meetings to another Senator. A
Senator who wishes to do so must submit notice in
writing to the Executive Committee in advance of the
meeting.

Committee Reports — 2:50pm
Elections Committee – 5 min

Graduate Housing Task Force – 5 min

Discussion — 3:00pm

  Student Bill of Rights – 10 min
  Chancellor’s Strategic Plan – 10 min
  Theft on Campus – 5 min

Announcements — 3:25pm

GSS Election: Begins April 15 at midnight and closes April 17 at 4:00PM. Vote on Campus Pulse.
New Senator Elections
Student Focus Group for new Off Campus Housing in Amherst, to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-hrAzTLkJGLgGgL7tLG_nzaX7KSrY7MM5TXWKLet_U/viewform.

Adjournment by 3:30pm or sooner

Motions

Approval of GSS FY 2014 Budget. The approval includes revisiting the SLSO budget in the fall of 2013 to determine the possibility for increased funding as an outcome of SGA SATF decision

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Friday, March 1st, 2013

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes February 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm

Finance Committee

Student Trustee Elections

Elections Committee (a fifth member needed)

Committee Reports — 2:20pm

Funding Committee
Health Council

UHS Advisory Board

**Guest Speaker — 2:30pm**

Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy

**Announcements — 3:25pm**

- GSO Line Item application process is March 4 – March 29
- Daycare on campus initiative
- Dissertation access survey
- Massachusetts Public Higher Education Advocacy Day: March 5 (more info at bit.ly/MAadvocacyday)

- Prescription Drug: Restat @ 800 248 1062
  - Have your CHP member card ready and the RESTAT RX Group Number which is 2733
- GSS Bowling Party: April 13 from 6-8 at Spare Time in Northampton
  - Come to the UPub after the meeting!

**Adjournment by 3:30pm**

**Motions**

- Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 for SAGA and $500 for LLC GSO
Elections Committee: additional member

**Graduate Student Senate**

**Senate Meeting**

Friday, February 1st, 2013

Campus Center 163

**Call to Order — 2:00PM**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of minutes Dec. 6, 2012 meeting**

**Old Business — 2:10pm**

Childcare Assistance Applications

**Guest Speaker — 2:15pm**

Ludmilla Pavlova will present the Campus Master Plan
New Business — 3:00pm

Ad hoc committee for Event Planning

Finance Committee

Grad rep needed for the Chief Information Officer search committee

Committee Report — 3:15pm

Graduate Housing Task Force- Advisory Board

Funding Committee

General Discussion — 3:15pm

Spring semester events

Announcements — 3:20pm

Senate Meeting Schedule for Spring Semester: 3/1/13 in CC 904 – 4/12/13 in CC 903 – 5/3/13 in CC 904

Come to the UPub after the meeting!
GWN: (1) Volunteering at Not Bread Alone on the following Saturdays: 3/2; 4/6; 5/4.

Upcoming Craft Center Events in April (paper marbling, bookmaking, and more).

Co-sponsoring (with OFR) an initiative for free childcare at DuBois for student parents

Contact Adina at gss-gwn@grad.umass.edu for more information about these and other GWN initiatives and programming.

Adjournment by 3:30pm

Motions

Committee formation: Ad hoc Planning Committee

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 to the Organization of Graduate Students in Comp Lit. for UMass Graduate Student Conference in Translation Studies

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2012
Ideas about an Event?

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Nov. 8, 2012 meeting

Old Business — 12:10pm

Committee formations: (motion)

Executive Committee (2 senators)

Spring Semester Schedule (shall be set within the first 2 weeks of each semester)

GSS Trip to UMass Worcester

Guest Speaker — Center for Women and Community — 12:30pm

New Business — 12:45pm
Committee formation: additional Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $125 to China Study Club for refreshments and projector.
rental for documentary film screening.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Oct. 4, 2012 meeting

Robert’s Rules Training — 12:05pm

Committee Report — 12:20pm

Elections Committee

Executive Committee: UHS
Childcare Committee

Old Business — 12:25pm

Committee formations: (motion)

Executive Committee (2 senators)

Finance Committee (1 Senator)

New Business — 12:30pm

Finance Committee (motion)

Guest speaker— 12:40pm

John McCarthy, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of Graduate School

Guest speaker — 1:05pm

Brian Quatrocci, Student Trustee (UMass – Worcester)

Discussion — 1:20pm
Senate Meeting schedule next semester

**Motion**

Committee formation: Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee members

Ad Hoc funding approvals: EGO ($400); Pioneer Valley ($500); Grad. Assoc. of Europeanists ($500); Chemical Engineering Graduate Students (ChEGS) ($200)

**Announcements**

Career Services focus group: 5-6 grad students, Monday, 12/3 10 - 10:30am, 508 Goodell

**Adjournment by 1:30**

**Graduate Student Senate**

**Senate Meeting**

Thursday, October 4, 2012
Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Sept 20, 2012 meeting

Committee Report

Elections Committee

Executive Committee

Childcare Committee

Old Business/Summer Business

Committee formations:

Finances Committee (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Elections Committee (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)
New Business

GSS Budget Report

Involvement Coordinator report

Motion

Committee formations;

Announcement

Grad School professional development

Discussion

Robert’s Rules

Wrap up Reminders

GSS Halloween Skating Event – Sunday, October 21st, 6:30 – 9PM

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM
LGBTQA Meet & Greet—Tuesday, October 9th, 7pm-9pm, Campus Center 165-169

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes May 3, 2012 meeting

Old Business/Summer Business

Orientation Events

$500 to students going to USSA Congress
New Business

Introduce staff and officers and agenda for this year

Senator elections and responsibilities

About Wellman Document (Attorney DeMare)

Committee formations:

Childcare (Garth, Matt, Srinivas, Adina, Robin)

Finance (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Election (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

[nomination will be accepted from the floor]

Committee Report

Graduate Council

Motion
Committee formations;

Discussion

Wrap up Reminders

Childcare Applications

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

CC163

12 pm-1:15 pm

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome
Approval of March 4, 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

John McCarthy, Dean of the Graduate School
Sarah Freudson, University Student Trustee
Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)

Senator Updates

Executive Committee Updates — 12:25PM

Finance Committee Updates — 12:30PM

Elections Committee Updates — 12:35PM

Motions — 12:40PM

S2015-5: Motion to Ratify Elections Results
S2015-6: Motion Supporting GSS Endorsement of Letter to Transit Services

S2015-7: Ad Hoc Funding Request — AGASA ($300—ISC festival)
S2015-8: Ad Hoc Funding Request — ISA ($500 — India Night)

S2015-9: Ad Hoc Funding Request — Food Science GSO ($500—Institute of
Food Technologies Annual Meeting

S2015-10: Financial Support to ISC International Festival ($700)

Reminders — 1:10PM

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International Students Club (rep. TBA), re: support for International Students Festival
CEPA (rep, TBA)
Gabriel Schmit (undergraduate student), re: SHIP/health insurance
Peter Huntington (Geosciences Senator), re: fossil fuel divestment

Executive Committee Updates (GSS President) — 12:25PM

Monthly Memo–Updates from the GSS Office Elections
Committee Updates (GSS Vice President) — 12:30PM

2015-2016 Elections Timeline & Information
Finance Committee Updates (GSS Treasurer) — 12:35PM

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FY2016 Budget Process & Information
GSS Staff Updates — 12:40PM

Motions — 1:50PM

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Reminders — 1:10PM

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Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014

Campus Center 163

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of November 12, 2014 meeting minutes
Announcements — 1:05PM

Sarah Freudson, University Student Trustee
Liam Gude, undergraduate student — re: UMass/Amazon partnership
Javier Campos, GSS International Students Coordinator—Formation
Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA); Faculty Senate

Executive Committee Updates

Advocacy for university hiring transgender clinicians & clinicians of color
Scheduling meeting with Board of Trustee Chair, Henry M. Thomas III, J.D.
December 2014: Graduate Student Space advocacy; submission of graduate orientation program plan to administration

Motions — 1:25PM

F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner (Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer)
F2014-9: Motion to Unify GSS, SGA & Trustee Election
F2014-10: Motion To Create The GSS Communication & Deliberation Policy Ad Hoc Committee (Will Syldor, Social Justice Education)

Reminders — 2:10PM
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014

Campus Center 905-09

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of October 8, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

Sarah Freudson, Student Trustee
CEPA (Center for Education Policy and Advocacy)
Committee Report — 1:20

Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Motions

F2014-2: Motion to Ratify Executive Committee Election Results
F2014-3: Motion to Ratify Finance Committee Election Results
F2014-4: Motion in Response to Campus Pepper Spray Ban
F2014-5: Motion to Separate UMass Trustee Elections from SGA Elections
F2014-6: Motion Advocating for Proportional Student Trustee Votes (1 vote per campus)
F2014-7: Motion to Endorse GSS Statement on Anti-Racism
F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner

Reminders — 2:10PM

Next GSS Senate Meeting: Wednesday, December 3rd @ 1pm (CC 163)
GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC 803)
Let Our Voices Be Heard: Teach-In on Student Empowerment (CEPA; GSS co-sponsoring): Friday, November 14, 11AM-3PM in Student Union/Cape Cod Lounge
GSS Ad Hoc Committee on Policing & Police Engagement Mtg, Wednesday 11/19 @ 10am (GSS office)
GSS Grade-In (with food): Friday, December 5 from 10:00am-2pm (room TBA).
GSS End-of-Semester Celebration the ABC: Saturday, December 13 @ 7pm
GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts–see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of May 5, 2014 & September 10, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

Sarah Freudson, Student Trustee
Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life
(Graduate School)
Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA)
Faculty Senate
Chair’s Remarks — 1:30

Monthly Memo/GSS Officer and Staff Update
Senator Outreach

Committee Reports — 1:35

Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Committee Formation — 1:40

Executive (GSS President Adina Giannelli, Chair)
Finance (GSS Treasurer Daniel Morales, Chair)
Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Motions

F2014-1: Approve members to Executive Committee
(two senators)
F2014-2: Approve members to Finance Committee
(three senators)
F2014-3: Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD
Policies and Interactions

Reminders — 2:10PM

“Balancing Life, Love and School: Co-ed Grad Group”
Mondays 6:30 to 8:00pm (CC802)
GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803;
CC805 on 10/21)
GWN Writing Group — Wednesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803;
CC805 on 10/22)

Crossroads Conference: Roots, Routes, and
Roundabouts — UMass Comp Lit (Oct. 10-12, 2014)
Reception for SACL Grad Employees (GSS, GEO, & SACL) — Mullins Center 10/17, 3PM-5PM
GSS Ice Skating Party at Mullins Center practice rink — October 25, 2014
GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details; more info to follow Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of May 5, 2014 meeting minutes

Welcome

New Business — 1:10pm

Senator Elections
Childcare
Officer and Staff Introductions

Discussion — 1:30pm

Graduate Student Needs, and the Work of the Senate: An Open Discussion
Announcements — 2:10pm

Student Government Association
Student Trustee
Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate

Motions

none

Reminders — 2:20PM

Senator elections in the department: nomination period is September 8 – September 21; campaign period is September 22 – September 28; Senator Elections are September 29 – October on Campus Pulse.

Childcare Funding Application Deadline is Tuesday, Sept 23rd at 5:00PM.

Childcare Cooperative (with OFR) to launch Monday, September 15th.

GSS Writing Group meets every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-9pm in room 803. All are welcome, light refreshments provided.

Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2014

Campus Center 904/08

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes April 24th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old/New Business: 4:25PM

Introduction of New Officers
2014/2015 GSS Budget

Motions: 4:45PM

S2014-17: 2014/2015 GSS Budget

Discussion:
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 31st, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Motions: 1:20PM
S2014-13: Motion to Transfer $1000 from GSS Operations to Ad Hoc Funding Account
S2014-14: Brain Behavior Organization (BRO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($300)
S2014-15: Du Bois Department Graduate Organization (DBDGO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-16: Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

Special Order: 1:40

GSS Election Results and Ratification

Old/New Business Discussion: 1:45PM

Introduction of New Officers

Introduction to 2014/2015 GSS Budget

Discussion: 2:05

Carolyn Gardner

Reminders: 2:20

Last Senate meeting is May 5 at 4:00PM in CC. A motion to approve the GSS budget will be the main topic for this meeting.

ABC Social: Friday, April 25, 7:00-PM-9:00PM. Light snacks provided. All UMass graduate students invited.

GSS will be hiring for the following 4 staff positions for the 2014-15 academic year: 1.) Equity/Access Coordinator, 2.) Graduate Women’s Network (GWN) Coordinator, 3.) Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Coordinator, 4.) International Students Coordinator. For more information please visit blogs.umass.edu/gss or email at gss-pres@grad.umass.edu

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 13th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Motions: 4:15PM

S2014-11: Sequential Arts Colloquium: ad hoc request of $400.00
S2014-12: Grad Stroke Support Group: ad hoc request of $400.00

Old/New Business Discussion: 4:30PM

Introduction of GSS Constitutional/Bylaw Amendment about senate representation
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Campus Center 904-08

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes February 18th, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

Officers and Staff
Grad Council Subcommittee on Grievances (graduate student appointee)
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Discussion: 1:20PM
Constitutional Amendment for more adequate representation
Resolution to include diversity as a core value in the JTFRA

Motions: 1:35PM

S2014-06: Grad Q&A Ad Hoc Funding Request ($350)
S2014-07: Chinese Christian Lunch Fellowship Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-08: ChEGS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($288.95)
S2014-09: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-10: Resolution to Add Diversity as a Core Principle in the JTFRA

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes January 30th, 2014
Announcements — 4:05PM

Officers and Staff
Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
Graduate Dean John McCarthy
Faculty Senate
Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 4:35PM

Update on Motion S2014-03: Resolution denouncing UMPD response to crimes on campus.

Motions

S2014-04: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on TECS GSO Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
S2014-05: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on ECo GSC Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

New Business: 4:55PM

1. JTFRA Presentation by Timothy Anderson

Reminders — 5:20PM

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, January 30th, 2014
Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes December 5th, 2013

Old/New Business: 1:05PM

1. JTFRA/CDAC update

Motions (S=Spring)

2. S2014-01: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on GSCA Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
3. S2014-02: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on UGCALS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

Announcements — 1:50PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

1. GSS Events:
1. Winter Ice Skating Party: Friday, Jan 31, 7:00PM-9:00PM, at the Mullins Center Practice Rink.
2. High Horse Welcome Back Social: Feb 6 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at High Horse

2. International Student Workshop/Events
   1. Weds, Feb. 5 from 4:00PM-5:00PM: International Coffee Hour at The Spot (entrance of the Student Union).
   2. Thurs, Feb 6 from 12:30PM-2:00PM in CC 165: International Student Housing Workshop. Lunch Provided

3. Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) Upcoming Events
   1. Mon, Feb. 3 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in CC 804-08. From Planning to Publication – Developing an Effective Writing Process. A light dinner will be served, but registration is required. Register at http://guides.library.umass.edu/content.php?pid=518952
   2. Thurs, Feb 6 from 11:30AM-1:00PM in CC 163C. Exploring Alternate Academic (Alt-Ac) Careers. A panel of scholars to discuss non-faculty career opportunities in higher ed. Bring your lunch-coffee and dessert provided. Pre-register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RpF5oXp8WB6mvNZ64X7QzFfayYnoSBBWsd4iFyOi3FQ/viewform

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, 2013
Campus Center 165-69

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes November 14th, 2013

Old Business:

New Business — 1:05pm

1. VP Election Report
Discussion — 1:15pm

2. Tabling update, share ideas on how to outreach
3. Teaching and Professional Development committee
4. Organizing committee
Motions (F=Fall)

Announcements — 1:50pm

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM
1. **GWN Mixer at ABC**  
   - Friday, December 6, 5:30-7:30

1. **GSS Office Hours during December/January**  
   1. Dec. 16-19 and Jan. 6-9:  
      12PM-4:00PM; Closed Fridays  
   2. Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Closed  
   3. Jan 13 return to normal hours.

2. **Committee on Workplace Climate and Bullying**  
   1. Friday, December 13 at 9am-12pm,  
      Campus Center Auditorium

**Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM**

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**Graduate Student Senate**

**Senate Meeting**

Thursday, November 14th, 2013

Campus Center 163C

**Call to Order — 1:00PM**

**Welcome**

**Approval of meeting minutes October 24th, 2013**

**Old Business: 1:05pm**
1. Ad Hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events,
   1. International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family
      Issues, Funding and Progress

**New Business — 1:20pm**

1. VP Candidate speeches

**Discussion — 1:30pm**

2. Discussion of Open Forum

**Motions (F=Fall) — 1:45pm**

3. F2013 09: ad hoc funding request: AGASA Thanksgiving Celebration ($400)
4. F2013 10: ad hoc funding request: ECoGSC ($220)
5. F2013 11: Motion to address the 5 student trustees on the BOT

**Announcements — 2:05pm**

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

**Reminder — 2:15PM**

4. Mission Still Unaccomplished – Teach-in November 14 from 12-6 in the Cape Cod Lounge. The teach-in will focus on issues of affordability and accessibility for all. For more info visit [HTTP://BIT.LY/MISSIONUNACCOMPLISHED](HTTP://BIT.LY/MISSIONUNACCOMPLISHED)
5. Social Justice Dialogue Series- Next one Monday, November 18th 7:00pm. Topic is LGBTQ Experiences at UMass
1. Lobby Day for Five Student Trustee Votes November 1
Buses leave UMass at 8:00 for Boston and return by 5:00PM. To sign up please visit HTTP://BIT.LY/5TrusteeVotes. This lobby day is geared toward our interest in increasing the number of student trustee votes on the Board of Trustee from 2 to 1.

2. Senator Mixer – Thursday, November 21
6:30pm-9:00pm at the University Faculty Club (near Franklin Dining Hall)

3. Jody and Olga, from SORC, are planning a meeting for relief efforts in the Philippines. If interested in these efforts, please contact Jody at Jtgoodman@umass.edu.

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate November 14, 2013

Motion – F2013 11

Whereas, there was a period from 1987 to 1991 during which the University of Massachusetts system consisted of three campuses, Amherst, Boston and Worcester with the Student Trustee from each campus assuming full voting power on the Board;

Whereas, this sets a precedent for every campus to have a Student Trustee with voting rights on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees;

Whereas, in 1991, when UMass Dartmouth and Lowell joined the University of Massachusetts system, voting rights were not specifically extended to Student Trustees at these campuses;
Whereas, legislation from 1991, Chapter 142, section 17, sub-section 1A, instead stripped Amherst, Boston, and Worcester of the annual voting rights of their respective Student Trustees, instead granting it to two out of five Student Trustees on a rotating basis;

Whereas, from 1991 to the present, voting rights are granted to only two of the five Student Trustees on an annual rotating basis;

Whereas, current Massachusetts General Law’s most recent update to the student’s participation on the Board of Trustees was 22 years ago;

Whereas, the governing bodies of graduate and undergraduate students (Graduate Student Senate & Student Government Association) are relegated to advisory status (alongside the Faculty Senate);

Whereas, institutionalization of student voting power (graduate and undergraduate) is central to the democratic functioning of the University;

Whereas, full voting rights for Students Trustees on the University Board acts as a model for shared governance at the University system level;

Be it resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate supports Bills H.1088 and S.580, Acts providing full student representation on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees,
Be it further resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate recommends the swift passage of Bill H.1088 and S.580 through the Massachusetts State House to be enacted into law.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 24th, 2013

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes October 3rd, 2013 meeting

Announcements — 1:05pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 1:20pm

1. Motion to Approve Proposed Bylaw Changes
1. JTFSO: small and large group discussion

New Business — 1:35pm

2. Motion to approve these ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board

Discussion — 1:45pm

1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
   1. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

Motions (F=Fall)

1. F2013 06: Approve Proposed Bylaw Amendment Changes (requires ⅔ majority vote)
2. F2013 07: Motion to approve the following ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board
3. F2013 08: Motion to move into Executive Session (i.e. closed session)

Reminder — 2:20PM

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
2. Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, October 30th 7:00pm

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd, 2013

Campus Center 101

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes September 12th, 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

1. Election Results
2. Faculty Senate Council and Committee sign-up sheet

New Business — 1:05pm

3. Wellman Document Presentation
4. Additional funding for Student Legal Services
5. Bylaw changes
6. Formation of Executive Committee (Vote in 2 Senators)
7. Formation of Finance Committee (Vote in 3 Senators)
8. Formation of Elections Committee (appoint 4 graduate students)
9. Formation of an ad hoc Bylaws Committee
10. Formation of GWN Advisory Board (TBD graduate students)
11. Formation of ad hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Discussion — 1:45pm
1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
   1. Presentation of JTFSO
   2. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

Announcements — 2:15pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates

Motions (F=Fall)

1. F2013 01: Increase funding in the amount of $10,000 for Student Legal Services. Funds used to make a temporary appointment of a 4th attorney by November.
2. F2013 02: Approve members to the Executive Committee
3. F2013 03: Approve members to the Finance Committee
4. F2013 04: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee
5. F2013 05: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Reminder — 2:20PM

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
2. Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, Oct 17th 7pm
3. Yoga

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes May, 3 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

New Business — 1:10pm

1. Senator Elections
2. Childcare
3. Officer and Staff Objective and Goals

Discussion — 1:30pm

4. Objective and Goals of the Senate.

Announcements — 2:15pm

5. Student Government Association
6. Student Trustee
7. Graduate Employee Organization
8. Faculty Senate

Motions

none
Reminder — 2:20PM

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Childcare deadline is Sept 16.


GSO training and re-registration is…

Health – health plan.

Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, May 3rd, 2013

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM
Approval of minutes April 12, 2013 meeting

Special Order – 2:05

Election Report

Old Business — 2:10

1. Student Bill of Rights – (motion to move from table needed)
2. Bylaws Revision
3. Funding & Progress Committee

New Business — 2:25pm

1. Executive Committee – transition report
2. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan—guest speaker John McCarthy, Graduate Dean

Discussion — Move over to Berkshire DC — 3:10pm

Motions

To move the Student Bill of Rights to table

To endorse the Student Bill of Rights

To approve or table Bylaws revision
Reminder

Senator elections in the department—September or now; alternative senator; notify GSS

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, April 12th, 2013

Campus Center 903

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes March 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm

1. GSS FY 2014 Budget – 15 min
2. Jocelyn Silverlight – seeking support for campaign for President of Executive Board of Local 2322 – 10 min
3. Enactment to support the divestment in fossil fuels by University Endowment – Aaron Karp – Fossil Fuel Divestment – 10 min (aaronkarp@1gmail.com)
1. Bylaws Revision Proposal – 10 min
2. Article II Section D (5) a.: A constituency has not elected as many alternate senators as Senate seats to which they are entitled. In this case, a Senator representing this constituency may temporarily delegate his/her voting rights in upcoming meetings to another Senator. A Senator who wishes to do so must submit notice in writing to the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting.

Committee Reports — 2:50pm

Elections Committee – 5 min

Graduate Housing Task Force – 5 min

Discussion — 3:00pm

1. Student Bill of Rights – 10 min
2. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan – 10 min
3. Theft on Campus – 5 min

Announcements — 3:25pm

4. GSS Election: Begins April 15 at midnight and closes April 17 at 4:00PM. Vote on Campus Pulse.
5. New Senator Elections
6. Student Focus Group for new Off Campus Housing in Amherst, to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-hrAzTLkjGLgGglZtLG_nzaX7KSrY7MM5TXWKeLet_U/viewform.

Adjournment by 3:30pm or sooner

Motions
Approval of GSS FY 2014 Budget. The approval includes revisiting the SLSO budget in the fall of 2013 to determine the possibility for increased funding as an outcome of SGA SATF decision.
Elections Committee (a fifth member needed)

Committee Reports — 2:20pm

Funding Committee

Health Council

UHS Advisory Board

Guest Speaker — 2:30pm

Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy

Announcements — 3:25pm

1. GSO Line Item application process is March 4 – March 29
2. Daycare on campus initiative
3. Dissertation access survey

1. Prescription Drug: Restat @ 800 248 1062
2. Have your CHP member card ready and the RESTAT RX Group Number which is 2733
3. GSS Bowling Party: April 13 from 6-8 at Spare Time in Northampton
1. Come to the UPub after the meeting!

Adjournment by 3:30pm

Motions

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 for SAGA and $500 for LLC GSO

Elections Committee: additional member

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, February 1st, 2013

Campus Center 163

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Dec. 6, 2012 meeting

Old Business — 2:10pm
Childcare Assistance Applications

**Guest Speaker — 2:15pm**

Ludmilla Pavlova will present the Campus Master Plan

**New Business — 3:00pm**

Ad hoc committee for Event Planning

Finance Committee

Grad rep needed for the Chief Information Officer search committee

**Committee Report — 3:15pm**

Graduate Housing Task Force- Advisory Board

Funding Committee

**General Discussion — 3:15pm**

Spring semester events
Announcements — 3:20pm

Senate Meeting Schedule for Spring Semester: 3/1/13 in CC 904 – 4/12/13 in CC 903 – 5/3/13 in CC 904

Come to the UPub after the meeting!

GWN: (1) Volunteering at Not Bread Alone on the following Saturdays: 3/2; 4/6; 5/4.

1. Upcoming Craft Center Events in April (paper marbling, bookmaking, and more).

2. Co-sponsoring (with OFR) an initiative for free childcare at DuBois for student parents

Contact Adina at gss-gwn@grad.umass.edu for more information about these and other GWN initiatives and programming.

Adjournment by 3:30pm

Motions

Committee formation: Ad hoc Planning Committee
Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 to the Organization of Graduate Students in Comp Lit. for UMass Graduate Student Conference in Translation Studies

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Campus Center 917

Ideas about an Event?

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Nov. 8, 2012 meeting

Old Business — 12:10pm

Committee formations: (motion)

Executive Committee (2 senators)
Spring Semester Schedule (shall be set within the first 2 weeks of each semester)

GSS Trip to UMass Worcester

**Guest Speaker — Center for Women and Community** – 12:30pm

**New Business** — 12:45pm

Finance committee

**Committee Report** — 12:50pm

Graduate Housing Task Force

**Funding and Progress Committee Report**

**Robert’s Rules Role Play** — 1:00pm

**General Discussion** — 1:15pm

**Announcements** — 1:20pm

Adjournment by 1:30pm
Motions

Committee formation: additional Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $125 to China Study Club for refreshments and projector rental for documentary film screening.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Oct. 4, 2012 meeting

Robert’s Rules Training — 12:05pm
Committee Report — 12:20pm

Elections Committee

Executive Committee: UHS

Childcare Committee

Old Business — 12:25pm

Committee formations: (motion)

Executive Committee (2 senators)

Finance Committee (1 Senator)

New Business — 12:30pm

Finance Committee (motion)

Guest speaker— 12:40pm

John McCarthy, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of Graduate School
Guest speaker — 1:05pm

Brian Quatrocci, Student Trustee (UMass – Worcester)

Discussion — 1:20pm

Senate Meeting schedule next semester

Motion

Committee formation: Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee members

Ad Hoc funding approvals: EGO ($400); Pioneer Valley ($500); Grad. Assoc. of Europeanists ($500); Chemical Engineering Graduate Students (ChEGS) ($200)

Announcements

Career Services focus group: 5-6 grad students, Monday, 12/3 10 - 10:30am, 508 Goodell

Adjournment by 1:30
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Sept 20, 2012 meeting

Committee Report

Elections Committee

Executive Committee

Childcare Committee

Old Business/Summer Business
Committee formations:

Finances Committee (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Elections Committee (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

New Business

GSS Budget Report

Involvement Coordinator report

Motion

Committee formations;

Announcement

Grad School professional development

Discussion

Robert’s Rules
Wrap up Reminders

GSS Halloween Skating Event – Sunday, October 21st, 6:30 – 9PM

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

LGBTQA Meet & Greet-Tuesday, October 9th, 7pm-9pm, Campus Center 165-169

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes May 3, 2012 meeting
Old Business/Summer Business

Orientation Events

$500 to students going to USSA Congress

New Business

Introduce staff and officers and agenda for this year

Senator elections and responsibilities

About Wellman Document (Attorney DeMare)

Committee formations:

Childcare (Garth, Matt, Srinivas, Adina, Robin)

Finance (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Election (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

[nomination will be accepted from the floor]
Committee Report

Graduate Council

Motion

Committee formations;

Discussion

Wrap up Reminders

Childcare Applications

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

CC163
Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of March 4, 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

1. John McCarthy, Dean of the Graduate School
2. Sarah Freudson, University Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)

2. Senator Updates

Executive Committee Updates — 12:25PM

Finance Committee Updates — 12:30PM

Elections Committee Updates — 12:35PM

Motions — 12:40PM

1. S2015-5: Motion to Ratify Elections Results
S2015-6: Motion Supporting GSS Endorsement of Letter to Transit Services
S2015-7: Ad Hoc Funding Request — AGASA ($300–ISC festival)
S2015-8: Ad Hoc Funding Request — ISA ($500 — India Night)

S2015-9: Ad Hoc Funding Request — Food Science GSO ($500–Institute of Food Technologies Annual Meeting)

S2015-10: Financial Support to ISC International Festival ($700)

Reminders — 1:10PM

1. GWN Film & Discourse Series/Student Union Art Gallery
   1. Fridays 4PM-7PM
      1. 4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)
2. Board of Trustees Meeting on Graduate Student Life — Wed., April 8 @ 9am
3. Next Senate Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, noon-1:15pm in CC165

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Student Union Art Gallery

12 pm-1:15 pm

Call to Order — 12:00PM
Welcome

Approval of February 4, 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

1. Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
2. University Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)

Executive Committee Updates — 12:20PM

Grad School Diversity Task Force Updates — 12:25PM

GSS Research Team Updates — 12:30PM

Trustee Candidate Introductions — 12:35PM

Motions — 12:45PM

1. S2015-4: Motion on Fossil Fuel Divestment (Peter Huntington, Geoscience Senator)

Communication & Deliberation Policy Committee Survey — 1:00PM

Reminders — 1:10PM
2. 2015-2016 GSS & Student Trustee Elections: March 10-March 12 via Campus Pulse
3. GWN Film & Discourse Series/Student Union Art Gallery
   1. Fridays 4PM-7PM
      1. 3/6 & 3/20 (Honoring Women of the World)
      2. 4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)
4. Campus Leadership Forum for Graduate Students: Tuesday, March 31 at 8:30AM
5. Board of Trustees Meeting on Graduate Student Life — Wed., April 8 @ 9am

**Reminders — 1:10PM**

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**Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

**Student Union Art Gallery**

12 pm-1:15 pm
Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of February 4, 2015 meeting minutes

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Senate Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2014

Student Union Gallery

12 pm-1:15 pm

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of December 3, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM
1. **Bette Elsdon**, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
2. **University Student Trustee**
3. **Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)**
4. **International Students Club (rep. TBA), re: support for International Students Festival**
5. **CEPA (rep, TBA)**
6. **Gabriel Schmit** (undergraduate student), re: SHIP/health insurance
7. **Peter Huntington** (Geosciences Senator), re: fossil fuel divestment

**Executive Committee Updates** (GSS President) — **12:25PM**

1. Monthly Memo—Updates from the GSS Office **Elections Committee Updates** (GSS Vice President) — **12:30PM**

2. 2015-2016 Elections Timeline & Information

**Finance Committee Updates** (GSS Treasurer) — **12:35PM**

1. GSO updates and training during Spring
2. FY2016 Budget Process & Information

**GSS Staff Updates** — **12:40PM**

**Motions** — **1:50PM**

1. S2015-1: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($500)
2. S2015-2: Venakey Ad Hoc Funding Request ($150)

**Reminders** — **1:10PM**
1. Diversity Strategic Planning Open Forum — Thursday, December 4, 4-5pm, Campus Center Auditorium. Visit this website to provide feedback on the document: https://www.umass.edu/chancellor/strategic-planning/diversity-feedback

2. GWN Film & Discourse Series/Student Union Art Gallery
   1. Fridays 4PM-7PM
      1. 2/13 & 2/20 (Honoring Black History)
      2. 3/6 & 3/20 (Honoring Women of the World)
      3. 4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)

3. Trustee Forum for Graduate Students: Monday, March 2 at 3PM

4. 2015-2016 GSS & Student Trustee Elections:

5. Board of Trustees Meeting on graduate student life — Wednesday, April 8 @ 9am (Worcester)

6. /health insurance

7. Peter Huntington (Geosciences Senator), re: fossil fuel divestment

Executive Committee Updates (GSS President) — 12:25PM

1. Monthly Memo—Updates from the GSS Office Elections Committee Updates (GSS Vice President) — 12:30PM

2. 2015-2016 Elections Timeline & Information Finance Committee Updates (GSS Treasurer) — 12:35PM

1. GSO updates and training during Spring
2. FY2016 Budget Process & Information

GSS Staff Updates — 12:40PM

Motions — 1:50PM

1. S2015-1: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($500)
2. S2015-2: Venakey Ad Hoc Funding Request ($150)
1. S2015-3: Religious Verism Association Ad Hoc
   Funding Request ($170 & $210)

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5. Board of Trustees Meeting on graduate student life — Wednesday, April 8 @ 9am (Worcester)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014

Campus Center 163

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome
Approval of November 12, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Sarah Freudson, University Student Trustee
2. Liam Gude, undergraduate student — re: UMass/Amazon partnership
3. Javier Campos, GSS International Students Coordinator–Formation
4. Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
5. Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA); Faculty Senate

Executive Committee Updates

1. Advocacy for university hiring transgender clinicians & clinicians of color
2. Scheduling meeting with Board of Trustee Chair, Henry M. Thomas III, J.D.
3. December 2014: Graduate Student Space advocacy; submission of graduate orientation program plan to administration

Motions — 1:25PM

1. F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner (Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer)
2. F2014-9: Motion to Unify GSS, SGA & Trustee Election
3. F2014-10: Motion To Create The GSS Communication & Deliberation Policy Ad Hoc Committee (Will Syldor, Social Justice Education)
Reminders — 2:10PM

1. GSS Grade-In (with food): Friday, December 5 from 10:00am-2pm (Off Campus Student Center)
2. GWN End-of-Semester Dinner & Karaoke at the ABC: Friday, December 5 @ 7pm
3. Board of Trustees Meeting — Wednesday, December 10 @ 9am
4. GSS End-of-Semester Celebration at the ABC: Thursday, December 11 @ 7pm

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014

Campus Center 905-09

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of October 8, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM
1. **Sarah Freudson**, Student Trustee
2. **CEPA** (Center for Education Policy and Advocacy)
3. **Bette Elsden**, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
4. Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA); Faculty Senate

**Committee Report — 1:20**

1. Elections (**Dani O’Brien**, **GSS Vice President & Chair**)

**Motions**

1. F2014-2: Motion to Ratify Executive Committee Election Results
2. F2014-3: Motion to Ratify Finance Committee Election Results
3. F2014-4: Motion in Response to Campus Pepper Spray Ban
4. F2014-5: Motion to Separate UMass Trustee Elections from SGA Elections
5. F2014-6: Motion Advocating for Proportional Student Trustee Votes (1 vote per campus)
6. F2014-7: Motion to Endorse GSS Statement on Anti-Racism
7. F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner

**Reminders — 2:10PM**

8. Next GSS Senate Meeting: Wednesday, December 3rd @ 1pm (CC 163)
9. GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC 803)
10. Let Our Voices Be Heard: Teach-In on Student Empowerment (CEPA; GSS co-sponsoring): Friday, November 14, 11AM-3PM in Student Union/Cape Cod Lounge
11. GSS Ad Hoc Committee on Policing & Police Engagement Mtg, Wednesday 11/19 @ 10am (GSS office)
1. GSS Grade-In (with food): Friday, December 5 from 10:00am-2pm (room TBA).
2. GSS End-of-Semester Celebration the ABC: Saturday, December 13 @ 7pm
3. GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of May 5, 2014 & September 10, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Sarah Freudson, Student Trustee
2. Bette Elsdon, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
1. Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA)
2. Faculty Senate

Chair’s Remarks — 1:30

1. Monthly Memo/GSS Officer and Staff Update
2. Senator Outreach

Committee Reports — 1:35

1. Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Committee Formation — 1:40

2. Executive (GSS President Adina Giannelli, Chair)
3. Finance (GSS Treasurer Daniel Morales, Chair)
4. Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Motions

5. F2014-1: Approve members to Executive Committee (two senators)
6. F2014-2: Approve members to Finance Committee (three senators)
7. F2014-3: Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Reminders — 2:10PM

1. “Balancing Life, Love and School: Co-ed Grad Group” Mondays 6:30 to 8:00pm (CC802)
2. GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/21)
3. GWN Writing Group — Wednesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/22)

2. Reception for SACL Grad Employees (GSS, GEO, & SACL) — Mullins Center 10/17, 3PM-5PM
3. GSS Ice Skating Party at Mullins Center practice rink — October 25, 2014
4. GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details; more info to follow

**Graduate Student Senate**

**Senate Meeting**

Wednesday, September 10th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

*Call to Order — 1:00PM*

*Approval of May 5, 2014 meeting minutes*

*Welcome*

*New Business — 1:10pm*

1. Senator Elections
2. Childcare
3. Officer and Staff Introductions
Discussion — 1:30pm

1. Graduate Student Needs, and the Work of the Senate: An Open Discussion

Announcements — 2:10pm

1. Student Government Association
2. Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization
4. Faculty Senate

Motions

none

Reminders — 2:20PM

Senator elections in the department: nomination period is September 8 – September 21; campaign period is September 22 – September 28; Senator Elections are September 29 – October on Campus Pulse.

Childcare Funding Application Deadline is Tuesday, Sept 23rd at 5:00PM.

Childcare Cooperative (with OFR) to launch Monday, September 15th.

GSS Writing Group meets every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-9pm in room 803. All are welcome, light refreshments provided.
Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2014

Campus Center 904/08

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes April 24th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old/New Business: 4:25PM

1. Introduction of New Officers
2. 2014/2015 GSS Budget
Motions: 4:45PM

Discussion:

2. Senator Survey
Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 31st, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

**Motions: 1:20PM**

1. S2014-13: Motion to Transfer $1000 from GSS Operations to Ad Hoc Funding Account
2. S2014-14: Brain Behavior Organization (BRO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($300)
3. S2014-15: Du Bois Department Graduate Organization (DBDGO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
4. S2014-16: Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

**Special Order: 1:40**

1. GSS Election Results and Ratification

**Old/New Business Discussion: 1:45PM**

2. Introduction of New Officers
3. Introduction to 2014/2015 GSS Budget

**Discussion: 2:05**

4. Carolyn Gardner

**Reminders: 2:20**

1. Last Senate meeting is May 5 at 4:00PM in CC. A motion to approve the GSS budget will be the main topic for this meeting.
2. ABC Social: Friday, April 25, 7:00-PM-9:00PM. Light snacks provided. All UMass graduate students invited.
3. GSS will be hiring for the following 4 staff positions for the 2014-15 academic year: 1.) Equity/Access Coordinator, 2.) Graduate Women’s Network (GWN) Coordinator, 3.) Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 13th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Motions: 4:15PM

5. S2014-11: Sequential Arts Colloquium: ad hoc request of $400.00
1. S2014-12: Grad Stroke Support Group: ad hoc request of $400.00

**Old/New Business Discussion: 4:30PM**

1. Introduction of GSS Constitutional/Bylaw Amendment about senate representation
2. Presentation by IPO on Internationalization
3. Presentation by JTFRA Co-Chairs
4. Presentation by JTFSO Co-Chairs

**Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM**

Graduate Student Senate

**Senate Meeting**

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Campus Center 904-08

**Call to Order — 1:00PM**

Welcome

**Approval of meeting minutes February 18th, 2014**

Announcements — 1:05PM
1. Officers and Staff
2. Grad Council Subcommittee on Grievances (graduate student appointee)
3. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
4. Faculty Senate
5. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Discussion: 1:20PM

6. Constitutional Amendment for more adequate representation
7. Resolution to include diversity as a core value in the JTFRA

Motions: 1:35PM

1. S2014-06: Grad Q&A Ad Hoc Funding Request ($350)
2. S2014-07: Chinese Christian Lunch Fellowship Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
3. S2014-08: ChEGS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($288.95)
4. S2014-09: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
5. S2014-10: Resolution to Add Diversity as a Core Principle in the JTFRA

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Campus Center 917
Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes January 30th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Graduate Dean John McCarthy
4. Faculty Senate
5. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 4:35PM

1. Update on Motion S2014-03: Resolution denouncing UMPD response to crimes on campus.

Motions

1. S2014-04: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on TECS GSO Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
2. S2014-05: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on ECo GSC Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

New Business: 4:55PM

1. JTFRA Presentation by Timothy Anderson

Reminders — 5:20PM

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, January 30th, 2014

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes December 5th, 2013

Old/New Business: 1:05PM

1. JTFRA/CDAC update

Motions (S=Spring)

2. S2014-01: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on GSCA Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
3. S2014-02: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on UGCALS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

Announcements — 1:50PM
1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

5. GSS Events:
   1. Winter Ice Skating Party: Friday, Jan 31, 7:00PM-9:00PM, at the Mullins Center Practice Rink.
   2. High Horse Welcome Back Social: Feb 6 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at High Horse

6. International Student Workshop/Events
   1. Weds, Feb. 5 from 4:00PM-5:00PM: International Coffee Hour at The Spot (entrance of the Student Union).
   2. Thurs, Feb 6 from 12:30PM-2:00PM in CC 165: International Student Housing Workshop. Lunch Provided

7. Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) Upcoming Events
   1. Mon, Feb. 3 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in CC 804-08. From Planning to Publication – Developing an Effective Writing Process. A light dinner will be served, but registration is required. Register at http://guides.library.umass.edu/content.php?pid=518952
   2. Thurs, Feb 6 from 11:30AM-1:00PM in CC 163C. Exploring Alternate Academic (Alt-Ac) Careers. A panel of scholars to discuss non-faculty career opportunities in higher ed. Bring your lunch-coffee and dessert provided. Pre-register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RpF5oXp8WB6mvNZ64X7QzFhayYnoSBBWsd4iFyOi3FQ/viewform

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, 2013

Campus Center 165-69

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes November 14th, 2013

Old Business:

New Business — 1:05pm

1. VP Election Report

Discussion — 1:15pm

2. Tabling update, share ideas on how to outreach
3. Teaching and Professional Development committee
4. Organizing committee

Motions (F=Fall)
Announcements — 1:50pm

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

5. GWN Mixer at ABC
   1. Friday, December 6, 5:30-7:30

6. GSS Office Hours during December/January
   1. Dec. 16-19 and Jan. 6-9: 12PM-4:00PM; Closed Fridays
   2. Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Closed
   3. Jan 13 return to normal hours.

7. Committee on Workplace Climate and Bullying
   1. Friday, December 13 at 9am-12pm, Campus Center Auditorium

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 14th, 2013

Campus Center 163C

Call to Order — 1:00PM
Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes October 24th, 2013

Old Business: 1:05pm

1. Ad Hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events,
   1. International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, Funding and Progress

New Business — 1:20pm

1. VP Candidate speeches

Discussion — 1:30pm

2. Discussion of Open Forum

Motions (F=Fall) — 1:45pm

3. F2013 09: ad hoc funding request: AGASA Thanksgiving Celebration ($400)
4. F2013 10: ad hoc funding request: ECoGSC ($220)
5. F2013 11: Motion to address the 5 student trustees on the BOT

Announcements — 2:05pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM
1. Mission Still Unaccomplished – Teach-in November 14 from 12-6 in the Cape Cod Lounge. The teach-in will focus on issues of affordability and accessibility for all. For more info visit HTTP://BIT.LY/MISSIONUNACCOMPLISHED.

2. Social Justice Dialogue Series- Next one Monday, November 18th 7:00pm. Topic is LGBTQ Experiences at UMass.

3. Lobby Day for Five Student Trustee Votes November 1. Buses leave UMass at 8:00 for Boston and return by 5:00PM. To sign up please visit HTTP://BIT.LY/5TrusteeVotes. This lobby day is geared toward our interest in increasing the number of student trustee votes on the Board of Trustee from 2 to 1.

2. Senator Mixer – Thursday, November 21 6:30pm-9:00pm at the University Faculty Club (near Franklin Dining Hall)

3. Jody and Olga, from SORC, are planning a meeting for relief efforts in the Philippines. If interested in these efforts, please contact Jody at Jtgoodman@umass.edu.

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student SenateNovember 14, 2013

Motion – F2013 11

Whereas, there was a period from 1987 to 1991 during which the University of Massachusetts system consisted of three campuses, Amherst, Boston and Worcester with the Student Trustee from each campus assuming full voting power on the Board;

Whereas, this sets a precedent for every campus to have a Student Trustee with voting rights on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees;
Whereas, in 1991, when UMass Dartmouth and Lowell joined the University of Massachusetts system, voting rights were not specifically extended to Student Trustees at these campuses;

Whereas, legislation from 1991, Chapter 142, section 17, sub-section 1A, instead stripped Amherst, Boston, and Worcester of the annual voting rights of their respective Student Trustees, instead granting it to two out of five Student Trustees on a rotating basis;

Whereas, from 1991 to the present, voting rights are granted to only two of the five Student Trustees on an annual rotating basis;

Whereas, current Massachusetts General Law's most recent update to the student's participation on the Board of Trustees was 22 years ago;

Whereas, the governing bodies of graduate and undergraduate students (Graduate Student Senate & Student Government Association) are relegated to advisory status (alongside the Faculty Senate);

Whereas, institutionalization of student voting power (graduate and undergraduate) is central to the democratic functioning of the University;
Whereas, full voting rights for Students Trustees on the University Board acts as a model for shared governance at the University system level;

Be it resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate supports Bills H.1088 and S.580, Acts providing full student representation on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees,

Be it further resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate recommends the swift passage of Bill H.1088 and S.580 through the Massachusetts State House to be enacted into law.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 24th, 2013

Campus Center 911

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes October 3rd, 2013 meeting

Announcements — 1:05pm
1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

**Old Business: 1:20pm**

1. Motion to Approve Proposed Bylaw Changes
2. JTFSO: small and large group discussion

**New Business — 1:35pm**

3. Motion to approve these ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board

**Discussion — 1:45pm**

1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
   1. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

**Motions (F=Fall)**

1. F2013 06: Approve Proposed Bylaw Amendment Changes (requires ⅔ majority vote)
2. F2013 07: Motion to approve the following ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board
3. F2013 08: Motion to move into Executive Session (i.e. closed session)

**Reminder — 2:20PM**

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
1. Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, October 30th 7:00pm
Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd, 2013

Campus Center 101

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes September 12th, 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

1. Election Results
2. Faculty Senate Council and Committee sign-up sheet

New Business — 1:05pm

3. Wellman Document Presentation
4. Additional funding for Student Legal Services
5. Bylaw changes
6. Formation of Executive Committee (Vote in 2 Senators)
7. Formation of Finance Committee (Vote in 3 Senators)
8. Formation of Elections Committee (appoint 4 graduate students)
1. Formation of an ad hoc Bylaws Committee
2. Formation of GWN Advisory Board (TBD graduate students)
3. Formation of ad hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Discussion — 1:45pm

1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
   1. Presentation of JTFSO
   2. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

Announcements — 2:15pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates

Motions (F=Fall)

1. F2013 01: Increase funding in the amount of $10,000 for Student Legal Services. Funds used to make a temporary appointment of a 4th attorney by November.
2. F2013 02: Approve members to the Executive Committee
3. F2013 03: Approve members to the Finance Committee
4. F2013 04: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee
5. F2013 05: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Reminder — 2:20PM

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
2. Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, Oct 17th 7pm
3. Yoga

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 2013

Campus Center 163C

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes May, 3 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

New Business — 1:10pm

1. Senator Elections
2. Childcare
3. Officer and Staff Objective and Goals

Discussion — 1:30pm

4. Objective and Goals of the Senate.

Announcements — 2:15pm

5. Student Government Association
6. Student Trustee
7. Graduate Employee Organization
1. Faculty Senate

Motions

none

Reminder — 2:20PM

Senator elections in the department: nomination period is Sept. 9 – Sept 15; campaign period is Sept 16 – Sept 22; Senator Elections are Sept 23 – Sept 25 on Campus Pulse.

Childcare deadline is Sept 16.


GSO training and re-registration is...

Health – health plan.

Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, May 3rd, 2013
Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Approval of minutes April 12, 2013 meeting

Special Order –2:05

Election Report

Old Business — 2:10

1. Student Bill of Rights – (motion to move from table needed)
2. Bylaws Revision
3. Funding & Progress Committee

New Business — 2:25pm

1. Executive Committee – transition report
2. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan–guest speaker
   John McCarthy, Graduate Dean

Discussion — Move over to Berkshire DC — 3:10pm

Motions

To move the Student Bill of Rights to table
To endorse the Student Bill of Rights

To approve or table Bylaws revision

Reminder

Senator elections in the department—September or now; alternative senator; notify GSS

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, April 12th, 2013

Campus Center 903

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes March 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm
1. GSS FY 2014 Budget – 15 min
2. Jocelyn Silverlight – seeking support for campaign for President of Executive Board of Local 2322 – 10 min
3. Enactment to support the divestment in fossil fuels by University Endowment – Aaron Karp – Fossil Fuel Divestment – 10 min (aaronkarp@1gmail.com)
4. Bylaws Revision Proposal – 10 min
5. Article II Section D (5) a.: A constituency has not elected as many alternate senators as Senate seats to which they are entitled. In this case, a Senator representing this constituency may temporarily delegate his/her voting rights in upcoming meetings to another Senator. A Senator who wishes to do so must submit notice in writing to the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting.

Committee Reports — 2:50pm

Elections Committee – 5 min

Graduate Housing Task Force – 5 min

Discussion — 3:00pm

1. Student Bill of Rights – 10 min
2. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan – 10 min
3. Theft on Campus – 5 min

Announcements — 3:25pm

4. GSS Election: Begins April 15 at midnight and closes April 17 at 4:00PM. Vote on Campus Pulse.
5. New Senator Elections
6. Student Focus Group for new Off Campus Housing in Amherst, to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-hrAzTLkjGLgGglZtLG_nzaX7KSrY7MM5TXWKeLet_U/viewform.
Motions

Approval of GSS FY 2014 Budget. The approval includes revisiting the SLSO budget in the fall of 2013 to determine the possibility for increased funding as an outcome of SGA SATF decision.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, March 1st, 2013

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes February 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm
Finance Committee

Student Trustee Elections

Elections Committee (a fifth member needed)

Committee Reports — 2:20pm

Funding Committee

Health Council

UHS Advisory Board

Guest Speaker — 2:30pm

Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy

Announcements — 3:25pm

1. GSO Line Item application process is March 4 – March 29
2. Daycare on campus initiative
3. Dissertation access survey
1. Prescription Drug: Restat @ 800 248 1062
2. Have your CHP member card ready and the RESTAT RX Group Number which is 2733
3. GSS Bowling Party: April 13 from 6-8 at Spare Time in Northampton
4. Come to the UPub after the meeting!

Adjournment by 3:30pm

Motions

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 for SAGA and $500 for LLC GSO

Elections Committee: additional member

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, February 1st, 2013

Campus Center 163

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of minutes Dec. 6, 2012 meeting

Old Business — 2:10pm

Childcare Assistance Applications

Guest Speaker — 2:15pm

Ludmilla Pavlova will present the Campus Master Plan

New Business — 3:00pm

Ad hoc committee for Event Planning

Finance Committee

Grad rep needed for the Chief Information Officer search committee

Committee Report – 3:15pm

Graduate Housing Task Force- Advisory Board

Funding Committee
General Discussion — 3:15pm

Spring semester events

Announcements — 3:20pm

Senate Meeting Schedule for Spring Semester: 3/1/13 in CC 904 – 4/12/13 in CC 903 – 5/3/13 in CC 904

Come to the UPub after the meeting!

GWN: (1) Volunteering at Not Bread Alone on the following Saturdays: 3/2; 4/6; 5/4.

1. Upcoming Craft Center Events in April (paper marbling, bookmaking, and more).

2. Co-sponsoring (with OFR) an initiative for free childcare at DuBois for student parents

Contact Adina at gss-gwn@grad.umass.edu for more information about these and other GWN initiatives and programming.

Adjournment by 3:30pm

Motions
Committee formation: Ad hoc Planning Committee

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 to the Organization of Graduate Students in Comp Lit. for UMass Graduate Student Conference in Translation Studies

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Campus Center 917

Ideas about an Event?

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Nov. 8, 2012 meeting

Old Business — 12:10pm

Committee formations: (motion)
Executive Committee (2 senators)

Spring Semester Schedule (shall be set within the first 2 weeks of each semester)

GSS Trip to UMass Worcester

Guest Speaker — Center for Women and Community — 12:30pm

New Business — 12:45pm

Finance committee

Committee Report — 12:50pm

Graduate Housing Task Force

Funding and Progress Committee Report

Robert's Rules Role Play — 1:00pm

General Discussion — 1:15pm

Announcements — 1:20pm
Adjournment by 1:30pm

Motions

Committee formation: additional Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $125 to China Study Club for refreshments and projector rental for documentary film screening.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Oct. 4, 2012 meeting
Robert's Rules Training — 12:05pm

Committee Report — 12:20pm

Elections Committee

Executive Committee: UHS

Childcare Committee

Old Business — 12:25pm

Committee formations: (motion)

Executive Committee (2 senators)

Finance Committee (1 Senator)

New Business — 12:30pm

Finance Committee (motion)

Guest speaker— 12:40pm
John McCarthy, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of Graduate School

**Guest speaker — 1:05pm**

Brian Quatrocci, Student Trustee (UMass – Worcester)

**Discussion — 1:20pm**

Senate Meeting schedule next semester

**Motion**

Committee formation: Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee members

Ad Hoc funding approvals: EGO ($400); Pioneer Valley ($500); Grad. Assoc. of Europeans ($500); Chemical Engineering Graduate Students (ChEGS) ($200)

**Announcements**
Career Services focus group: 5-6 grad students, Monday, 12/3 10 -
10:30am, 508 Goodell

Adjournment by 1:30

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Sept 20, 2012 meeting

Committee Report

Elections Committee

Executive Committee
Old Business/Summer Business

Committee formations:

Finances Committee (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Elections Committee (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

New Business

GSS Budget Report

Involvement Coordinator report

Motion

Committee formations;

Announcement

Grad School professional development
Discussion

Robert’s Rules

Wrap up Reminders

GSS Halloween Skating Event – Sunday, October 21st, 6:30 – 9PM

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

LGBTQA Meet & Greet-Tuesday, October 9th, 7pm-9pm, Campus Center 165-169

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM
Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes May 3, 2012 meeting

Old Business/Summer Business

Orientation Events

$500 to students going to USSA Congress

New Business

Introduce staff and officers and agenda for this year

Senator elections and responsibilities

About Wellman Document (Attorney DeMare)

Committee formations:

Childcare (Garth, Matt, Srinivas, Adina, Robin)

Finance (Robin, Garth, + three senators)
Election (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

[nomination will be accepted from the floor]

Committee Report

Graduate Council

Motion

Committee formations;

Discussion

Wrap up Reminders

Childcare Applications

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of March 4, 2015 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

1. John McCarthy, Dean of the Graduate School
2. Sarah Freudson, University Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)

2. Senator Updates

Executive Committee Updates — 12:25PM

Finance Committee Updates — 12:30PM

Elections Committee Updates — 12:35PM

Motions — 12:40PM

1. S2015-5: Motion to Ratify Elections Results
2. S2015-6: Motion Supporting GSS Endorsement of Letter to Transit Services
1. S2015-7: Ad Hoc Funding Request — AGASA ($300–ISC festival)
2. S2015-8: Ad Hoc Funding Request — ISA ($500 — India Night)
3. S2015-9: Ad Hoc Funding Request — Food Science GSO ($500—Institute of Food Technologies Annual Meeting)
4. S2015-10: Financial Support to ISC International Festival ($700)

Reminders — 1:10PM

1. GWN Film & Discourse Series/Student Union Art Gallery
   1. Fridays 4PM-7PM
      1. 4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)
2. Board of Trustees Meeting on Graduate Student Life — Wed., April 8 @ 9am
3. Next Senate Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, noon-1:15pm in CC165

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Student Union Art Gallery

12 pm-1:15 pm

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of February 4, 2015 meeting minutes
Announcements — 12:05PM

1. *Bette Elsden*, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
2. *University Student Trustee*
3. *Graduate Employee Organization* (GEO-UAW)

Executive Committee Updates — 12:20PM

Grad School Diversity Task Force Updates — 12:25PM

GSS Research Team Updates — 12:30PM

Trustee Candidate Introductions — 12:35PM

Motions — 12:45PM

1. S2015-4: Motion on Fossil Fuel Divestment (Peter Huntington, Geoscience Senator)

Communication & Deliberation Policy Committee Survey — 1:00PM

Reminders — 1:10PM

2. 2015-2016 GSS & Student Trustee Elections: March 10-March 12 via Campus Pulse
3. GWN Film & Discourse Series/Student Union Art Gallery 1, Fridays 4PM-7PM
1. 3/6 & 3/20 (Honoring Women of the World)
2. 4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)

Campus Leadership Forum for Graduate Students:
Tuesday, March 31 at 8:30AM

3. Board of Trustees Meeting on Graduate Student Life —
   Wed., April 8 @ 9am

### Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

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12 pm-1:15 pm

**Call to Order — 12:00PM**

**Welcome**

Approval of February 4, 2015 meeting minutes

**Announcements — 12:05PM**

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   2. 4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)
4. Campus Leadership Forum for Graduate Students: Tuesday, March 31 at 8:30AM
5. Board of Trustees Meeting on Graduate Student Life — Wed., April 8 @ 9am (Worcester)

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2014
Student Union Gallery

12 pm-1:15 pm

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome

Approval of December 3, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 12:05PM

1. Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
2. University Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)
4. International Students Club (rep. TBA), re: support for International Students Festival
5. CEPA (rep, TBA)
6. Gabriel Schmit (undergraduate student), re: SHIP/health insurance
7. Peter Huntington (Geosciences Senator), re: fossil fuel divestment

Executive Committee Updates (GSS President) — 12:25PM

1. Monthly Memo—Updates from the GSS Office Elections Committee Updates (GSS Vice President) — 12:30PM

2. 2015-2016 Elections Timeline & Information Finance Committee Updates (GSS Treasurer) — 12:35PM
1. GSO updates and training during Spring
2. FY2016 Budget Process & Information

**GSS Staff Updates — 12:40PM**

**Motions — 1:50PM**

1. S2015-1: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($500)
2. S2015-2: Venakey Ad Hoc Funding Request ($150)

**Reminders — 1:10PM**

1. Diversity Strategic Planning Open Forum — Thursday, December 4, 4-5pm, Campus Center Auditorium. Visit this website to provide feedback on the document: [https://www.umass.edu/chancellor/strategic-planning/diversity-feedback](https://www.umass.edu/chancellor/strategic-planning/diversity-feedback)
2. GWN Film & Discourse Series/Student Union Art Gallery
   1. Fridays 4PM-7PM
      1. 2/13 & 2/20 (Honoring Black History)
      2. 3/6 & 3/20 (Honoring Women of the World)
      3. 4/3 & 4/17 (Sexual Assault)
3. Trustee Forum for Graduate Students: Monday, March 2 at 3PM
4. 2015-2016 GSS & Student Trustee Elections:
5. Board of Trustees Meeting on graduate student life — Wednesday, April 8 @ 9am (Worcester)
6. health insurance
7. Peter Huntington (Geosciences Senator), re: fossil fuel divestment

**Executive Committee Updates** (GSS President) — **12:25PM**

1. Monthly Memo—Updates from the GSS Office

**Elections Committee Updates** (GSS Vice President) — **12:30PM**
1. 2015-2016 Elections Timeline & Information

**Finance Committee Updates** (GSS Treasurer) — 12:35PM

2. GSO updates and training during Spring
3. FY2016 Budget Process & Information

**GSS Staff Updates** — 12:40PM

**Motions** — 1:50PM

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3. Trustee Forum for Graduate Students: Monday, March 2 at 3PM

4. 2015-2016 GSS & Student Trustee Elections:

5. Board of Trustees Meeting on graduate student life — Wednesday, April 8 @ 9am (Worcester)

**Graduate Student Senate**

**Senate Meeting**
Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014

Campus Center 163

1:00PM-2:15PM

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of November 12, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Sarah Freundson, University Student Trustee
2. Liam Gude, undergraduate student — re: UMass/Amazon partnership
3. Javier Campos, GSS International Students Coordinator—Formation
4. Bette Elsdon, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
5. Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA); Faculty Senate

Executive Committee Updates

1. Advocacy for university hiring transgender clinicians & clinicians of color
1. Scheduling meeting with Board of Trustee Chair, Henry M. Thomas III, J.D.
2. December 2014: Graduate Student Space advocacy; submission of graduate orientation program plan to administration

Motions — 1:25PM

1. F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner (Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer)
2. F2014-9: Motion to Unify GSS, SGA & Trustee Election Dates (Daniel Morales, GSS Treasurer)
3. F2014-10: Motion To Create The GSS Communication & Deliberation Policy Ad Hoc Committee (Will Syldor, Social Justice Education)

Reminders — 2:10PM

1. GSS Grade-In (with food): Friday, December 5 from 10:00am-2pm (Off Campus Student Center)
2. GWN End-of-Semester Dinner & Karaoke at the ABC: Friday, December 5 @ 7pm
3. Board of Trustees Meeting — Wednesday, December 10 @ 9am
4. GSS End-of-Semester Celebration at the ABC: Thursday, December 11 @ 7pm

Graduate Student Senate
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of October 8, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. **Sarah Freudson**, Student Trustee
2. **CEPA** (Center for Education Policy and Advocacy)
3. **Bette Elsden**, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
4. Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA); Faculty Senate

Committee Report — 1:20

1. Elections (**Dani O’Brien**, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Motions

1. F2014-2: Motion to Ratify Executive Committee Election Results
2. F2014-3: Motion to Ratify Finance Committee Election Results
3. F2014-4: Motion in Response to Campus Pepper Spray Ban
4. F2014-5: Motion to Separate UMass Trustee Elections from SGA Elections
1. F2014-6: Motion Advocating for Proportional Student Trustee Votes (1 vote per campus)
2. F2014-7: Motion to Endorse GSS Statement on Anti-Racism
3. F2014-8: Motion in Support of Carolyn Gardner

Reminders — 2:10PM

4. Next GSS Senate Meeting: Wednesday, December 3rd @ 1pm (CC 163)
5. GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC 803)
6. Let Our Voices Be Heard: Teach-In on Student Empowerment (CEPA; GSS co-sponsoring): Friday, November 14, 11AM-3PM in Student Union/Cape Cod Lounge
7. GSS Ad Hoc Committee on Policing & Police Engagement Mtg, Wednesday 11/19 @ 10am (GSS office)
8. GSS Grade-In (with food): Friday, December 5 from 10:00am-2pm (room TBA).
9. GSS End-of-Semester Celebration the ABC: Saturday, December 13 @ 7pm
10. GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

1:00PM-2:15PM
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of May 5, 2014 & September 10, 2014 meeting minutes

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Sarah Freudson, Student Trustee
2. Bette Elsdon, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
3. Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA)
4. Faculty Senate

Chair’s Remarks — 1:30

1. Monthly Memo/GSS Officer and Staff Update
2. Senator Outreach

Committee Reports — 1:35

1. Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)

Committee Formation — 1:40

2. Executive (GSS President Adina Giannelli, Chair)
3. Finance (GSS Treasurer Daniel Morales, Chair)
4. Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Motions
1. F2014-1: Approve members to Executive Committee (two senators)
2. F2014-2: Approve members to Finance Committee (three senators)
3. F2014-3: Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Reminders — 2:10PM

1. “Balancing Life, Love and School: Co-ed Grad Group” Mondays 6:30 to 8:00pm (CC802)
2. GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/21)
3. GWN Writing Group — Wednesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/22)


5. Reception for SACL Grad Employees (GSS, GEO, & SACL) — Mullins Center 10/17, 3PM-5PM
6. GSS Ice Skating Party at Mullins Center practice rink — October 25, 2014
7. GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details; more info to

follow Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of May 5, 2014 meeting minutes

Welcome

New Business — 1:10pm

1. Senator Elections
2. Childcare
3. Officer and Staff Introductions

Discussion — 1:30pm

4. Graduate Student Needs, and the Work of the Senate:
   An Open Discussion

Announcements — 2:10pm

1. Student Government Association
2. Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization
4. Faculty Senate

Motions

none

Reminders — 2:20PM

Senator elections in the department: nomination period is September 8 – September 21; campaign period is September 22 – September
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome
Approval of meeting minutes April 24th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old/New Business: 4:25PM

1. Introduction of New Officers
2. 2014/2015 GSS Budget

Motions: 4:45PM


Discussion:

4. Senator Survey

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Campus Center 904
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 31st, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Motions: 1:20PM

1. S2014-13: Motion to Transfer $1000 from GSS Operations to Ad Hoc Funding Account
2. S2014-14: Brain Behavior Organization (BRO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($300)
3. S2014-15: Du Bois Department Graduate Organization (DBDGO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
4. S2014-16: Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

Special Order: 1:40

1. GSS Election Results and Ratification

Old/New Business Discussion: 1:45PM

1. Introduction of New Officers
2. Introduction to 2014/2015 GSS Budget

Discussion: 2:05
1. Carolyn Gardner

**Reminders: 2:20**

2. Last Senate meeting is May 5 at 4:00PM in CC. A motion to approve the GSS budget will be the main topic for this meeting.

3. ABC Social: Friday, April 25, 7:00-PM-9:00PM. Light snacks provided. All UMass graduate students invited.

4. GSS will be hiring for the following 4 staff positions for the 2014-15 academic year: 1.) Equity/Access Coordinator, 2.) Graduate Women’s Network (GWN) Coordinator, 3.) Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Coordinator, 4.) International Students Coordinator. For more information please visit blogs.umass.edu/gss or email at gss-pres@grad.umass.edu

5. **Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM**

Graduate Student Senate

**Senate Meeting**

Monday, March 31, 2014

Campus Center 917

**Call to Order — 4:00PM**

**Welcome**

Approval of meeting minutes March 13th, 2014
Announcements — 4:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Motions: 4:15PM

5. S2014-11: Sequential Arts Colloquium: ad hoc request of $400.00
6. S2014-12: Grad Stroke Support Group: ad hoc request of $400.00

Old/New Business Discussion: 4:30PM

1. Introduction of GSS Constitutional/Bylaw Amendment about senate representation
2. Presentation by IPO on Internationalization
3. Presentation by JTFRA Co-Chairs
4. Presentation by JTFSO Co-Chairs

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Campus Center 904-08
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes February 18th, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Grad Council Subcommittee on Grievances (graduate student appointee)
3. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
4. Faculty Senate
5. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Discussion: 1:20PM

6. Constitutional Amendment for more adequate representation
7. Resolution to include diversity as a core value in the JTFRA

Motions: 1:35PM

1. S2014-06: Grad Q&A Ad Hoc Funding Request ($350)
2. S2014-07: Chinese Christian Lunch Fellowship Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
3. S2014-08: ChEGS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($288.95)
4. S2014-09: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
5. S2014-10: Resolution to Add Diversity as a Core Principle in the JTFRA

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes January 30th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Graduate Dean John McCarthy
4. Faculty Senate
5. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 4:35PM

1. Update on Motion S2014-03: Resolution denouncing UMPD response to crimes on campus.

Motions
Approval of meeting minutes December 5th, 2013
1. JTFRA/CDAC update

**Motions** (S=Spring)

2. S2014-01: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on GSCA Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
3. S2014-02: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on UGCALS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

**Announcements — 1:50PM**

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

**Reminder — 2:15PM**

5. GSS Events:
   1. Winter Ice Skating Party: Friday, Jan 31, 7:00PM-9:00PM, at the Mullins Center Practice Rink.
   2. High Horse Welcome Back Social: Feb 6 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at High Horse

6. International Student Workshop/Events
   1. Weds, Feb. 5 from 4:00PM-5:00PM: International Coffee Hour at The Spot (entrance of the Student Union).
   2. Thurs, Feb 6 from 12:30PM-2:00PM in CC 165: International Student Housing Workshop. Lunch Provided

7. Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) Upcoming Events
   1. Mon, Feb. 3 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in CC 804-08. *From Planning to Publication – Developing an Effective Writing Process*. A light dinner will be served, but registration is required. Register at
http://guides.library.umass.edu/content.php?pid=518952

1. Thurs, Feb 6 from 11:30AM-1:00PM in CC 163C. Exploring Alternate Academic (Alt-Ac) Careers. A panel of scholars to discuss non-faculty career opportunities in higher ed. Bring your lunch-coffee and dessert provided. Pre-register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RpF5oXp8WB6mvNZ64X7QzFfayYnoSBBWsd4iFyOi3FQ/viewform

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, 2013

Campus Center 165-69

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes November 14th, 2013

Old Business:
New Business — 1:05pm

1. VP Election Report  
Discussion — 1:15pm

2. Tabling update, share ideas on how to outreach  
3. Teaching and Professional Development committee  
4. Organizing committee  

Motions (F=Fall)

Announcements — 1:50pm

1. Officers and Staff  
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization  
3. Faculty Senate  
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

5. GWN Mixer at ABC  
   1. Friday, December 6, 5:30-7:30

6. GSS Office Hours during December/January  
   1. Dec. 16-19 and Jan. 6-9:  
      12PM-4:00PM; Closed Fridays  
   2. Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Closed  
   3. Jan 13 return to normal hours.

7. Committee on Workplace Climate and Bullying  
   1. Friday, December 13 at 9am-12pm,  
      Campus Center Auditorium

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 14th, 2013

Campus Center 163C

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes October 24th, 2013

Old Business: 1:05pm

1. Ad Hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events,
   1. International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, Funding and Progress

New Business — 1:20pm

1. VP Candidate speeches

Discussion — 1:30pm

2. Discussion of Open Forum

Motions (F=Fall) — 1:45pm
1. F2013 09: ad hoc funding request: AGASA Thanksgiving Celebration ($400)
2. F2013 10: ad hoc funding request: ECoGSC ($220)
3. F2013 11: Motion to address the 5 student trustees on the BOT

Announcements — 2:05pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

4. Mission Still Unaccomplished – Teach-in November 14 from 12-6 in the Cape Cod Lounge. The teach-in will focus on issues of affordability and accessibility for all. For more info visit HTTP://BIT.LY/MISSIONUNACCOMPLISHED
5. Social Justice Dialogue Series- Next one Monday, November 18th 7:00pm. Topic is LGBTQ Experiences at UMass
6. Lobby Day for Five Student Trustee Votes November
   1. Buses leave UMass at 8:00 for Boston and return by 5:00PM. To sign up please visit HTTP://BIT.LY/5TrusteeVotes. This lobby day is geared toward our interest in increasing the number of student trustee votes on the Board of Trustee from 2 to
   1.
   2. Senator Mixer – Thursday, November 21
      6:30pm-9:00pm at the University Faculty Club (near Franklin Dining Hall)
   3. Jody and Olga, from SORC, are planning a meeting for relief efforts in the Philippines. If interested in these efforts, please contact Jody at Jtgoodman@umass.edu.

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student SenateNovember 14, 2013
Motion – F2013 11

Whereas, there was a period from 1987 to 1991 during which the University of Massachusetts system consisted of three campuses, Amherst, Boston and Worcester with the Student Trustee from each campus assuming full voting power on the Board;

Whereas, this sets a precedent for every campus to have a Student Trustee with voting rights on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees;

Whereas, in 1991, when UMass Dartmouth and Lowell joined the University of Massachusetts system, voting rights were not specifically extended to Student Trustees at these campuses;

Whereas, legislation from 1991, Chapter 142, section 17, sub-section 1A, instead stripped Amherst, Boston, and Worcester of the annual voting rights of their respective Student Trustees, instead granting it to two out of five Student Trustees on a rotating basis;

Whereas, from 1991 to the present, voting rights are granted to only two of the five Student Trustees on an annual rotating basis;

Whereas, current Massachusetts General Law’s most recent update to the student’s participation on the Board of Trustees was 22 years ago;
Whereas, the governing bodies of graduate and undergraduate students (Graduate Student Senate & Student Government Association) are relegated to advisory status (alongside the Faculty Senate);

Whereas, institutionalization of student voting power (graduate and undergraduate) is central to the democratic functioning of the University;

Whereas, full voting rights for Students Trustees on the University Board acts as a model for shared governance at the University system level;

Be it resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate supports Bills H.1088 and S.580, Acts providing full student representation on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees,

Be it further resolved, that the Graduate Student Senate recommends the swift passage of Bill H.1088 and S.580 through the Massachusetts State House to be enacted into law.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 24th, 2013

Campus Center 911
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes October 3rd, 2013 meeting

Announcements — 1:05pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 1:20pm

1. Motion to Approve Proposed Bylaw Changes
2. JTFSO: small and large group discussion

New Business — 1:35pm

3. Motion to approve these ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board

Discussion — 1:45pm

1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
   1. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

Motions (F=Fall)
1. F2013 06: Approve Proposed Bylaw Amendment Changes (requires ⅔ majority vote)
2. F2013 07: Motion to approve the following ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board
3. F2013 08: Motion to move into Executive Session (i.e. closed session)

Reminder — 2:20PM

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
2. Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, October 30th 7:00pm

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 3rd, 2013

Campus Center 101

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes September 12th, 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions
1. Election Results
2. Faculty Senate Council and Committee sign-up sheet

**New Business — 1:05pm**

3. Wellman Document Presentation
4. Additional funding for Student Legal Services
5. Bylaw changes
6. Formation of Executive Committee (Vote in 2 Senators)
7. Formation of Finance Committee (Vote in 3 Senators)
8. Formation of Elections Committee (appoint 4 graduate students)
9. Formation of an ad hoc Bylaws Committee
10. Formation of GWN Advisory Board (TBD graduate students)
11. Formation of ad hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

**Discussion — 1:45pm**

1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
   1. Presentation of JTFSO
   2. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

**Announcements — 2:15pm**

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates

**Motions (F=Fall)**

1. F2013 01: Increase funding in the amount of $10,000 for Student Legal Services. Funds used to make a temporary appointment of a 4th attorney by November.
2. F2013 02: Approve members to the Executive Committee
1. F2013 03: Approve members to the Finance Committee
2. F2013 04: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee
3. F2013 05: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Reminder — 2:20PM

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
2. Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, Oct 17th 7pm
3. Yoga

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 2013

Campus Center 163C

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes May, 3 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

New Business — 1:10pm
1. Senator Elections
2. Childcare
3. Officer and Staff Objective and Goals

Discussion — 1:30pm

4. Objective and Goals of the Senate.

Announcements — 2:15pm

5. Student Government Association
6. Student Trustee
7. Graduate Employee Organization
8. Faculty Senate

Motions

none

Reminder — 2:20PM

Senator elections in the department: nomination period is Sept. 9 – Sept 15; campaign period is Sept 16 – Sept 22; Senator Elections are Sept 23 – Sept 25 on Campus Pulse.

Childcare deadline is Sept 16.


GSO training and re-registration is…

Health – health plan.
Adjourn by 2:30PM

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, May 3rd, 2013

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Approval of minutes April 12, 2013 meeting

Special Order –2:05

Election Report

Old Business — 2:10

1. Student Bill of Rights – (motion to move from table needed)
2. Bylaws Revision
3. Funding & Progress Committee

New Business — 2:25pm
1. Executive Committee – transition report
2. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan–guest speaker John McCarthy, Graduate Dean

Discussion — Move over to Berkshire DC — 3:10pm

Motions

To move the Student Bill of Rights to table

To endorse the Student Bill of Rights

To approve or table Bylaws revision

Reminder

Senator elections in the department–September or now; alternative senator; notify GSS

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, April 12th, 2013

Campus Center 903
Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes March 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm

1. GSS FY 2014 Budget – 15 min
2. Jocelyn Silverlight – seeking support for campaign for President of Executive Board of Local 2322 – 10 min
3. Enactment to support the divestment in fossil fuels by University Endowment – Aaron Karp – Fossil Fuel Divestment – 10 min (aaronkarp@1gmail.com)
4. Bylaws Revision Proposal – 10 min
5. Article II Section D (5) a.: A constituency has not elected as many alternate senators as Senate seats to which they are entitled. In this case, a Senator representing this constituency may temporarily delegate his/her voting rights in upcoming meetings to another Senator. A Senator who wishes to do so must submit notice in writing to the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting.

Committee Reports — 2:50pm

Elections Committee – 5 min

Graduate Housing Task Force – 5 min

Discussion — 3:00pm
1. Student Bill of Rights – 10 min
2. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan – 10 min
3. Theft on Campus – 5 min

Announcements — 3:25pm

4. GSS Election: Begins April 15 at midnight and closes April 17 at 4:00PM. Vote on Campus Pulse.
5. New Senator Elections
6. Student Focus Group for new Off Campus Housing in Amherst, to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-hrAzTLkjGLgGglIZtLG_nzaX7KSRy7MM5TXWKeLet_U/viewform.

Adjournment by 3:30pm or sooner

Motions

Approval of GSS FY 2014 Budget. The approval includes revisiting the SLSO budget in the fall of 2013 to determine the possibility for increased funding as an outcome of SGA SATF decision

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, March 1st, 2013

Campus Center 904
Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes February 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm

Finance Committee

Student Trustee Elections

Elections Committee (a fifth member needed)

Committee Reports — 2:20pm

Funding Committee

Health Council

UHS Advisory Board

Guest Speaker — 2:30pm
Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy

Announcements — 3:25pm

1. GSO Line Item application process is March 4 – March 29
2. Daycare on campus initiative
3. Dissertation access survey

1. Prescription Drug: Restat @ 800 248 1062
2. Have your CHP member card ready and the RESTAT RX Group Number which is 2733
3. GSS Bowling Party: April 13 from 6-8 at Spare Time in Northampton
4. Come to the UPub after the meeting!

Adjournment by 3:30pm

Motions

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 for SAGA and $500 for LLC GSO

Elections Committee: additional member

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Friday, February 1st, 2013

Campus Center 163

**Call to Order — 2:00PM**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of minutes Dec. 6, 2012 meeting**

**Old Business — 2:10pm**

Childcare Assistance Applications

**Guest Speaker — 2:15pm**

Ludmilla Pavlova will present the Campus Master Plan

**New Business — 3:00pm**

Ad hoc committee for Event Planning

Finance Committee
Grad rep needed for the Chief Information Officer search committee

Committee Report – 3:15pm

Graduate Housing Task Force - Advisory Board

Funding Committee

General Discussion — 3:15pm

Spring semester events

Announcements — 3:20pm

Senate Meeting Schedule for Spring Semester: 3/1/13 in CC 904 – 4/12/13 in CC 903 – 5/3/13 in CC 904

Come to the UPub after the meeting!

GWN: (1) Volunteering at Not Bread Alone on the following Saturdays: 3/2; 4/6; 5/4.

1. Upcoming Craft Center Events in April (paper marbling, bookmaking, and more).
1. Co-sponsoring (with OFR) an initiative for free childcare at DuBois for student parents

   Contact Adina at gss-gwn@grad.umass.edu for more information about these and other GWN initiatives and programming.

   **Adjournment by 3:30pm**

   **Motions**

   Committee formation: Ad hoc Planning Committee

   Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 to the Organization of Graduate Students in Comp Lit. for UMass Graduate Student Conference in Translation Studies

   **Graduate Student Senate**

   **Senate Meeting**

   Thursday, December 6, 2012

   Campus Center 917

   **Ideas about an Event?**
Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Nov. 8, 2012 meeting

Old Business — 12:10pm

Committee formations: (motion)

Executive Committee (2 senators)

Spring Semester Schedule (shall be set within the first 2 weeks of each semester)

GSS Trip to UMass Worcester

Guest Speaker — Center for Women and Community — 12:30pm

New Business — 12:45pm

Finance committee

Committee Report — 12:50pm
Graduate Housing Task Force

Funding and Progress Committee Report

Robert’s Rules Role Play — 1:00pm

General Discussion — 1:15pm

Announcements — 1:20pm

Adjournment by 1:30pm

Motions

Committee formation: additional Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $125 to China Study Club for refreshments and projector rental for documentary film screening.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Oct. 4, 2012 meeting

Robert’s Rules Training — 12:05pm

Committee Report — 12:20pm

Elections Committee

Executive Committee: UHS

Childcare Committee

Old Business — 12:25pm

Committee formations: (motion)
Executive Committee (2 senators)

Finance Committee (1 Senator)

New Business — 12:30pm

Finance Committee (motion)

Guest speaker— 12:40pm

John McCarthy, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of Graduate School

Guest speaker — 1:05pm

Brian Quatrocci, Student Trustee (UMass – Worcester)

Discussion — 1:20pm

Senate Meeting schedule next semester

Motion

Committee formation: Executive Committee members;
Finance Committee members

Ad Hoc funding approvals: EGO ($400); Pioneer Valley ($500); Grad. Assoc. of Europeanists ($500); Chemical Engineering Graduate Students (ChEGS) ($200)

Announcements

Career Services focus group: 5-6 grad students, Monday, 12/3 10 - 10:30am, 508 Goodell

Adjournment by 1:30

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of minutes Sept 20, 2012 meeting

Committee Report

Elections Committee

Executive Committee

Childcare Committee

Old Business/Summer Business

Committee formations:

Finances Committee (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Elections Committee (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

New Business

GSS Budget Report

Involvement Coordinator report
Motion

Committee formations;

Announcement

Grad School professional development

Discussion

Robert’s Rules

Wrap up Reminders

GSS Halloween Skating Event – Sunday, October 21st, 6:30 – 9PM

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

LGBTQA Meet & Greet-Tuesday, October 9th, 7pm-9pm, Campus Center 165-169

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate
Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes May 3, 2012 meeting

Old Business/Summer Business

Orientation Events

$500 to students going to USSA Congress

New Business

Introduce staff and officers and agenda for this year

Senator elections and responsibilities
About Wellman Document (Attorney DeMare)

Committee formations:

Childcare (Garth, Matt, Srinivas, Adina, Robin)

Finance (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Election (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

[nomination will be accepted from the floor]

Committee Report

Graduate Council

Motion

Committee formations;

Discussion

Wrap up Reminders
Childcare Applications

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

Campus Center 911-915

1:00 – 2:15 pm

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of May 5, 2014 & September 10, 2014 meeting

minutes Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Sarah Freudson, Student Trustee
2. Bette Elsden, Director of Graduate Student Life (Graduate School)
3. Senators; Graduate Students; Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW); Student Government Association (SGA)
4. Faculty Senate

Chair's Remarks — 1:30
1. Monthly Memo/GSS Officer and Staff Update
2. Senator Outreach

Committee Reports — 1:35

1. Elections (Dani O’Brien, GSS Vice President & Chair)
2. Executive (GSS President Adina Giannelli, Chair)
3. Finance (GSS Treasurer Daniel Morales, Chair)
4. Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Motions

1. F2014-1: Approve members to Executive Committee (two senators)
2. F2014-2: Approve members to Finance Committee (three senators)
3. F2014-3: Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on UMPD Policies and Interactions

Reminders — 2:10PM

1. “Balancing Life, Love and School: Co-ed Grad Group” Mondays 6:30 to 8:00pm (CC802)
2. GSS Writing Group — Tuesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/21)
3. GWN Writing Group — Wednesdays 4PM-9PM (CC803; CC805 on 10/22)
5. Reception for SACL Grad Employees (GSS, GEO, & SACL) — Mullins Center 10/17, 3PM-5PM
6. GSS Ice Skating Party at Mullins Center practice rink — October 25, 2014
7. GSS Theater Thursdays: Tickets for Fine Arts—see Treasurer Daniel Morales for details; more info to follow
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Campus Center 911-15

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of May 5, 2014 meeting minutes

Welcome

New Business — 1:10pm

1. Senator Elections
2. Childcare
3. Officer and Staff Introductions

Discussion — 1:30pm

4. Graduate Student Needs, and the Work of the Senate:
   An Open Discussion

Announcements — 2:10pm

1. Student Government Association
2. Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization
4. Faculty Senate

Motions:
1. None

Reminders — 2:20pm

**Departmental senator elections:** Nomination period is September 8 – September 21; Campaign Period is September 22 – September 28; Senator Elections are September 29 – October 1 on Campus Pulse.

**Childcare Funding Application Deadline** is Tuesday, September 23 at 5pm.

**Childcare Cooperative** (with OFR) to launch Monday, September 15.

**GSS Writing Group** meets every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-9pm in CC803. All are welcome; light refreshments provided.

**GSS/OFR:** First Special Saturday Event: Saturday, September 13, 10AM-noon at Mill River recreational area in North Amherst.

**GSS Hikes the Notch:** Saturday, September 20 at 10AM.

Adjourn by 2:30pm.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Campus Center 904
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 31st, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Committee/Council/Board Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Motions: 1:20PM

1. S2014-13: Motion to Transfer $1000 from GSS Operations to Ad Hoc Funding Account
2. S2014-14: Brain/Behavior Regulatory Organization (BRO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($300)
3. S2014-15: Du Bois Department Graduate Organization (DBDGO) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
4. S2014-16: Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

Special Order: 1:40

1. GSS Election Results and Ratification

Old/New Business Discussion: 1:45PM

2. Introduction of New Officers
3. Introduction to 2014/2015 GSS Budget

Discussion: 2:05

4. Carolyn Gardner

Reminders: 2:20
1. Last Senate meeting is May 5 at 4:00PM in CC. A motion to approve the GSS budget will be the main topic for this meeting.

2. ABC Social: Friday, April 25, 7:00-PM-9:00PM. Light snacks provided. All UMass graduate students invited.

3. GSS will be hiring for the following 4 staff positions for the 2014-15 academic year: 1.) Equity/Access Coordinator, 2.) Graduate Women’s Network (GWN) Coordinator, 3.) Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Coordinator, 4.) International Students Coordinator. For more information please visit blogs.umass.edu/gss or email at gss-pres@grad.umass.edu

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Minutes (not yet approved)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes March 13th, 2014

Announcements — 4:05PM
1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

**Motions: 4:15PM**

5. S2014-11: Sequential Arts Colloquium: ad hoc request of $400.00
6. S2014-12: Grad Stroke Support Group: ad hoc request of $400.00

**Old/New Business Discussion: 4:30PM**

1. Introduction of GSS Constitutional/Bylaw Amendment about senate representation
2. Presentation by IPO on Internationalization
3. Presentation by JTFRA Co-Chairs
4. Presentation by JTFSO Co-Chairs

**Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM**

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**Minutes (approved April 24 2014)**

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**Graduate Student Senate**

**Senate Meeting**

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Campus Center 904-08
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes February 18th, 2014

Announcements — 1:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
   1. Grad Council Subcommittee on Grievances (graduate student appointee)
   2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
   3. Faculty Senate
   4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Discussion: 1:20PM

5. Constitutional Amendment for more adequate representation
6. Resolution to include diversity as a core value in the JTFRA

Motions: 1:35PM

1. S2014-06: Grad Q&A Ad Hoc Funding Request ($350)
2. S2014-07: Chinese Christian Lunch Fellowship Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
3. S2014-08: ChEGS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($288.95)
4. S2014-09: Du Bois Department Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
5. S2014-10: Resolution to Add Diversity as a Core Principle in the JTFRA

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Minutes (approved March 31 2014)
Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Tuesday, February 18 2014

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 4:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes January 30 2014Announcements — 4:05PM

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Graduate Dean John McCarthy
4. Faculty Senate
5. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 4:35PM

1. Update on Motion S2014-03: Resolution denouncing UMPD response to crimes on campus.

Motions

1. S2014-04: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on TECS GSO Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
2. S2014-05: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on ECo GSC Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

New Business: 4:55PM

1. JTFRA Presentation by Timothy Anderson
Reminders — 5:20PM

Motion to Adjourn by 5:30PM

Minutes (approved March 13 2014).

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, January 30th, 2014

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes December 5th, 2013

Old/New Business: 1:05PM

1. JTFRA/CDAC update

Motions (S=Spring)
1. S2014-01: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on GSCA Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)
2. S2014-02: Motion to Approve FC Recommendation on UGCALS Ad Hoc Funding Request ($400)

**Announcements — 1:50PM**

1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

**Reminder — 2:15PM**

5. GSS Events:
   1. Winter Ice Skating Party: Friday, Jan 31, 7:00PM-9:00PM, at the Mullins Center Practice Rink.
   2. Welcome Back Social: Feb 6 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at High Horse

6. International Student Workshop/Events
   1. Weds, Feb. 5 from 4:00PM-5:00PM: International Coffee Hour at The Spot (entrance of the Student Union).
   2. Thurs, Feb 6 from 12:30PM-2:00PM in CC 165: International Student Housing Workshop. Lunch Provided

7. Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) Upcoming Events
   1. Mon, Feb. 3 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in CC 804-08. From Planning to Publication – Developing an Effective Writing Process. A light dinner will be served, but registration is required. [Register here.](#)
   2. Thurs, Feb 6 from 11:30AM-1:00PM in CC 163C. Exploring Alternate Academic (Alt-Ac) Careers. A panel of scholars to discuss non-faculty career opportunities in higher
ed. Bring your lunch-coffee and dessert provided. Pre-register here

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Minutes (approved February 18 2014)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday December 5 2013

Campus Center 165-69

Call to Order — 1:00PM Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes November 14th, 2013 Old Business: New Business — 1:05pm

1. VP Election Report Discussion — 1:15pm

2. Tabling update, share ideas on how to outreach
3. Teaching and Professional Development committee
4. Organizing committee

Motions (F=Fall)

Announcements — 1:50pm
1. Officers and Staff
2. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
3. Faculty Senate
4. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Reminder — 2:15PM

5. GWN Mixer at ABC
   1. Friday, December 6, 5:30-7:30

6. GSS Office Hours during December/January
   1. Dec. 16-19 and Jan. 6-9:
      12PM-4:00PM; Closed Fridays
   2. Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Closed
   3. Jan 13 return to normal hours.

7. Committee on Workplace Climate and Bullying
   1. Friday, December 13 at 9am-12pm,
      Campus Center Auditorium

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Minutes (approved January 30 2014)

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Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, November 14th, 2013

Campus Center 163C
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome

Approval of meeting minutes October 24th, 2013

Old Business: 1:05pm

1. Ad Hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events,
   1. International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, Funding and Progress

New Business — 1:20pm

1. VP Candidate speeches Discussion — 1:30pm

2. Discussion of Open Forum
Motions (F=Fall) — 1:45pm

3. F2013 09: ad hoc funding request: AGASA Thanksgiving Celebration ($400)
4. F2013 10: ad hoc funding request: ECoGSC ($220)
5. F2013 11: Motion to address the 5 student trustees on the BOT

Announcements — 2:05pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
1. Faculty Senate
2. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate) Reminder — 2:15PM

3. Mission Still Unaccomplished – Teach-in November 14 from 12-6 in the Cape Cod Lounge. The teach-in will focus on issues of affordability and accessibility for all. For more info visit HTTP://BIT.LY/MISSIONUNACCOMPLISHED

4. Social Justice Dialogue Series- Next one Monday, November 18th 7:00pm. Topic is LGBTQ Experiences at UMass

5. Lobby Day for Five Student Trustee Votes November 1.
   Buses leave UMass at 8:00 for Boston and return by 5:00PM. To sign up please visit HTTP://BIT.LY/5TrusteeVotes. This lobby day is geared toward our interest in increasing the number of student trustee votes on the Board of Trustee from 2 to 1.

2. Senator Mixer – Thursday, November 21
   6:30pm-9:00pm at the University Faculty Club (near Franklin Dining Hall)

3. Jody and Olga, from SORC, are planning a meeting for relief efforts in the Philippines. If interested in these efforts, please contact Jody at Jtgoodman@umass.edu.

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Minutes (approved December 5 2013).

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes October 3rd, 2013 meeting

Announcements — 1:05pm

1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates (GSS and Faculty Senate)

Old Business: 1:20pm

1. Motion to Approve Proposed Bylaw Change
2. JTFSO: small and large group discussion

New Business — 1:35pm

3. Motion to approve these ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board

Discussion — 1:45pm
1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
2. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

*Motions (F=Fall)*

**F2013 06:** Approve Proposed Bylaw Amendment Changes (requires 1. majority vote)

**F2013 07:** Motion to approve the following ad hoc committees: Teaching, Professional Development, Social Events, Funding and Progress, International Students, Space, Graduate Housing, University/JTFSO, Family Issues, GWN Advisory Board

**F2013 08:** Motion to move into Executive Session (i.e. closed session)

Reminder — 2:20PM

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
2. Dialogue Series- Next one Thurs, October 30th 7:00pm

*Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM*

Minutes (approved November 14 2013)

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Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Call to Order — 1:00PM

1. Approval of minutes September 12th, 2013 meeting
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Election Results
4. Faculty Senate Council and Committee sign-up sheet

New Business — 1:05pm

5. Wellman Document Presentation
6. Additional funding for Student Legal Services
7. Bylaw changes
8. Formation of Executive Committee (Vote in 2 Senators)
9. Formation of Finance Committee (Vote in 3 Senators)
10. Formation of Elections Committee (appoint 4 graduate students)
11. Formation of an ad hoc Bylaws Committee
12. Formation of GWN Advisory Board (TBD graduate students)
13. Formation of ad hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Discussion — 1:45pm

1. Open House w/Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and Co-chairs of JTFSO
2. Presentation of JTFSO
3. Small group discussion; Large group discussion

Announcements — 2:15pm
1. Senators; Student Government Association; Student Trustee; Graduate Employee Organization
2. Faculty Senate
3. Committee Updates

Reminder — 2:20PM

1. Open Forum Oct 31 at 4:00PM
2. Dialogue Series- Next one Thursday, October 17, 7pm
3. Yoga

Motion to Adjourn by 2:30PM

Motions (F=Fall)

1. F2013 01: Increase funding in the amount of $10,000 for Student Legal Services. Funds used to make a temporary appointment of a 4th attorney by November.
2. F2013 02: Approve members to the Executive Committee
3. F2013 03: Approve members to the Finance Committee
4. F2013 04: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee
5. F2013 05: Approve members to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Wellman Document

Minutes (approved October 24 2013)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting
Call to Order — 1:00PM

Approval of minutes May, 3 2013 meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Announcements — 1:15

1. Student Government Association
2. Student Trustee
3. Graduate Employee Organization
4. Faculty Senate
5. Committee Updates

New Business — 1:35pm

1. Officer and Staff Objective and Goals
2. Senator Elections
3. Childcare

Discussion — 2:05PM

1. Objective and Goals of the Senate.

Reminders — 2:20PM
Senator elections in the department: nomination period is Sept. 9 – Sept 15; campaign period is Sept 16 – Sept 22; Senator Elections are Sept 23 – Sept 25 on Campus Pulse.

Childcare deadline is Sept 16.

GSO training and re-registration

Health plan.

Adjourn by 2:30PM

Minutes (approved October 3 2013)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, May 3, 2013

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM
Approval of minutes April 12, 2013 meeting

Special Order — 2:05

Election Report

Old Business — 2:10

1. Student Bill of Rights – (motion to move to table needed)
2. Bylaws Revision: Article II Section D (5) a.: A constituency has not elected as many alternate senators as Senate seats to which they are entitled. In this case, a Senator representing this constituency may temporarily delegate his/her voting rights in upcoming meetings to another Senator. A Senator who wishes to do so must submit notice in writing to the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting.

New Business — 2:25pm

1. Executive Committee – transition report – 10 min
2. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan–guest speaker
   John McCarthy, Graduate Dean

Discussion — Move over to Berkshire DC — 3:10

Motions
To move the Student Bill of Rights to table

To endorse the Student Bill of Rights

To approve or table Bylaws revision

**Reminder:** Senator elections in the department—September or now; alternative senators; notify GSS;

Minutes (approved September 12 2013)
New Business — 2:05pm

1. GSS FY 2014 Budget – 15 min
2. Jocelyn Silverlight – seeking support for campaign for President of Executive Board of Local 2322 – 15 min
3. Enactment to support the divestment in fossil fuels by University Endowment – Aaron Karp – Fossil Fuel Divestment – 15 min (aaronkarp1@gmail.com)
4. Bylaws Revision Proposal – 10 min
5. Article II Section D (5) a.: A constituency has not elected as many alternate senators as Senate seats to which they are entitled. In this case, a Senator representing this constituency may temporarily delegate his/her voting rights in upcoming meetings to another Senator. A Senator who wishes to do so must submit notice in writing to the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting.

Committee Reports — 2:50pm

1. Elections Committee – 5 min
2. Graduate Housing Task Force – 5 min

Discussion — 3:00pm

3. Student Bill of Rights – 10 min
4. Chancellor’s Strategic Plan – 15 min
5. Thefts on Campus – 5 min

Announcements — 3:25pm

6. GSS Election: Voting begins April 15 at midnight and closes April 17 at 4:00PM. Vote on Campus Pulse.
7. New Senator Elections

Adjournment by 3:30pm or sooner
Motions

Approval of GSS FY 2014 Budget. The approval includes revisiting the SLSO budget in the fall of 2013 to determine the possibility for increased funding as an outcome of SGA SATF decision.

Minutes (approved May 3 2013)

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Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, March 1st, 2013

Campus Center 904

Call to Order — 2:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes February 1, 2013 meeting

New Business — 2:05pm

1. Finance Committee
2. Student Trustee Election
1. Elections Committee (a fifth member needed)

Committee Reports — 2:20pm

2. Funding Committee
3. Health Council
4. UHS Advisory Board

Guest Speaker — 2:30pm

Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy

Announcements — 3:25pm

1. GSO Line Item application process is March 4 – March 29
2. Daycare on campus initiative
3. Dissertation access survey
5. Prescription Drug: Restat @ 800 248 1062. Have your CHP member card ready and the RESTAT RX Group Number which is 2733
6. GSS Bowling Party: April 13 from 6-8 at Spare Time in Northampton
7. Come to the UPub after the meeting!

Adjournment by 3:30pm

Come to the UPub after the meeting!

Motions
Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding

Elections Committee: additional member

Minutes (approved April 12 2013)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Friday, February 1st, 2013

Campus Center 162-75

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Dec. 6, 2012 meeting

Old Business
Guest Speaker:

Ludmilla Pavlova will present the Campus Master Plan

New Business:

Ad hoc committee for Event Planning

Finance Committee

Grad rep needed for the Chief Information Officer search committee

Committee Report:

Graduate Housing Task Force- Advisory Board

General Discussion

Spring semester events

Announcements

Adjournment by 3:30pm
Come to the UPub for drinks and appetizers after the meeting!

*Motions*

Committee formation: Ad hoc Planning Committee

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $500 to the Organization of Graduate Students in Comp Lit. for UMass Graduate Student Conference in Translation Studies

Minutes (approved March 1 2013)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2012
Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Nov. 8, 2012 meeting

**Old Business** — 12:15pm

Committee formations: Nomination and elections of Senators to Executive Committee (2 senators) and Finance Committee (1 senator)

**New Business** — 12:25pm

Finance committee: approval of funding to China Study Club

**Guest Speaker** — Center for Women and Community — 12:30pm

**Committee Report** — 12:45pm

Graduate Housing Task Force

Funding and Progress Committee Report
Robert’s Rules Role Play — 1:00pm

General Discussion — 1:15pm

Spring Semester Schedule (shall be set within the first 2 weeks of each semester)

GSS Trip to UMass Worcester

Announcements — 1:29pm

Adjournment by 1:30pm

Motions

Committee formation: additional Executive Committee members;

Finance Committee: Approve ad hoc funding in the amount of $125 to China Study Club for refreshments and projector rental for documentary film screening.

Minutes (approved February 1 2013)
Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Oct. 4, 2012 meeting

**Robert’s Rules Training** — 12:05pm

**Committee Report** — 12:20pm

Elections Committee

Executive Committee: UHS

Childcare Committee

**Old Business** — 12:25pm

Committee formations: (motion)

Executive Committee (2 senators)

Finance Committee (1 Senator)

**New Business** — 12:30pm

Finance Committee (motion)

**Guest speaker** — 12:40pm
John McCarthy, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of Graduate School

**Guest speaker — 1:05pm**

Graduate Student Trustee, Brian Quatrocci (UMass – Worcester)

**Discussion — 1:20pm**

Senate Meeting schedule next semester

**Motion**

Committee formation: Executive Committee members; Finance Committee members

Ad Hoc funding approvals: EGO ($400); Pioneer Valley ($500); Grad. Assoc. Europeanists ($500); Chemical Engineering Students (ChEGS) ($200)

**Announcements**

Career Services focus group: 5-6 grad students, Monday, 12/3 10 - 10:30am, 508 Goodell

Wrap up Reminders
Adjournment by 1:30

Minutes (approved December 6 2012)

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Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes Sept 20, 2012 meeting

Committee Report

Elections Committee

Executive Committee
Childcare Committee

Old Business/Summer Business

Committee formations:

1. Finances Committee (Robin, Garth, + three senators)
2. Elections Committee (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

New Business

GSS Budget Report

Involvement Coordinator Report

Motion

Committee formations;

Announcement

Grad School professional development

Discussion

Robert’s Rules
Wrap up Reminders

GSS Halloween Skating Event – Sunday, October 21st, 6:30 – 9PM

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

LGBTQA Meet & Greet-Tuesday, October 9th, 7pm-9pm, Campus Center 165-169

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Minutes (approved November 8 2012)

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Campus Center 917

Call to Order — 12:00PM
Welcome and Introductions

Approval of minutes May 3, 2012 meeting

Old Business/Summer Business

Orientation Events

$500 to leadership conference

New Business

1. Introduce staff and officers and agenda for this year
2. Senator elections and responsibilities
3. About Wellman Document (Attorney DeMare)
4. Committee formations:
   Childcare (Garth, Matt, Srinivas, Adina, Robin)

Finance (Robin, Garth, + three senators)

Election (Garth, Ghazah, Hongmei + two students)

[nomination will be accepted from the floor]

Committee Report
Graduate Council

Motion

Committee formations;

Discussion

Wrap up Reminders

Childcare Applications

GWN Volunteer Event – Not Bread Alone – Saturday, October 6th @ 9AM

Adjournment by 1:30 or sooner

Minutes (approved October 4 2012)
❖ Canan Cevik, President
❖ Aakriti Singh, Vice President
❖ Daniel Morales Morales, Treasurer
❖ Sumera Ahsan, International Student Coordinator
❖ Nasir Marumo, Gender and Racial Equity Coordinator
❖ Moijue Kaikai, Graduate Student Senate Coordinator
❖ Derek Dunlea, University Student Trustee

➢ He is out of town; Canan read his statement introducing himself and announcing his office hours in GSS September 14th. These hours can be for any questions, or if you just want to talk and get to know Derek.

■ Also, he holds office hours in Wilder Hall (CMASS) from 9:30am to 11am on Tuesdays, and can schedule private meetings to fit other schedules. He also has an office in 420 Student Union, the SGA office, so he may be there at any given time as well if you need to chat. Please reach out, he is excited to meet you!

❖ Alyssa Goldstein and Santiago Vidales, GEO Co-Chairs

➢ Not present

❖ Lydia Washington, GSS Adviser, Associate Director of Student Activities

Canan: Any questions? No questions.
Canan lays out how the meeting will go and who is talking in each section.

2. Getting Involved in the Graduate Student Senate -- 13:00

❖ Become a Senator: Aakriti

➢ Elections are going on right now. Until the 25th. Send nominations. Campaigns will follow and then elections. She explains how elections work.

❖ What does it mean to be a GSS senator?

❖ Overview and Elections

❖ Q&A

➢ Derek, Sociology dept: any other specific expectations for being a GSS senator?

➢ Answer: Monthly meeting, we have working groups and we need volunteers for that, senator involvement in councils, it would be helpful to have your issues/concerns in our agendas.

➢ Shane Taylor, Chemical engineering: Aside from meetings, what do we have to do next?

➢ Answer: Send email to Aakriti

➢ Bianki Torres, Afro-AM dept: Past roles of senators?

➢ Answer: Past senators have been part of working groups and student support groups, also GSS committees and search committees

➢ Emily, MBA: How does voting work if there’s multiple candidates?
Answer: email to Aakriti, respond to call for nominations, the department vote on Campus Pulse, depending on number of senators each dept gets, then winners will be selected and will be invited to a meeting Oct 18th.

Kay Lloyd, High Ed: Senators in colleges or in departments within the college?
Answer: You have 3 senator positions for your dept.

Question: During the Oct meeting, between now and then we decide if we want to run for exec committee?
Answer: need to talk with Enku (canan’s response)

Tulsi, Mechanical engineering: There’s an area around Marston that has not been paved; the result is water collects there. Can the senate speak to the admin about that? Can you make a note of it?
Answer: We will make note of this concern. Issue falls under Vice Chancellors area. Would you mind sending one of us an email?

Getting Involved beyond the Senate

Committees and Councils: Graduate Students have a seat at the table for every committee/council that reviews issues pertinent to graduate students. Most of these committees and councils operate through the faculty senate and meet on a monthly basis. We want to ensure that we have diverse representation on these committee/councils so we have created a system to help get senators involved. For information on faculty senate committees please visit their website. If you are interested in serving on a committee for the current academic year please complete this application. Canan sent out email Monday with 5 question app and available committees. Does not require much time, meetings are once a month. If the issue pertains to grads, be aware of what could be at stake for us. Applications will be open for another week, and you will hear within two weeks if you have been appointed to one of the councils.

(Canan reads names of councils.)
Please fill out applications.

Emily, MBA: What is time commitment?
Answer: once a month, schedule set up for the semester

Emily, MBA: Is your role to report back from meetings in senate meeting?
Answer: yes, but you can also bring new issues to the councils.

Trevor, Education: Can you choose multiple councils?
Answer: yes.

Daniel: A lot of decisions are made here, this is where you can make the biggest impact. You all will have the voice to vote.

Bianki, AfroAM: Is it necessary to be a senator to be on these councils?
Answer: no
Canan: we are revising rules for creating a GSO

3. Setting the Senate Agenda for the academic year ahead -- 13:15
   ● A survey about the most salient issues graduate students are facing.
   ● The most desirable programming/events grad students want GSS to pursue

Nasir reads survey

Highest priority needs as grad students: establishing myself, support, transportation, time management, self care, money management, community outside umass

Challenges as grad students like balance, support for color, living on grad budget, other activity stuff, transportation.

(These are just a few responses please fill out survey!)

Open discussion:
   ● Amanda, Sports Management: send out email again with heading being what the survey is.
   Answer: okay wonderful
   ● Canan: what are the biggest challenges?
   - Bianki, Af Am: assistantship, difficult to maneuver opportunities on campus, student job board is all for undergrad students. Not much info about how to reach those listings. Grad students need to know how to find resources. It leaves those students vulnerable financially.
   Canan: for job opportunities we spoke with Enku grad students appointments are harder to hire than undergrads, we are currently working with VC on this issue.
   Bianchi, how long has this conversation been had?
   Answer: Still in Canan’s fourth year, there has been constant struggles between the admin on this issue.
   ● Evan, Environmental Conservation: My dept has been advocating for private space for personal use (breastfeeding and personal phone calls); we convinced our coordinator to give us small space; idk if other dept has similar issues/desires, but I wanted to raise it as an issue in case others are having similar issues. Canan: space has been another issue for a long time. Admin. Always says not enough funding or rooms. Admin say that don’t have enough funding or space. Even in in library don’t have lounge for grad students for personal use. Daniel: Grad student lounge on 5th floor in library in two years but it's still pending. They have plan but still trying to execute and might start by the end of the fall or the coming spring. Fifth floor will be library will be grad space in the future.
- Chirag Economics: 2 concerns, lives in Lincoln Apts. Some students have YMCA meal plans, crowding seems to be a problem, student preserve tables for themselves in all Dining areas. Second is Email system l system provided to grad students low on space. Shift to Gmail or give us more memory.
- Another concern- more housing for grad students...more affordable
  Answer: Answer from admin is that they will make more housing for grads after North Village demolition.
- Cecilia, Anthropology:
  - working space displacement for social sciences
  - space shared by humanities
  - adviser dynamics (boundaries/sexism) event where we talk about what’s not normal in advisor/student relationships. What are our rights as grads? When it is addressed it’s usually too late.
  Answer: space is a big issue; admin says they don’t have enough funding. I was thinking that there should be an event, GSS forum, to introduce the issue to advisors etc.
- Emily, MBA: hard to get certain people in the room.
- Amanda, Sports Management: Contact GEO for the solution - had similar issue in Isenberg and sent mail to GEO Anna Claire for the space issue. GEO is making effort to work on the concern regarding inequality, sexism and other grad related problems.
- Pontip, Communications: Support for grad students of color, not just space.
  Institutional support and how to keep POC on campus. Nasir works closely with these issues contact them for collaboration.
- Stephanie, Enviro Health Science- no space, have to go to library, faculty got new offices, old offices cannot be used yet because they haven’t been cleaned/ etc. It’s a challenge when faculty are white and students who need these spaces are people of color.
- Brian, Philosophy: If we have questions about event funding from GSS, is that something I would bring up at the senator meeting?
  Answer: you would apply for funding through the GSO; if it’s regular funding, it does through Mo and Daniel; if it’s not, to GSS finance committee.
- Amanda Sports Management: Construction 3 issues
  - accessibility for folks with limited mobility
  - bike racks keep getting eaten up
  Answer: Canan will send the survey again; please voice these concerns in the survey!

4. Reminders/Events -- 13:40
- GSS Soccer Tournament, Saturday September 16th from 10:00am to 3:00pm, Boyden Fields at UMass.
  Lunch will be provided. Everyone welcome to join either to play or watch!
• GSO Training 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Amherst Room Tues. Sept 19th

• GSS Senator Elections
Being a senator provides a great opportunity to get involved in serving the graduate student community. These are important dates to keep in mind:
• Nominations - Sep 11th to 24th
• Campaigning - Sep 25th to Oct 1st
• Online elections - Oct 2nd to Oct 4th
• GSS Welcome Social, September 29 at 6:00 pm at Amherst Room

Welcome back everyone! We are thrilled to host the welcome back party to have some fun before semester gets too busy! Dinner will be served. There will be a Dj also, so be ready to dance! And some more fun surprises! Mo talked about GSO and the funding and the training from 11:30 - 2:30 pm on Sept 19th Amherst Room. Everyone invited.

Evan, Environmental Conservation: Can you tell people about international cookbook.
Canan: People submit recipe for their culture; we put them in a book and the money from the books will go to grad student food insecurity fund. If you want to contribute, please send recipe to Sumera.

Meeting adjourned at 13:37

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**Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda Minutes**
**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**
**Commonwealth Room**
**12:00 pm – 1:45 pm**

**Lunch—12:00 PM**
**Call to Order—12:15 PM**
**Welcome**
**Approval of September 2017 meeting minutes**
Motion to approve
- 25 people approve
- 1 abstain
- Motion is approved

**Announcements—12:20 PM**
- **Derek Dunlea, Student Trustee**

  - Lapse in undergrad/grad issues
  - Administration not focusing on needs of graduate students, reach out to Derek for any requirements or in the case of any situation around anyone.
  - He holds office hours from 10-11 on every Thursday in GSS office. His usual undergrad email is thebestwaytocontact him.
  - His role is mainly to deal with any issues that impact student life in undergraduate and graduate level and bring those issues to the Board of Trustees.

- **Lydia Washington, GSS Advisor, Associate Director of Student Activities**

Update: She is assisting on work related to campus pulse system and working on providing every updates available to graduate students. She is also working on fulfilling all the requirements needs for the GSOs.
Daniel the part

GEOis looking for a student representative to be involved in the research committee for the appointment of the Dean of Student/Assoc. Vice Chancellor. If anyone is interested to work in this committee, contact Daniel, GSS Treasurer (Students are welcome to attend the dinners with the candidates and do not have to be representative).

- **Graduate Employee Organization**

  Santiago: (GEO employee) GEO is going smoothly for all the bargaining for this session and there is no demand from university sides as well. We have signed tentative agreements. They are working on gender-neutral bathrooms which will be closed to workstations. Another successful bargaining done is for leaves that has been increased from 60 to 100 hours. GEO has asked for 18% wage increase over the next 3 years, for which administration has agreed for 6% wage increase.

  In order to make higher authorities like Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to get involved in this decision, they require student to share their testimonials as to why wage increase is needed. Also, GEO is planning for a rally on 31st October, 2017 (Halloween) in front of Whitmore. They have asked everyone to attend the rally and stand up for this issue to be heard by everyone.

- **GSS/Senators/Grad Students**
  - **Amanda, Sports Management:** Update on research library council
    - New dean of library; adding associate deans in information technology.
    - Presentation on discovery search which went live over the summer. They had usability issues, which they are resolving.
    - Graduate Common of the library, 5th floor; spaces with tables; expecting it to be complete in early November.
    - Library director looking for more feedback going to the library. Has asked for feedback from grad students.
    - Next meeting is Dec 1st
  - **Canan encourages all graduates and students who sit on the committee to update us on GSS meetings regularly.**

- **Evan Kuras, Environmental Conservation**

  Outreach Summit for grad students to learn about outreach based around research. If you’re part of a group through the university or individually, we’d like to hear about what you’re doing to bring into the Summit. Evan is working with OP, Donghis.

  Daniel Morales, GSS:
  - IPS increased living expense cost that international students must have in their bank account.
  - Initial students get $94 from homeland security. Need to prove your income on this form.
  - The increase is to $5,000.
  - People of color, especially international students, were not represented in the meeting.
  - So what are going to do in order to ask for a meeting with Vice Chancellor or International Students; admin responses were negative; we will find out why they made this decision without consulting GSS or grad students. We want to include
Committee Formation—12:40

- **Executive (GSS President Canan Cevik, Chair)**
  - Refer to tasksheet (add to folder), this will be a serious time commitment.
  - Canan reads tasks of Executive Committee.
  - President, Vice President, and Treasurer along with 2 members (needed) will be on this committee.
  - We will take nominations, allow nominees to speak for 3 minutes, and then we will vote.

- **Finance (GSS Treasurer Daniel Morales, Chair)**
  - Daniel introduces the Finance Committee and what they do.
  - Budget issues and policies and practices. Meetings will be bi-weekly. Most of the budget work is done in April.
  - Nominees come up and sign up. Canan closes nominations.
  - <Kevin Bean, Kay V. Loyd, Caitlin Kidder>
  - Ratification of appointment for Kevin, Kay, Caitlin to Finance Committee.
  - Laura said motion: seconded.
  - Approval granted. 33 approve.

Council, Board, and Committee Appointments—13:00

- **Pedestrian Safety Committee**
- **General Education:** [https://www.umass.edu/senate/geneds](https://www.umass.edu/senate/geneds)
- **Dean of Student Search**

Committee and Working Group Reports—13:15

- **Elections (Aakriti, GSS Vice President & Chair)**
  - Senate ratified the elections.
- **GSS Academic Writing Support (Nasir Marumo, Gender and Racial Equity Coordinator)**
  - We will get to this next Senate meeting.
- **GSS Food Security (Peter Huntington)**
  - Canan introduces the network of the working group.
  - She elaborates on the report.
  - 5 working groups were formed last year; Food Security was one of them. The survey GSS administered: only 20% of grad students said they were food secure.
  - The group ended up with proposals suggesting that lowest income grads and their families should get dining commons for reduced rate; $6 per entrance up to three times a week and bringing up to 3 dependents. There was no follow up from the university.
  - Recruiting for this working group now. Last year they met internally every 2 weeks and once a month with administration.
  - Justin, History: Motion to do the most important things, as meeting time is running out.

- **Website Report (Peter Huntington)**
  - Canan introduces demo website.
  - Peter explains the website to senators.
Justin, History dept: Is there a place with a list for senators of this year? At the moment, no. But after today, when the website goes live, and now that we have an updated list of senator, there will be a page. Intention is to include name, dept, email.

Motions—13:40

- **F2017-1: Ratification of Senator Elections**
  - Approved: 19
  - Disapproval: 0
  - Abstain: 0

- **F2017-2: Executive Committee Formation**
  - Senate elected Erika Tai and Chirag Lalato Executive Committee.
  - Motion to approve: 19
  - Disapprove: 0
  - Abstain: 0

- **F2017-3: Finance Committee Formation**
  - Ratification of appointment for Kevin, Kay, Caitlin to Finance Committee.
  - Laura said motion; seconded.
  - Approval granted. 33

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 15, 2017
Commonwealth Room
12:00 pm- 1:45 pm

Lunch -- 12:00PM

Call to Order -- 12:15PM

Welcome
Approval of October 2017 meeting minutes
10 approve
0 objections
0 abstain

Announcements -- 12:20PM

- Derek Dunlea, Student Trustee
  - Trustee for Undergrad and Grad Students
  - Office at 420 Student Union, email is Dunlea@umass.edu
  - Discussed upcoming committee meeting and the SBS language requirement (foreign language standard being drastically changed - potential cut in intro classes taught by graduate students)
    - Derek hasn’t been explicitly involved, more informally kept up to date
    - Open panel discussion during the faculty senate meeting 3:30 pm on November 16, Herter 227 on SBS proposal. An open meeting of faculty senate - not necessarily a vote
  - Daniel is holding meeting at 10:30 11/16 to develop a statement for SBS proposal - email him for more info.
  - Susan, Francophone studies: If anyone can come, please come.

- Graduate Employee Organization
  - Santiago, GEO: update on bargaining; admin hasn’t responded to demands in any substantial way; will be proposing health insurance; GEO wants individuals to be covered 100% and families covered at 95%; next semester they will get into the negotiations of the contract;
  - Joelle, Physics dept Question: Is health insurance proposal going to cover mental health in a more accessible way?
    - Santiago: Yes absolutely. We also want CCPH to have more therapists of color.
  - Joelle, Physics Department: Engineering fee ($800) goes toward renovating the labs (similar thing going on in the physics department) → not going to benefit students that are here right now. Might be going to labs primarily used by undergraduates.
  - Last membership meeting is in the old chapel.
GSS/Senators/Grad Students

Chirag, Economics, Executive Committee Member: We met with Santiago and discussed how GEO and GSS can collaborate on issues of fees; resources are online - how much each fees costs, etc; we discussed the service fees with provost to get an explanation; efforts will include finding out where these fees go; Went to the bursar office’s website, where he found a full list of the dollar amounts of each fee. Was told that the fees are less than that of undergraduate students, but our living standards/situations are different.

- Links to Fee Explanation: http://www.umass.edu/bursar/fee-explanation
- Breakdown of Fees: http://www.umass.edu/bursar/sites/default/files/Graduate%20Student%20Rates%20Fall%202017%20Spring%202018.pdf
- Bursar’s Page on Tuition and Fees (Contains all the information above and more): http://www.umass.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees

Justin Burch, History department: Brought forward a concern from their department - different fee structures for international students coming from different countries.

Kay, EPRA department: Where did you get this breakdown? Answer: Bursars website (link attached above)

Canan will add in minutes how to request fee information/breakdown from administration.

Evan, Environmental Conservation: Planning outreach summit in the spring for grads to connect with each other and network with professionals; will do a survey for grads (what graduates do outside of research).

Presentations/ Discussions --12:40PM

GWIS

- Joelle, Physics: GWIS has recently branched into student advocacy work, starting with the publication exposing and solving issues of sexual violence in STEM and across campus; started #safeatwork campaign, to include trainings relating to physical and mental health rather than lab safety; wants to invite GSS to bring your work safety issues and put them under our umbrella campaign; we have admin support that can help push this; invite you to give us info about what issues of sexual violence exist in your depts; invite you all to join the campaign team.

  - Question: What’s the easiest way to contact you all?
    - gwmag.org contact tab → email list for updates

- National Association of Graduate Student Professionals met yesterday and there were 25-50 grad students there; NAGPS looking for grad students to mobilize on campuses; contact erikatai@umass.edu

- New proposed tax bill on waived tuitions, Attorney Corey Carvalho

  - With the proposed tax bill, it would be devastating to grad students; not just tuition waiver, also student loan max; learning credits to go back to school; main impact is allowing the waiver to be taxed as income; Tax liability will report $70,000 as opposed to $40,000. May affect students enrolling in higher education. What can we do? This is just a bill; nothing has been passed yet. The University hearing how this will affect us will hold some weight. Possibility that this won't only include tuition but fees also, all be considered income.

  - Question: How much freedom do public universities have to change its tuition for grad students?
    - Answer: That could be a possibility. Board of trustees were the one who sent this policy. This can be framed in the University’s interests if we lose good talent from graduate school or see a brain drain from U.S. institutions.
    - Note. This is Federal law that is changing, affecting every graduate student in the country.

  - The Chancellor has said he is going to have a meeting about the best way to make a public statement. So far, not much has been done on the administration side.

  - Question: What is the example of a grassroots campaign?
- Contact your senators, representatives, and run the numbers within your tax return yourself. Speak up. Especially out of state graduate students.

  ○ Evan Kuras, Environmental Conservation: Phone number for our rep in Congress at (413)-341-8700 Northampton Office. Jim McGovern. He is our congressional representative. Call him. Parents can call on behalf of you. Need more voices from graduate students.

  ○ Back of envelope calculations. $19174 (20 hour TA stipend without taxes) - taxes go up to 23% from 5% of your income because you’ll be in a higher tax bracket and be paying taxes on a higher amount ($19174 + Amount of Tuition waived). $877 is current taxes. Taxable income goes up to $49700. With new tax brackets, we pay $4500. That’s almost a 5:1 increase. That may go higher for out of state and international students.

  ○ This will affect every payment you make down the line.

  ○ Note also that taxes will be raised on lower income groups relative to higher incomes;

  ○ Potential strategy: reach out to moderate republicans; Idea suggested by Canan.

  ○ Joelle, Physics: Our state rep works closely with GWIS; we have a lot of access to him; wants to work more with graduate students. They have a lot of pressuring abilities on the university for policies created here.

  ○ Question: Are they going to raise the taxes also on our taxable income?

    ■ Can vary from student to student. At UMass, we just miss the next tax bracket; but this may be different if you’re making $30k instead of $20k. Children and personal income are factors to consider as well.

  ○ Chirag, Economics, Executive Committee Member, Question:

    ■ Can we get somebody to run the numbers for different students? Then we can distribute it out to campus. (Canan starting list of volunteers)

    ■ GSS is creating a volunteer group to run the numbers for different scenarios, collect a list of phone numbers of representatives to call, reach out to the School of Management’s Tax experts, etc. This group will try and put together a sheet to distribute to students.

  ○ Attorney Corey Carvalho: If you need documents, you can reach out to the Student Trustee or do Freedom of Information (FOI) requests; they have to get back to you in 10 Days.

  ○ HOW TO FILE A FOI REQUEST

    ■ Public Records Request Form: https://www.umassp.edu/public-records/public-records-requests

    ■ UMass Webpage on Filing Requests: http://www.umass.edu/records/

    ■ These websites state clearly the following. Anyone may request such information because this is a State University. The University will inform you if they are charging a fee for your request (not all requests will require a fee; it depends on the nature of the request and the information the University needs to compile). Once you fill out and submit the form, the University will inform you whether or not they require additional information or specificity in your request.

    ■ The links contain FAQs and other relevant information to filing such requests.

  ○ Justin Burch: It would be good to contact senators.

  ○ Evan Kuras: It would be better if we have university partners preferably red states. People also respond to voting.

  ○ Question: Is the cost estimate going to be sent to senators before next meeting?

    ■ Yes, we will email it once they develop a formula.

  ○ Justin Burch Question: What are we doing to put pressure on admin?

    ■ Chancellor is going to put out a statement soon. We will follow up in two weeks about this if we don’t get a statement.
○ Chirag, Economics, Executive Committee Member: Groups of friends would pick different times to flood the phone lines of officials, ASAP should be the criteria we should use. Have Parents and grandparents make those calls too. State legislators that have congressional influence.

○ Kay: Do we send a letter to the board of trustees?
  ■ Canan: We have two letters drafted already.

○ Joelle, Physics: Can we do a flyer campaign?
  ■ Yes that’s a great idea.

• Supply Closet Initiative, Tassandra Rios-Scelso
  ○ New resource available to all students, student care supply closets to anyone who needs them; five locations; Dean of Students office; opportunity for folks to get involved doing drives; trying to get the student voice; missing student voice element; want your input.
    ■ Caitlin, manager of supply closet: working with Tassandra and Food Security working group to address this problem.

Committee and Working Group  Reports -- 13:20PM

• GSS Academic Writing Support (Nasir Marumo, Gender and Racial Equity Coordinator)
  ○ Nasir presented the work of the GSS Academic Writing Support Working Group, what they’ve done so far and what the next steps are.
    ■ Will email proposal to senators after next revision

We ran out of time here. Meeting adjourned. All following agenda items tabled until next meeting.

TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING:
• Childcare (Aakriti, GSS Vice President & Chair)
• GSS Food Security (Peter Huntington)
• Website Report (Peter Huntington)

Reminders/Events -- 13:45PM

• GSS Writing Session, Mondays 3:30-7:30pm
  Come get writing done in a supportive environment! Coffee and refreshment provided
  11/13, 12/4 in Campus Center 917

• GSS Writing/Studying Retreat: For 2 consecutive days: November 14 and November 15, from 8:30am- 5:30pm at the Cape Cod Lounge
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• GSS Yoga, Tuesdays 4-5:30pm in the Commonwealth Room
  Stay healthy and fit via yoga!

• GSS  Zumba Class, Thursdays 4-5pm in the Commonwealth Room
  Stay healthy and fit via dancing!

• GSS-IPO Ice skating Social, Saturday, November 25, 6-8 pm at Mullins Center Ice Rink (No RSVP required)
This indoor ice skating event is free for all graduate students and their families. Enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, donuts and try this fun activity.

- **International Students’ Cultural Performance Night, Sunday, December 3rd, 8-11 pm at Campus Center Auditorium (RSVP required)**
  This a performance night arranged by GSS, IPO and ISC where international students, their families, GSOs and RSOs can perform and represent different countries/cultures.

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**Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

**Commonwealth Room**

12:00 pm- 1:45 pm

**Lunch -- 12:00PM**

**Call to Order -- 12:15PM**

**Welcome**

Approval of November 2017 meeting minutes

Motion to proceed (Plant Biology), motion to second (Evan, Conservation);

Approval: 11 Disapprove: 0 Abstain: 0

**Announcements -- 12:20PM**

- Derek Dunlea, *Student Trustee*
  - Not present
- Lydia Washington, GSS Advisor, *Associate Director of Student Activities*
  - Not present
- Graduate Employee Organization
  - Santiago: Had bargaining session last Friday:
    - Presented two new demands:
      - If the gov is going to tax us on tuition waivers, make tuition free so there’s nothing to tax
        - Brian Harrington expressed verbal support, but later rejection
      - Summer funding - especially for those who do not have 52-week funding
        - massive university fund, need-based, centers international students (especially those with families)
        - Great idea, big problems,
      - 18% wage increase (6 each year), University took 4-5 months to respond. Countered with a 5% increase with a 1% conditional increase.
        - Couched it as a placeholder → not necessarily the official offer of the University (considers it a nonholder)
          - On Friday that became not a placeholder but the actual offer
          - Fuller economic package next time we bargain (18th of December)
            - Might not happen, but was a promise at the bargain table
            - Nonworking fellowships vs. RAs
      - Caucus Meetings: Minority Member Meetings
        - Trans/Gender Non-conforming meeting 12/7 at 7pm in Commonwealth room
        - Queer/QTPOC 12/7 at 8pm in Commonwealth Room
        - Find info on the GEO Facebook page - Events

**Evan’s department has had a lot of success with his GPD, wanted to know how he can help (Santiago’s response: come to the bargaining table advocate for the benefits you lose with non working fellowships)**

- Laura Hancock, OED: Can I give a statement to be read at the bargaining table? (Yes)
• How long do we bargain? We bargain until it works for us. We then send it for ratification with our membership. If we vote in favor of it, then we sign it. We’d love to have it done by the end of next semester. But if we don’t have a good enough offer, we’ll go into the summer.
• GSS/Senators/Grad Students
  ○ Evan (Environmental Conservation) and Laura (Organismic and Evolutionary Biology): have been working with other grad students to organize an outreach summit this coming spring; We sent an email about outreach; not sure what’s happening in interdisciplinary manner; how can we design it better to fulfill your needs? Please fill out the survey we sent!
• Canan: Needs 4-6 students volunteer for Academic Honesty Board (Canan requested more information on Monday) Canan will email out the time commitments once she gets a reply
• Mo, GSS: Starting working group for student of color; looking for 5-7 members; initiative through GSS; working on designing a survey; once we get the committee together, we can plan and analyze the results and move forward.
• Daniel, Treasurer: SBS language requirement proposal; now the ISC and Jim Hicks are proposing to create an adhoc committee for the University to have a world language requirement; pushing for students to be proficient in one additional language; adhoc committees take a long time to be formed; we might be trying to push for more classes in the languages.

Presentations/ Discussions --12:40PM
• Brian P Shelburne and Jennifer Friedman, Digital Scholarship Center
  ○ Head of new center in library; Jenifer is head of research services and rep for grad school at large within the library; DSC is new and trying to figure out what we are aspiring to be; when I say the term “digital scholarship,” does anyone know what I mean? Similar to digital humanities.
  ○ On the 6th floor; anyone is welcome
  ○ What they do:
    ■ Fluid concept; has to do with using digital tools; data visualization; use digital tools to do and present research; what we’re trying to do is figure out how to concentrate that; we hope to be the place to start with digital scholarship; hoping to get a notion of how many grad students are working with this stuff; might do focus groups and interviews to figure out if this is something you’re interested in using:
      ○ (Nasir, brought up experience with having issues on the department level Afro Am department, seconded/more people agreed. would you all consider going to other departments? Students like myself are seeking using digital media within our research but not getting department support)
  ○ Evan brought up the department graduate meetings
  ○ Nasir: bring in librarians from each department?
Talk to admin regarding free drinks
Chirag suggested about the training to every level as students require GIS training at every period in their academic year
Jennifer: Grad lounge is open and can use the space. There will be printer outside the commons. Electrical stuff needs to be fixed. Looking at that as experimental. Will come out with surveys to work on that. Located on the 5th floor of the library (UCard swipe access)

• Ken Reade, International Programs Office: Update on federal orders about immigration and visa status
  ○ The first ban was shot down by courts
  ○ In March travel ban 2.0; help up in courts
  ○ In sept, the Administration’s proclamation (3.0) was contested and on Monday the Supreme Court reviewed it and said it should stand; not as “bad” as the other two; revised list of countries (Chad, N. Korea, Venezuela, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, Syria); very strict ban; for Iranians F and J visas are exempted from the ban as is travel with one of those visas; Iran is our 4th largest international population of students; Admission cycle has been easy this year. If there will be issue for travel ban, it will start from next fall.
  ○ Right now no change with H1B visa regulation.
  ○ For entrepreneur, Republicans pulled that policy but court has reverted that policy.
Shana Passonno, Office of Professional Development
  - Director of grad school office of professional development; wanted to tell you what our office does: help grad students and postdocs achieve success at UMass and beyond; Came a long way since 2013
  - Last year created Personal Development for competency.
  - Partnered with Writing center and do Dissertation support in summers and winters.
  - Ideas for integrated programming and outreach programs. Interested in hoisting external speakers but have a constrained budget; we can try to find the money.
  - Seeking feedback from graduate students, they can attend your events as guest speakers.

Committee and Working Group Reports -- 13:30PM

- GSS Academic Writing Support (Nasir Marumo, Gender and Racial Equity Coordinator)
  - Has gotten feedback on last progression, still waiting on more feedback, next steps is finalizing proposal by Jan. Will present to Academic Matters Council and Grad Council in Jan (hopefully).

- GSS Food Security (Canan Cevik, President)
  - Met and talked about having a food pantry for grad students; delivering food to grad students - Admin said this is feasible; will write email to answer admin email to entire campus; we don’t agree with this email; we are writing an article in Boston Globe; Katherine and Canan meeting with Enku to talk about what model of pantry is best for UMass Amherst campus; need more people to keep this going next semester. Please sign the form.

- Tax Reform Bill (Canan Cevik, President)
  - Working with National grad Council about tax reform bill
  - Reconciliation between House and Senate is happening from now and next week; will have a final decision next week.
  - Peter Huntington, Geosciences: Is it possible to organize a bus to protest in person in the capitol?
    - Canan: how do you all feel about this? People want it.
    - Canan: Daniel, can we do this? Not with a bus, but with gas.
    - Ian: We need a plan for what exactly we’d do in DC?
    - Evan: there’s a few national groups who are calling for nationwide rallies for Saturday. We could plan a trip to Springfield to meet with Elizabeth Warren’s staff and other reps’ staff. We could at least do that.
    - Volunteers will talk to Evan after the meeting.
    - At the writing retreats Dec 13, 14, 15 we will announce during lunch for those interested to come outside and plan action plans

Reminders/Events -- 13:45PM

- GSS Writing Session, Monday Dec 4, 10AM-4PM
  - Come get writing done in a supportive environment! Coffee and refreshment provided!

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Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Commonwealth Room
12pm-1:45pm

Lunch -- 12:00 PM
Call to Order -- 12:50PM
Welcome

Approval of December Minutes:
Motion to approve; seconded.
Those who approve: 15
Objection: 0
Abstain: 0
Meeting Minutes approved.

Announcements -- 12:20PM

• Derek Dunlea, Student Trustee
  ○ Not present

• Lydia Washington, GSS Advisor, Associate Director of Student Activities
  ○ Schedule changes in the SORC. Chantal and Sarah work at the SORC as graduate students to support any issues related to GSOs.
  ○ Chantal works at the Student Resource Organization Center, where they have resources to approve events, spaces, and any other advice for GSO issues.
  ○ Contact her by email: lwash@umass.edu

• Graduate Employee Organization
  ○ Not present

• GSS/Senators/Grad Students
  ○ Laurie Simmons, Ms Sustainability Science : RecycleMania Competition
    ■ Sustainability coordinator for ResLife.
    ■ National competition to recycle and reduce waste impact.
    ■ Student competition goes until March 31st.
    ■ Free coffee Mondays; bring recyclable mugs to get coffee for free.
Results will be posted on the website (see flyer).

Jeff Durbin, Psychological and Brain Sciences : 3-Minute-Thesis Competition
- Challenges graduate students to discuss their thesis in 3 minutes. We have reached capacity for this year. We do this every year.
- Everyone is invited to come to the finals on March 2nd from 1pm to 3pm on the Campus Center Auditorium.

GSS Executive on the recent resignations and transitions
- A month ago, GSO coordinator resigned.
- Resignation from the treasurer and the vice president.
- GSS executive committee is working on the issue.
- 5% needs to vote on the GSS elections in order for the election to be valid.
- Updates on the elections or resignations will be done on the next meeting.

Presentations/Discussions --12:40PM
- Heidi Bauer-Clapp, PhD, Assistant Director for Grants & Fellowships - Graduate School
  - Faculty-Student Co-authorship Policy
  - Policy says any faculty member who collaborates and/or supervises research of students, supervisor must present student with document saying how this research will be conducted and published.
  - Students should be presented the statement once they start working on a joint project with faculty.
  - This policy was written in 1989 but fell out of practice at the University since then.
  - What else could be done to get word out about this and to get faculty to follow this policy?
    - Kelsey, Eco dept: We have intro course which we all must take, perhaps this would be a good place to inform students about this policy.
    - Heidi: Students can bring this kind of issue in some of the classes they take with faculty.
    - Canan, GSS: We can send this over the GSS list serve.
    - If you’re part of a department with a lab, it will look different than the ones who are not in a lab.
    - Some programs have a graduate operation committee that deals with issues of co-authorship.
    - Sumera, GSS: GPD and Coordinator could inform students and faculty.
    - Justin, : This affects some departments more than others. Most of the time, you’re collaborating on books (in history). But it should be in the graduate handbook.
    - Manya: Can you explain the motivation for this policy?
- Motivation was to protect both faculty members and graduate students in terms of falsification of data, plagiarism, exploitation, or any other issue where graduate students can be taken advantage of.

- Srijan: While submitting a form for the independent study, the document could be part of that.

- Evan, Environmental Conservation: We didn’t talk about this until the end of our process. We should have agreed on this in the beginning to circumvent this issue. We should have clauses at various points in the process.

- Heidi: Working to put this back in the graduate school handbook and into graduate student orientation. Want to make sure that the people who this is going to affect most had a chance to offer insight about how to promote the awareness of this policy.

- Evan, Environmental Conservation: department has a form for proposals that are used as an agreement for work and publication of research.

- Manya: What should we communicate to our department regarding this?

- Evan: Can you write us an email which we could send to our departments?

- Heidi J Bauer-Clapp can be reached at hbauerclapp@grad.umass.edu

- D. Anthony Butterfield, Professor Emeritus Management, Isenberg School of Management
  - Not present
  - Certificate Review
  - Canan, GSS: There are many certificate programs which overlap in electric and mechanical engineering; departments would like to revise this and put a bar on how many certificates a student can get. What do you all think?
    - Heidi: In the process of reviewing proposal for certificates, several of the same courses were used towards different certificates.
    - Canan, GSS: If you are in one of these departments, please engage in the Grad Council meeting.

Committee and Working Group Reports -- 13:10PM

Some senators might have issues with the senate schedule. GSS will send a survey to check what the best day/time is for everyone.

- Elections (Canan Cevik, GSS President & Chair)
- No objections to extend the campaign time for the elections.
We had resignations of Vice President and Treasurer, so we are running a special election.

- Meeting Candidates
- Vice President position candidates:
  - Srijan (Computer Science, MA, 1st year): interested in GSS activities, conditions of coming to UMass, and transition to UMass has been smooth. Motivated to work on GSS because of the work they do.
  - Sabrina (Architecture, Second year Masters student): I’ve been working with GSS for a long time; I’ve been working with a GSO for the last two years; I was elected as a senator from my department for the last two years; As an international student, I understand the struggles of graduate students more than most. I want to work on childcare, assistantship problems, and housing. I want to work with these issues so that people have more opportunities than I’ve had here.
  - Beyza (Special Education, PhD): Been attending GSS meetings and events; familiar with goals and issues of GSS; GSS has budget issues; will work to find solutions which don’t increase graduate tax; concerned about writing support especially for international students; I’d like to address this with writing center and graduate school; want to organize social events for graduate students.

- Treasurer position candidates:
  - Bianki (Afro-American Studies, Masters): My work has been influenced by my family, refugees from Elsalvador. I am interested in advocacy and accessibility to resources and support. Through experience as a graduate student, many of us share struggles, food insecurity, for instance. What can be done so that no longer needs to be a priority. Childcare, another basic need. How can we allocate these funds better? I would work diligently to make sure that we do sustain our resources and also implement new methods and structures that will maintain the allocations that we use already.
  - Ravi: (Mechanical Engineering, Masters): About to start his thesis, Indian student at UMass, he worked for consumer products in his region involving sales and services, he also has experience with delivery and finances. Plans to pursue a MBA in finance. He has served in the finance committee in his previous institution. Ravi plans to deliver a good performance thanks to his skills and experience.

Question: If I’m sending an email to my department, do I need to send it to you to approve it first?
- Elections committee is not monitoring the emails. Candidates can complain to the committee if they believe that an infraction has occurred.
- Question: Does 5% include for each position or all together?
  - Combined, yes.
- What is the tentative figure of graduate students voting?
  - What happens if we don’t get 5%?
    - We had the highest turnout last year. One time there was low turnout.
    - If we don’t get 5%, we must rerun the election. It’s about 200 people.
  - How do people vote?
    - Email with link to vote, will bring you to campus pulse.

- Childcare (Canan Cevik, GSS President & Chair)
  - Canan: I’m taking on the Vice President responsibilities, and part of this is childcare. There was an issue with childcare, but it was solved. We received many questions, but it is now going smoothly. I am getting assistance from others in managing this. The process will be over by Feb 12th.

- Elections (senators cannot campaign for any candidate)
  - Election guidelines are being revised, they consulted with SLSO about the election guidelines.
  - Canan will upload the info to the GSS website
  - They can start campaigning today until the 8th
  - Election will happen from the 10th to the 12th
  - Election committee will decide if they change the campaigning time so people have more time to campaign
  - They will consult if they can have 10 days for campaign
  - Bianki: is the timeline still being worked on?
  - Canan: To run a healthy election it may not make sense to have a 4 days break.
  - Justin: the timeline is set, we just need to check if we can have extra time for campaigns.
  - It makes sense for the campaign to be 10 days.
  - There is no objection from senators to extending the campaign time.

- GSS Food Security (Canan Cevik, GSS President)
  - Meeting tomorrow; we’re almost finished with our timeline for the last two weeks for institutional memory. The University has started an advisory board for food
Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Commonwealth Room
12pm-1:45pm

Lunch -- 12:00 PM
Call to Order -- 12:15PM
Welcome
Announcements -- 12:20PM
● Derek Dunlea, Student Trustee
  ○ Public Board of Trustee meeting in Old Chapel on Friday April 6th; 9 or 10 AM in the morning. Food provided.
  ○ Interest in food security issues; GSS has been looking into this for a while; SGA is looking at it a lot more starting now; they will follow up with you all. There could be funding opportunities from the President. We should think about this as a joint undergrad-grad initiative.
● Graduate Employee Organization
  ○ Santiago & Alyssa, Co-Chairs of GEO:
    - Event : Labor of Love this Friday. Why do you love the work you do, the union you have? Happening at the UPub. Beers are on the students, GEO pays for the food.
    - Monday 26th, Supreme Court in DC is hearing case about unions; this will most likely go against us; implications could be very scary; unions could potentially come to a grinding halt; GEO will have rally and info session; this is very important because we and our work will be directly impacted; We need people to come through for a quick training around the issues; we need the highest percentage of union membership so we can defend ourselves.
    - Another rally on Monday 26th at 4:30PM at 95 Liberty St in Springfield; Show support for public sector unions. Hearing and comments about the Supreme Court case.
    - Petition related to shooting in FL: Look for active shooting training. What do we do in these cases? What is our responsibility? What do we do in different scenarios?
      UMPD provides informative training where you learn what to do in emergencies. These trainings are for free at requests of departments.
- GSS and GEO could put an event together to have this training, and spread the
  word about this event.
- Question: can someone else different to the police facilitate this?
  GEO: we can check with the police.
Erika, Exec Committee: Could it be through the departments so it’s not coming
  from UMPD?
  GEO: I think it’s on us to figure it out.
  Justin Burch, History: Would it be for all graduate students?
  GEO: We can provide dinner, reserve a space, and make sure people show up.
Canan: We can also do something related to gun violence. GSS is getting questions
  from international students about gun violence and what to do in these cases.
Bianki, Treasurer: I think your concern is important; I think if anyone has other ideas on
  how to mobilize and open the discussion about what this entails then I would urge
  you to take that time to think through that.
GEO: We could do research for non-police facilitators in the community who could do
  this.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes
• Motion to Approve; motion granted. Motion to second; seconded.
• 21 Approve, Rejections 0, Abstentions 0
• Minutes approved

• GSS/Senators/Grad Students
  ○ Maximilian Roemer, Student Trustee Candidate, Philosophy & Legal
    Studies ■ 3 issues he is most concerned with:
    • University affordability; .6 decrease in funding; this falls on students; increases in
      costs of tuition and fees; limitations for VISA and employment and to meet basic
      necessities.
  ○ DACA status students; very critical that we expand student legal services to
    other UMass campuses.
  • Code of conduct for grads
  • More transparency for TA allocation and stipend
  • Any questions? No questions.
  • Issues with the voting, graduate students were not able to vote for a day, so they
    might need to extend it for a day, or restart the election.
  ○ Canan Cevik, President
    ■ New Finance Committee member is needed and GSS Budget Meeting
    ■ TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
    ■ GSS Advisory Changes
● Next Senate Meeting Enku Gelaye(Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life) will be with us; working on this as of now so we will have the discussion with her at the next meeting.

Presentations/ Discussions --12:40PM
● Julie L. Buehler, Vice Chancellor for Information Services & Strategy & CIO: *IT resources on campus and Q&A*
  ○ Team based learning and IT
  ○ IT attacks to UMass Amherst are becoming more and more complicated.
  ○ Here to see what’s going well and what’s not going well. We listen and respond.
  ○ Student advisory group in the IT board.
  ○ Question: Do you have control over email? Historically email has been decentralized; we run some email services but some are run independently.
  ○ Question: Could you give graduate students more than 1g of memory? Answer: Yes! We can! How come we can’t be on Gmail? We could do a study and reevaluate it.
  ○ Question: Some of us work as well and have a separate email; my department combined our emails. Answer: I want to dig into that and figure out what’s going on; we can figure that out.
  ○ Question, Chirag: Undergrads have more email features than us; that doesn’t make sense. Some people have multiple emails. Then I have to go look for their personal email; not only keeping emails we want to keep, but also sent box must be deleted; on a practical level, this is too cumbersome of an email system. Answer: If we could move you to Gmail without moving faculty, would that be better than this one? Answer (consensus) YES!!
  ○ If I came and asked for names of people to be in a pilot group would you be able to provide me some people to work on this? Answer: Yes!!
  ○ Erika: Undergraduate students who have become graduate students: you can ask them what their experience was using both gmail and umail.
  ○ Comment: Keep outlook on the table! Answer: The cost of Outlook is prohibitive. Gmail is much more affordable and we don’t want to increase fees.
  ○ Question: Can you make a mobile app for UMail? Answer: Yes, we do need that.
  ○ Question: How many of you use your phones for Spire? Answer: Many of us.
  ○ Comment: We could build features around UMail like we did with Spire.
  ○ Latest Apple sierra: we support it to some degree. They do not have all the documentation to support it. Most applications and new ISOs is antivirus and inscriptions. IT suggests not to upgrade to the new versions of software, and wait until the software is settled.
  ○ Canan: Is there anyone who could sit on the IT advisory Board?
  ○ Justin from History will join the IT board.
IT planning to have more extensive hours to serve students. They are always open to feedback from students.

Pamela Dutta, Associate Director for International Student and Scholar Success and Kenneth J. Reade Director of International Student & Scholar Services: *Immigration and changes in related procedures*

- Effective January 1, Pamela Dutta is the new director of the IPO; position is a dual report: reporting to IPO and Student Affairs; this gives us an additional seat at those tables; her position is also being directly funded by the Chancellor’s office which speaks to UMass administration’s commitment to international students and the importance of immigration issues currently.
- Pamela’s position also incorporates scholars: faculty, visiting professors, and other international members.
- In December, all federal agencies are required to put out list of anticipated regulatory changes; came out January 17th; worrying aspects to this regarding immigration; provisions about OPT (work authorization), J1 visas and home residency requirement; H1B (specialty occupation) visas that can be used to work: issue continues from bad to worse; they are heavily scrutinized. This is creating disadvantages for international applicants and immigration sponsorship.
- IPO thinking of creating systems to help international scholars on how to face interviews and other employment related events.
- Pamela been at UMass in University without Walls, and then with SLSO focusing on immigration issues, where she met with lots of international students.
- Events sponsored by IPO: coffee hours at 4 pm on different dates; and employment based visa strategies on Thursday Feb 22 from 5 to 7pm.
- Pamela’s research in her Master’s work was about best practices for working with DACA students in higher education. Drop in for DACA students at CMASS (Wider Hall) at 1PM-4PM Friday the 23rd.

Patrick Burke, Rider Representative to the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Advisory Board: *PVTA Proposed Service Cuts*

- Sits on the board that determines which routes need more buses.
- PVTA has 3.1 million dollar deficit; got rid of the M40 last year and replaced it with some B43 express buses; there was a lot of testimony from grad students about this.
- 5 college routes are important to many students.
- Issue is PVTA deficit cannot run all those routes.
- Different hearings are coming up. They will decide what to cut.
- Better to have direct contact with state representatives: Rosenberg 617 722 1415, Goldstein Rose (Amherst) 617 722 2425, Peter (Northampton) 617 722 2140
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Lunch -- 12:00 PM
Call to Order -- 12:15PM
Approval of Minutes of February Meeting

Canan welcomes Dean Cara and VC Gelaye to the meeting. Mentions how this is new year for iranians and other people.

Approval of last meeting minutes

Motion: Laurie Simmons
Second: Kelsey Wentling
Approval 15, no abstention or objections.

Next meeting will have the budget draft.

Announcements -- 12:20PM

- Derek Dunlea, Student Trustee - is absent
- Graduate Employee Organization
  - Happy new year!
  - Bargaining meeting at 1pm today, they should have updates (the University’s counter offer) on health insurance, an expert from UHS is coming to the meeting as well.
  - Follow-up on the status of non-working fellows/unprotected workers
  - Santiago hands out the GEO newsletter for the spring and asks people to spread it on their departments.
  - Membership drive to include all of UAW Local 2322 (based in Holyoke)
  - Santiago hands a cheat sheet with the accomplishments and timeline of GEO for student/workers. Asks people to read it and share it with classmates and workers.
  - People can ask for one-to-one training on what GEO does for students.
  - Canan brings up the MA Deferred Compensation SMART plan - 7% of earnings go into a specific retirement plan for people - GEO
  - There might be a possibility to get a check with a reimbursement or ask to be transferred to a different account.
  - Active shooting training updates: no major movement, they are asking who would be able to provide the training, and not have it run by the UMPD.

Sumera -

- GSS/Senators/Grad Students
  - Krzysztof Rowiński, Comp Lit: Solidarity for a mass protest happening in Warsaw, Poland in regards to the new efforts to ban abortion
    - Support can be done around noon in front of the student union on Friday. Organizer asks to share the event with other people and- the leaflet will be sent via Canan.
Olivia Williamson, 2nd year grad student in Molec/Cell Bio
- Amherst Town Charter -- changing the structure of how town leadership is structured
- A vote a new town charter on Tuesday
- Less representation for graduate students and other renters
- Current system: elected selectboard - checks and balances between the executive and legislative branches
  - Town manager manages the administration
- New proposal: 13-person city council, no executive except for a town manager with less power (who is hired and supervised by current members)
- Will create more barriers for representative seats
- 41% of those against the charter are students, 43% of those against are renters, 30% are people of color
- 100% of people who represent the town charter are white, over 90% are homeowners.
- Kelsey asked about current student representation - A lot of districts have no candidates, not many have students running for the positions. Importance to have representation in the town meetings.
- Where to find information: Town websites have the info on meetings, candidates, and info about the process.
- Not this charter, no on the charter are some sources where you can find more information about the pros and cons for the no charter campaign.

Bianki - Finance committee looking for a volunteer to serve on it. They are looking for people to help with budget applications from GSO and GSS supported agencies. No one volunteered.

Canan Cevik: New Finance Committee member is needed - GSS Advisory Changes

Sumera Ahsan: Soliciting agenda for different advisory boards/councils and committees
- Opportunity for GSS to bring issues to the appropriate administrative offices / agencies on campus.
- Students can bring up issues using the handout Sumera brought - which can be emailed to GSS or available in the GSS office
- A more institutional approach to student issues

Marie -

Retirement plans, GEO mentions there is an opportunity to withdraw the money. A lot of the money might be losing interest.

Kevin: every state employee pays into OBRA. He can research a lit more about it.

There might be exceptions for international people in order to withdraw the funds. You can see how much funds you have on a website, and they might have an explanation on how to proceed with withdrawing the funds.

Motions -- 12:40 PM
- Ad-hoc Funding Request
  - S2018-4: Iranian Graduate Student Association, $500
  - Nowruz is their main event, happened last night, 150 people showed up to the event (20 more than they had expected) They had iranian and other students present in the event.
Got a ECSA grant as well to cover for the expenses. The ad hoc will cover part of the expenses.

- Motion: Kay Lloyd
- Second: Kelsey
- Approved: 16, no abstention or rejection

- S2018-5: Student Academy of Audiology, $500
- Eileen (treasurer) first time for the chapter to have an event at UMass. They are having a white coat ceremony for their third year students. The event recognizes their achievement and their journey. The ad hoc is to cover food for the event.

- Motion: Kay
- Second: Laurie
- Approval: 13, no abstention or objections

- S2018-6: Kinesiology Graduate Student Association, $500
- Miles and Daniel from the newly formed group. They applied for ad hoc previous semester for professional development and a social event. They ended up getting 30 students when they expected 15. This current ad hoc covers the professional development to cover morning food and lunch expenses.

- Motion: Kevin
- Second: Kelsey
- Approved: 14, no objection or abstention.

Presentations/Discussions --12:55 PM

- Enku Gelaye, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life
  - Introduces Dean Cara, who comes from Georgia Tech.
  - VC is committed to graduate student life on campus, and the Dean has experience working with graduates in GT.

- Cara Appel-Silbaugh, Dean of Students
  - Working with graduate students on issues related to food security and other issues related to graduate student life.
  - Canan asked VC Galaye about the the 5am campus closure alerts
  - It depends on accessibility of roads, and other issues to make a decision to when the campus will be closed.
  - Question about advisor and advising. Questions about how the advising is done, how the advisor operates, when the advisor will be present, when they advisor will intervene.
  - There is a paid opportunity to propose an adjustment to GSS advisory/administrative governance - Canan will email out more information.

- Bryan Harvey, Associate Chancellor and Chief Planning Officer, - Jennifer Normanly, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology - Nancy Cohen Senior Planning Officer, Professor of Nutrition: Strategic Planning and Reaccreditation
  - Reaccreditation and campus planning to see where we are heading as campus.
  - They have different campus planning working groups.
  - They are currently producing a refreshed plan
  - Issues with quality of experience, mentorship, time of completion.

A question is that how they collect/accommodate/implement grad students feedback throughout the process.
Anwer is in the strategic plans on the website has collected data at the departmental level for instance.
Mass Mail will come out with the written plan - will have a comment box for people to communicate with folks
  They will revise plan based on student comments - hope is that the plan will be accepted by the end of the semester.

Chirag Lala, GSS Executive Committee Member : GSS Legislative Task force
  - Conversation to be continued on the next senate meeting
  - Overview: met to decide number of issues at the state and federal level that we needed to organize. They are wondering if it is possible to create a group that pays attention to external affairs, and reflect on what kind of actions could be taken.
  - GSS might need an amendment to the constitution in order to create this political wing.
  - MIT has a grad student counsel with an external affairs group. This board is authorized by the senate to act on behalf of the senate when the senate does not have an official meeting.
  - The design of a board is a question for the group. Need to think of possible interest in create the group,

Context: some people question why GSS advocates in support of some issues (e.g. tax reform). They have a valid point in raising their question. However, GSS should prioritize more vulnerable graduate students in any given specific contexts, those who need direct support and help. So we might act in the purpose of protecting whose more vulnerable rather than advocating for different specific context There is a need to accommodate different political views.

Derek: GEO and GSS have a stake on multiple issues. It might not make sense to replicate other organization goals and missions.

**Reminders/Events -- 13:40 PM**
- GSS Weekly Writing Group Mondays from 3:30PM-7:30PM
- GSS Spring Clothes Swapping, Thursday March 22, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Campus Center 168 C
- GSS Summer BBQ and Picnic, Saturday, April 21, 10 am- 4 pm, Mill River Park
○ Another coalition meeting next week; like to invite someone from GSS to be part of that.
○ Around the cuts of B43, a lot of surveillance came into the buses:
○ The screens are new, they were issues with drug use on buses and other illegal activities, they wanted people to be aware of being watched. APD is contacted when people have some issues in the buses.
○ The drivers in Springfield and Northampton are going to hand out flyers to riders to ask them to call their representatives; leaflets at major stops to get the word out; could be actions that GSS could take like a letter to legislators.
○ Question: Are you having any call days? We could do that in my department.
○ Chirag needs help writing a letter for PVTA: Candice will assist him. Will email Canan.
○ Regional Transit Authority is the one that needs more money on the budget.
○ Chirag encourages people to reach out to their legislators.
○ Erika, Exec Committee: Can we get an update from SGA about what you’re doing on this? Answer: Yes. SGA will email Erika about this.
○ Canan: we should not rely on public hearings, it was not very productive. Canan sent an email with comments against elimination of bus services. We should also be utilizing state legislatures.

● Canan Cevik, PVTA Service Cuts and Supply Closet
○ A possible open Letter to Massachusetts State Legislators on PVTA cuts
○ Please go check and see how the supply closets are working; you can request items to them; give Canan feedback so she can bring it back to the administration; brought copies for senators to bring to their departments
○ Kay: I’m on the food insecurity advisory committee; they brought up as of Feb 15th only 30 students have utilized the supply closet; some individuals on this committee are saying food insecurity is not a big issue because grad students aren’t utilizing the service; this is not just an emergency situation; so use it!!! Spread the word!!
○ Answer: Has anyone else tried going to the dining halls and saying you need food; dining halls haven’t been informed about this; it was an awful, stigmatizing experience; don’t know what the status is now; the Dean’s office added 10 free meals to their Ucard (but this isn’t a long term solution).
○ Kay: Can I get emails for people who’ve had this awful experience because the administration is saying that this is not happening to students, even though it is.

Motions -- 13:30
● S2018-1: Ratification of Vice President and Treasurer Elections
○ Motion to ratify, Chirag. Seconded by Candace.
○ Approve: 16, Abstention: 0, Objection: 0
Motion approved. February Special Election of VP and Treasurer has been ratified by the Graduate Student Senate as of Feb 21, 2018.

- Ad-hoc Funding Request
  - S2018-2: Graduate Philosophy Students: $495.5 for Graduate Student Organized Colloquium
    - Ryan: Outside speaker coming to present at the colloquium. Speaker is from WI. They are supporting him with his travel, they are working with the philosophy department at covering the food and other expenses.
    - Finance Committee has approved this; now Senate must approve it.
    - Question: What does this event offer general graduate students? Answer: Working hard to get members of the 5 College community.
    - Question: Why are lectures important to grad students? Answer: Methodology in Philosophy takes place in lectures, not in something like a lab, like in other fields. An event like this is supporting where philosophy students do their most important work.
    - Motion to approve: 7, objections, abstention 3.
    - Motion passed; amount $495.5 is approved.

  - Justin, Anthropology: run a course on community organizing for both graduate and undergraduates. Class meets with partners to show what people and activists are doing and get connected to what is going on. They have regional and local partners in Amherst, Springfield, Holyoke and NYC. The event tomorrow is a brief introduction and small workshops with these organizers. They anticipate a big turnout of undergraduates, they have reached out to graduates. Event is in the Honors College events room from 4PM to 6PM. Issues relate to housing, education inequities, fair labor, food issues.
    - Motion to approve: Kelsey; Seconded: Laurie.
    - Approve: 8, Objection: 0, Abstension: 0
    - Motion is approved and funds have been granted.

Reminders/Events -- 13:40 PM
- GSS Weekly Writing Group begins Monday 3/5 and runs Mondays from 3:30PM-7:30PM
- GSS-IPO Ice skating, Saturday, March 10, 2-4 pm at Mullins Center Ice Rink, free for graduate students and their families. Free rental of ice skating shoes, and free hot chocolate, coffee and donuts.

Meeting Adjourned.