

Graduate School Student Council

9/27/2021, 11:00 AM. Virtual meeting on Google Meet

Attendance: Ana Mejia-Bautista, Sofia Tortora, Joao Moreira, Sailee Chavan  
GSSC members met virtually to plan the next orientation event for new incoming students and Student townhall meeting with Dr Mark Stewart.

Call to order: Ana Mejia-Bautista called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

Motion: The Graduate Council discussed and planned the Brooklyn Bridge Park picnic. The picnic will be held on Friday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 4:30 pm. Pizza, chips and soft drinks will be arranged by the GSSC. A detailed email with an event invite will be sent out to all students by Joao Moreira.

Motion was moved by Ana Mejia-Bautista and seconded by Sofia Tortora

Motion: Research meeting with the Dr Christini organized by Jenessa. The GSSC discussed some of the roadblocks graduate students were facing during their academic training at Downstate. We would like to know what Dr Christini can offer us in terms of research opportunities to enhance our academic experience and value as students of Downstate. The GSSC will be organizing a student townhall meeting before the townhall meeting with Dr Stewart as preparation. A student poll will be sent out by Ana to determine the best day and time.

Motion was moved Ana Mejia-Bautista and seconded by Joao Moreira

Motion: The GSSC discussed the new class attendance policy as some students were finding it inconvenient to commute to Downstate for a zoom session. This issue will be a part of our agenda for the Townhall meeting with Dr Stewart on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Motion was moved by Sofia Tortora and seconded by Ana Mejia-Bautista

Motion: The GSSC discussed about having an October Halloween event in the graduate lounge for new and current students.

Motion was moved by Ana Mejia-Bautista and seconded by Sailee Chavan

Motion: The GSSC will go over the event budget after the Brooklyn Bridge Park event.

Motion was moved by Ana Mejia-Bautista and Seconded by Sofia Tortora

Adjournment: Ana Mejia-Bautista adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary Signature:

