

GSSC Meeting Minutes November 2023

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

11/27/2023 1:00 PM. Graduate Student Lounge BSB 3-114B

Attendance: Radhika Singh, Shreya Desikan, Riley Morrone, Molly Leitner

GSSC members met to finalize orientation events and plan the October event for the graduate school students.

Call to order: Radhika Singh called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Motion: Riley Morrone moved to discuss plans for the Graduate School Winter Student/Faculty mixer. Motion seconded by Shreya Desikan. We plan to have it December 13<sup>th</sup> in either the Graduate School Dean's office or the cell biology conference room. We plan to cater food and pay for half of it from the account 40-70097-011- 30001 "special events", and the graduate office will cover the other half. Shreya Desikan will make a flyer promoting the event after the date is finalized. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Riley Morrone moved to discuss updates on standardizing the qualifying exam procedures between the MBC and NBS graduate programs. Seconded by Molly Leitner. Further discussion will take place during our monthly meeting with the Dean in December. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Radhika Singh moved to discuss our agenda for meeting with the Dean of graduate studies. Motion seconded by Shreya Desikan. We will update the Dean with the results of the survey we sent to the graduate students asking about teaching hours requirements. We will also suggest new ways for students to reach the hour requirement. As previously mentioned, we will discuss the progress of standardizing qualifying procedures between NBS and MCB programs. We will also ask for updates on the 2024-2025 admission process. We will also ask for updates pertaining to the re-structuring of the graduate school. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Radhika Singh adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.

Secretary Signature: *Riley Morrone*