

GSSC Meeting Minutes April 2024 (amended 07/31/24)

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

04/29/2024 1:00 PM. Graduate Student Lounge BSB 3-114B

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

GSSC members met to plan for our upcoming meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies and plan the May event.

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

Motion: Radhika Singh moved to discuss our agenda for meeting with the Dean of graduate studies. Motion seconded by Shreya Desikan. We will debrief from Annual Research Day suggesting a few changes for next year to improve the experience. Example: lunch provided during the day and make comments from judge's mandatory to improve trainee experience. We will additionally ask for an update on the 2024-2025 admission cycle. We will also discuss the need for support to ensure graduate students are placed in thesis labs with good training environments. Additionally, we will discuss the update on the internship/externship policy at Downstate for graduate students. Finally, we will suggest implementing exit interviews for graduating students. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Molly Leitner moved to discuss amendments to our budget for next year. Motion seconded by Riley Morrone. We are requesting an increase in the budget for orientation and events. Increasing costs of merchandise and high attendance from the graduate school students is our justification for this increase. Attached to the meeting minutes is the proposed budget. **A vote to approve this budget was held. Riley, Shreya, Molly and Radhika all voted yes to the change in budget.** Attached to the meeting minutes is the signed SAF budget request and approval form. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Shreya Desikan moved to discuss our plan for the May event. Motion seconded by Radhika Singh. We will have a student/faculty mixer on May 8th in the graduate school offices. The graduate school will cover the costs for this event. The invitation was sent out to students and faculty. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Radhika Singh adjourned the meeting at 2pm.

Secretary Signature:

Riley Morrone