

## GSSC Meeting Minutes September 2024

### Graduate School Student Council Meeting

09/27/2024 1:00 PM. Graduate Student Lounge BSB 3-114B

Attendance: Riley Morrone (President), Scott McElroy (Vice President), Syamantak Mukherjee (Secretary), and Molly Leitner (Treasurer)

GSSC members met to plan for our upcoming meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies and plan the October orientation and graduate school events.

Call to order: Riley Morrone called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Motion: Riley Morrone moved to discuss our agenda for meeting with the Dean of graduate studies. Motion seconded by Molly Leitner. We will update the graduate school administration with our status on inviting a speaker to Annual Research Day 2024. We will also discuss how we can get approval for MCB students taking NBS courses and vice versa to count towards Advanced Topic elective requirement. We will also bring up how difficult it has been to get in touch with payroll about two important topics concerning graduate students. 1. FICA Exemption for PhD Students and 2. Increase in Federal Withholding without informing students. We will also be requesting that both Program Directors and Principal Investigators are made aware of the new proposals format for graduate students. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Molly Leitner moved to discuss the remaining orientation events for new students. Motion seconded by Scott McElroy. We had two orientation events in August and noticed that many new students were not attending due to coursework load, so we are taking a break for a few weeks before we do our final two events. Any food purchased for the past events that occurred on 09/12/2024 and 09/18/2024, and these remaining events will come from the account 40-70149-011-30001, "welcome events" not to exceed \$40 per person. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Riley Morrone moved to discuss the October event for graduate school students. Seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee. We will do a "Spooky Science" journal club event with catered food and candy. The food order will come from the account 40-70097-011- 30001 "special events". We will order the food online and be reimbursed. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Riley Morrone adjourned the meeting at 2pm.

Secretary Signature:

*Riley Morrone*

