

GSSC Meeting Minutes October 2024

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

10/25/2024 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 upcoming meeting with the Graduate School Administrative staff and November graduate school events.

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

Motion: Riley Morrone moved to discuss the agenda for the meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies. Motion seconded by Molly Leitner. We will update the graduate school administration regarding troubles we are having trying to engage with the first-year students. We will also discuss how we can make lab rotations and related processes more efficient and streamlined. We will be proposing an idea to introduce a more research-oriented Statistics Course aimed specifically at graduate students. We aim to provide some feedback/comments on the recently held Fall Research Symposium. We will also update the administration of the recruitment processes for the MD/PhD program. We will also update the administration about the status of inviting a speaker for Annual Research Day 2025. We will also discuss the feedback from the first-year students regarding their coursework and they are struggling with finding appropriate resources. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Molly Leitner moved to discuss orientation events for first-year graduate students. Motion seconded by Scott McElroy. We recapitulated the events of the previous event which was held on 09/25/24. We also planned to host a catered event in the graduate school lounge on 10/30/24. Both of these events are paid for via 40-70149-011-30001, "welcome events". Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Riley Morrone moved to discuss the November event for graduate school students. Seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee. The graduate school will be sponsoring tickets to the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Student Center for graduate students who wish to participate. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Riley Morrone adjourned the meeting at 2pm.

Secretary Signature: 