

GSSC Meeting Minutes November 2024

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

12/17/2024 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 our upcoming meeting with the Dean of Graduate Studies and plan the upcoming meeting with the Graduate School Administrative staff and December 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 would speak to the administration regarding some confusion about the eligibility criteria for the Libertas award. We will also be discussing the grievances against HR and payroll and try to get updates regarding previous complaints. We will also have a conversation regarding the Annual Research Day and plans for managing the event. We would also update the administration about issues we are facing concerning our special events budget, which our treasurer Molly Leitner (molly.leitner@downstate.edu) has been trying to resolve. Our special events budget is significantly less than the certified budget provided by the FSA office in August 2024. The FSA office has not yet provided any updates on the status of our budget. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Molly Leitner moved to discuss special events for the School of Graduate Studies. Motion seconded by Scott McElroy. We recapitulated the events of the Fall Faculty Student Mixer held on 12/11/24, which was sponsored by the graduate school. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Riley Morrone moved to discuss the January event for graduate school students. Seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee. The graduate school will be hosting a student mixer at the Graduate Student Lounge. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Riley Morrone adjourned the meeting at 2pm.

Syamantak Mukherjee

Secretary Signature