

GSSC Meeting Minutes August 2025

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

08/28/2025 11:00 AM. Graduate Student Lounge BSB 3-114B

Attendance:

Syamantak Mukherjee (President), Dativo Sanchez Gonzalez (Vice President), Rana Azab (Secretary), and Anushka Phadnis (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 graduate school events including orientation events.

Call to order: Syamantak Mukherjee called the meeting to order at 11 am.

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee moved to discuss implementing a new student mixer in October to introduce new students to the new faculty joining the graduate school.

Motion seconded by Anushka Phadnis. We will be discussing with the Graduate School Administration a date for a potential mixer to introduce new students to new faculty in the graduate school, potential dates are late September or early October.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee moved to discuss arranging a mid-semester check in with the incoming cohort and Justine Lottermoser, the graduate school career manager.

Motion seconded by Rana Azab. We will be reaching out to Justine Lottermoser to arrange check in sessions mid semester with the new cohort.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee moved to discuss the events of Orientation Day for the Graduate School.

Motion seconded by Rana Azab. After the orientation, the council took the students to Franklin Park for dinner. The cost of the dinner would be covered by FSA a/c 40-70149-011-30001 for "Welcome Events".

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee moved to discuss scheduling orientation events for incoming graduate school students. Seconded by Dativo Sanchez-Gonzalez. We will be scheduling two orientation events per month for the new students. Will discuss potential

ideas with the student council and schedule the first two events for the second and fourth weeks of September.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Syamantak Mukherjee adjourned the meeting at 12pm.

Rana Azab

Secretary signature