

## **GSSC Meeting Minutes November 2025**

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

11/20/2025 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 discuss Dean's Forum, future welcome events, and discuss thanksgiving dinner tickets

Call to order: Syamantak Mukherjee called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee discussed the possibility of re-establishing a Downstate Membership with the New York Academy of Science to expose graduate students to more opportunities in various fields.

Motion seconded by Rana Azab and Anushka Phadnis, the graduate school student council will be distributing a Qualtrics survey to gauge interest of the graduate school student body  
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dativo Sanchez Gonzalez moved to discuss updating NBS and MCB manuals – many years since last updated.

Motion seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee and Anushka Phadnis. We will be discussing with admin on how to proceed with updating the manuals for both NBS and MCB graduate programs,

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Anushka Phadnis moved to discuss setting up possible meeting with alumni to expose the graduate students to various, diverse career opportunities

Motion seconded by Rana Azab. We will be discussing how to implement/schedule this at the next meeting with graduate school admin.

Motion Unanimously approved.

Motion: Anushka Phadnis moved to discuss budget allocations for Dean's Forum and the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Motion seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee. The graduate school student council will sponsor tickets for graduate students for the Thanksgiving dinner. This should be allocated

to account#: 40-70097-011-30001 for Special events. The graduate student council also sponsored Pizza for Dean's forum. This should be allocated to account#: 40-70097-011-30001 for Special events.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Dativo Sanchez Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 12pm.

*Rana Azab*

Secretary signature