

GSSC Meeting Minutes August 2026

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

08/09/2026 11:00 AM. Graduate Student Lounge BSB 3-114B

Attendance: Syamantak Mukherjee (President), Dativo Sanchez-Gonzalez (Vice President), Rana Azab (Secretary), Anushka Phadnis (Treasurer), and Madhavi Jere (MD/PhD Representative)

GSSC members met to discuss escalating the outstanding payroll issues, elections for new council officers, changes to constitution, hosting a self-care event, and planning for the incoming student orientation

Call to order: Syamantak Mukherjee called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee moved to discuss escalating the outstanding payroll issues.

Motion seconded by Dativo Sanchez-Gonzalez. We have received conflicting and unclear responses from Mr. Phillips in some time. We will pursue escalation in order to obtain a resolution.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Anushka Phadnis moved to discuss the council sponsoring the catering for a Self-Care event held by the Graduate School

Motion seconded by Rana Azab and Madhavi Jere. The event was held on 07/24/2026 and the cost of the food for the event would be covered by FSA a/c 40-70097-011-30001 for “Special Events.”

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Dativo Sanchez Gonzalez moved to discuss the drafted changes to the student constitution prior to sending for approval.

Motion seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee. The changes made to the constitution will establish the MD/PhD Representative as an official position in the council and highlight the functions of the MD/PhD Representative. The drafted constitution will be sent to Adam Burgman and Fellow students for approval.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee moved to discuss plans for the incoming student orientation.

Motion seconded by Anushka Phadnis. We will host a welcome dinner for the new students at Franklin Park on 08/27/2026. The cost for the event would be covered by FSA a/c 40-70149-011-30001 for “Welcome Events.”

Motion: Syamantak Mukherjee moved to discuss upcoming elections and organizing the hand off to new council officers.

Motion seconded by Rana Azab. We will host elections on 09/03/2026 until 09/07/2026 through Qualtrics. New council officers will be appointed accordingly and the current council members will meet with them to begin the transition for the new officers.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Syamantak Mukherjee adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Secretary signature

Rana Azab