GSSC Meeting Minutes September 2026

Graduate School Student Council Meeting

09/22/2026 7:00 PM. Teams

Attendance: Syamantak Mukherjee (Outgoing President), Madhavi Jere (Incoming President), Gabriela Giordano (Vice President), Adina Minkin (Secretary), Anushka Phadnis (Outgoing Treasurer), Francesco Cimino (Incoming Treasurer), and Hunter Rice (MD/PhD Representative)

GSSC members met to hand off responsibilities for the incoming council, discuss planning events for the incoming student orientation, and discuss action items for the next month.

Call to order: Madhavi Jere called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion: Anushka Phadnis moved to discuss the budget for 2026-27.

Motion seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee. We voted on the budget for the next academic year.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Madhavi Jere moved to discuss Nuts and Bolts training for council members.

Motion seconded by Syamantak Mukherjee. Madhavi Jere to discuss with Adam.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Madhavi Jere moved to discuss orientation events: science trivia, movie and pizza night.

Motion seconded by Gabriela Giordano. Decided to hold Movie and Pizza night on October 5th, 2026, and the cost of the food for the event would be covered by FSA a/c 40-70097-011-30001 for “Special Events." Adina to send out messages about the event and a form to vote on movie.

Proposed to plan a science trivia night later in the year, either October 15th or November 19th, but not finalized.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Madhavi Jere moved to discuss updating student profiles, reaching out to current students about new forms and information on the Downstate website, getting feedback about qualifying exams, and fixing wifi issues in grad lounge.

Motion seconded by Gabriela Giordano. Gabriela to make Qualtrics survey about student profiles. Hunter to make "how to use our website" tips for current students. Madhavi to get last year's form for qualifying exam feedback from Syamantak. Francesco to inquire about wifi with IT.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Madhavi Jere moved to discuss starting a Newsletter to have a centralized place for SGS information, news, and forms.

Motion seconded by Francesco Cimino

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Madhavi Jere adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Secretary signature

