

Important Dates			
Date	Time	Event	Location
May 17	4:30-7:30pm	Guinness Brewery Social with Professional Staff Senate (information and RSVP here!)	Guinness Brewery
May 9	6-8pm	GSA Awards Ceremony (register here)	LIB 7th Floor
May 23	10am	Graduate Commencement	Event Center :)

0.1 Presentation from Sarah L. Hansen (hansen.sarah@umbc.edu; 410-455-8053)

- They want to be able to promote us using UMBC news
 - If you have an interesting publication/article, you can contact them and they can pitch reporters who might be interested in it as a story
 - If you are presenting at a conference/doing field research/attending an event, take pictures, and share it with them.
 - [TheConversation.com](#)
 - Open to student work. But it might be more helpful to write in concert with your advisor/PI
 - Articles on The Conversation are often picked up by national outlets
 - Will be getting into podcasts

0.2 Aliya Webermann Sexual Assault

- Spoke about introducing mandatory, in-person, comprehensive, ongoing, prevention education
 - Currently only 40% of incoming students complete the voluntary online version
 - 1 in 5 students experience attempted or completed sexual assault at UMBC
 - UMBC is currently under Title IX investigation
 - Frostburg, UB, UMB, and Towson have mandatory Sexual Assault education
- **How to support:** Sign the [petition](#)
- **Feedback:** email Aliya Webermann at aliyaw1@umbc.edu

1.2 Special Committees approved for compensation

1.3 Graduation Program Fees

- Looking for feedback on how graduate fees burden on different students.
 - Most grad student fee are paid out of pocket, which depend on how many classes. Fees covered in CS (in some cases) and GES
 - The MFA and Math/Stat students have to take classes after candidacy. Often Math/Stat student run out of classes to take because for this requirement.
 - Psychology students have to take 12 credits to be FT, and the department only covers 10 credits in tuition and no fees.
 - IMDA → required to take 10 credits every semester to be full time, GAship not enough to cover all tuition and fees
 - Biology → dissertation committee might recommend classes but no requirement in program itself to take classes after candidacy

1.4 GAAC Survey

- It is on the GAAC myumbc page. [End of the Year Survey](#) → please take the survey! We are trying to assess how well GAs understand their resources on campus

1.5 State of the Budget

- Grants Approved
 - May: Research (4); PD (15)
 - *Projected* June: Research (TBD); PD (14)
 - Please read the application and make sure you are applying for the correct grant.
- GSO: Only 15 GSOs out of 27 asked for money this FY2018
 - About \$8000 yet to be allocated. Some portion of this amount will be part of GSO rollover for next year We are proposing the same system for GSOs next year → Senate can recommend GSO funding to be designated to a special committee or to the Executive Council next year

1.6 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

- Please see the below link for a break down for FY 2019 budget
 - (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xUWjPa_b7hwVTI0gZGjWVEkOxT7r2qAa/view?usp=sharing)
- There was discussion about moving money out of the surplus of money from the GSO account to either GAAC or Grants.
 - Moving money to grants would bring up equity issues because the fiscal year begins in the summer.
- Motion for the EC to investigate adding more money to the GAAC budget.
- Motion to Senate recommended budget pending the above motion

1.7 GSO Funding

- Five GSOs were approved for funding
 - IMDA : \$300
 - BSA: \$370
 - PGSA: \$600
 - GES: \$300
 - Biochegs: \$300

1.8 Grants Update

- Be clear on the difference between PD vs Research grants → read the website carefully
- Apply on time so that if you're not chosen you can be reviewed multiple times

1.9 Additional Items

- GSO funding → rollover + \$20,000
- Motion to delegate discussion of GSO funding to a committee or EC → investigation of raising amount -- none opposed

2.1 Legislative Concerns

- Opposition to prosper act
 - Grad students wouldn't be eligible for federal work study. Look out for an email about a letter writing campaign, so we can voice opinions
- Motion to [support opposition statement](#) → none opposed (Y: 35, N; 0, A; 0)

2.3 Executive Council

- Roy (GSA President) is the new president of USMSC