

UVM Graduate Student Senate Minutes of Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023, Time: 8:00 pm

The meeting called to order by Vice-President, Cara Simone

Recording Link: [Graduate Student Senate Meeting Recording](#)

In attendance

Senators: Alison Hall*, Anthony Barrows*, Ashley Tubens*, Aya Cheaito, Bren Cable*, Carlos Amissah*, Diego Javier-Jimenez*, Emily McDonnell*, Emma Myrick*, Gift Omoruyi*, Jenna Cohen*, Jenna Ann McDonald*, Johnbosco Osuagwu*, Joy Emmanuel*, Justin Dempsey*, Mona Davoudimehr*, Muhammad Adil*, Niara Hicks*, Parisa Suchdev*, Parsa Pezeshknejad, Dan P Peipert*, Ritwik Bandyopadhyay*, Stephen Alrich Marshall*, Taylor Ann Jeannette Kocian*, Temitope Boriwaye*, Vanessa Ballard*.

Guests: Alicia M Ebert, Associate Dean, Maddie Hatch, Mazen Elsaadany, Paola Pena, Provita Sen, Rubaina Anjum, Sarah Martin, Terdha Narla.

Executive Council Attendees: Ijaz ul Haq, Cara Simone, Yasaman Pedari, Masoumeh Khodaverdi, Omid Sedighi

38 total number attended.

Agenda Item: Recognition of Clubs

Career Mobility Club

Representative-Vice President, Terdha Narla.
No objections from Senate → Approved.

UVM Cellular Agriculture Club

Representative- Secretary, Terdha Narla.
No objections from Senate → Approved.

Chi Alpha VT Club

Representative – Absent.
Not Approved till the representative is present.

Doctoral Physical Therapy Club

Representative – President, Sarah Martin.

No objections from Senate → Approved.

Graduate Nursing Council Club

Representative – Secretary, Vanessa Ballard.

No objections from Senate → Approved.

Graduate Students of Color Club

Representative – Absent.

Not Approved till the representative is present.

IGSAP Club (International Graduate Students Association)

Representative – Vice President, Aya Cheaito.

No objections from Senate → Approved.

IRSA Club (Iranian Students Association)

Representative – President, Parsa Pezeshknejad.

No objections from Senate → Approved.

ISA Club (Indian Students Association)

Representative – President, Protiva Sen.

No objections from Senate → Approved.

Materials Research Society Club

Representative – Absent.

Not Approved till the representative is present.

MESA Club (Middle Eastern Student Association)

Representative – President, Mazen Elsaadany.

No objections from Senate → Approved.

MSA Club (Muslim Student Association)

Representative – Vice President, Muhammad Adil.

No objections from Senate → Approved.

Occupational Therapy Program Club

Representative – Absent.

Not Approved till the representative is present.

OStem Organization Club

Representative – President, Maddie Hatch.
No objections from Senate → Approved.

Rethinking Economics Club

Representative – Secretary, Rubaina Anjum.
No objections from Senate → Approved.

Rubenstein Graduate Student Association Club (RGSA)

Representative –GSS Liaison, Justin Dempsey
No objections from Senate → Approved

SACNAS Club (Society for the Advancement of Hispanic/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science)

Representative – President, Paola Lena.
No objections from Senate → Approved.

Students Parent Club

Representative – Absent.
Not Approved till the representative is present.

Agenda Item: Budget

Yasaman Pedari, the GSS Treasurer updated the senate on the GSS budget for Fall 2023. She presented the yearly budget and discussed the budget spent on events so far organized by GSS Eboard including GSS orientation, resource fair, fall senators retreat, annual BBQ, and college Pizza 44. We have three more events to plan this semester, and we have allocated \$600 for each event.

In addition, there were some questions about the limit on the amount of money that clubs can request per semester. Yasaman mentioned that if a club is recognized by GSS and plans to have more than three events, they should apply for their own per card through the Graduate College. Otherwise, they would need to send an email to GSS to request the credit card, make the purchase, and bring back the itemized receipt.

Agenda Item: Senator Committee Duties

Ijaz ul Haq, the GSS President mentioned that for our next meetings, we will contact the chair and co-chair of each committee to request their plans and intentions for the semester and beyond. This is crucial because of the committee's function throughout the year. Additionally, there's a need to determine the services these committees should offer to graduate students. He further mentioned that there is also a request to fill positions on the Faculty Senate, especially the Student Affairs Committee and the Research Scholarship and Creative Arts Committee, where representation is needed for effective communication and guidance from the Senate.

Next Meeting

October 30, 2023, Microsoft Teams 8:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Adjournment 8:54 pm