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# GSA General Body Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: 09/13/2023**

**Time Open: 5:00 pm**

**Time Adjourn: 6:00 pm**

1. **Approval of June Minutes**

a. Minutes Approved

1. **Executive Officer Announcements:**
   1. President (Rodney Eric Williams)
      1. Introduction of Officers & Roles
      2. Overview of the GSA
      3. General Body Meeting Schedule & Expectations
         1. Responsible for recognizing student groups in the school of medicine and two groups for new student presentation
         2. Theoretical and computational neuroscience journal club
         3. JHGMSA graduate student Muslim student association
      4. Budget Approval
         1. Not listed, a small budgeting change to include funding quaterly photo contests
         2. Budget was presented and approved by Council
      5. GSA Resources (Parking, Rooms/Spaces, Equipment, Hopkins Groups)
         1. GSA offers subsidized parking for SOM students $55 per student. [Students can sign up on our website](https://jhu.campusgroups.com/GSA/parking-and-transportation/)
         2. 9 laptops are now available to borrow from the Office of Graduate Biomedical Education. [Students can request a laptop here](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=OPSkn-axO0eAP4b4rt8N7BiPN8wnvdhNj3nlbN68Om5UOTNCQlNNNFlHTllaU1hVN1FGOVE5N0ZQSi4u)
         3. For student groups GSA has equipment that people can borrow. Please contact Mark for access.
         4. G13 MRB room for telehealth meetings. [Students can request time slots here](https://jhu.campusgroups.com/gsa/telehealth-room-reservations/)
      6. Campus updates (Healthcare, Gym, Public Safety, Transportation, Food Security)
         1. Mental health/wellness seminar will be hosted this month seminar series focused on promoting mental health and wellbeing among SOM graduate student
         2. Crisis support team is expanding to the Hopkins campus for all JHU trainees. [Read more about this inititave here](https://wellbeing.jhu.edu/bhcst/)
         3. Introducing a [Free Food Alert](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffreefoodalert.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cnjairam1%40jhmi.edu%7C2cd8e2f6803e4789e5aa08dbaeff81c3%7C9fa4f438b1e6473b803f86f8aedf0dec%7C0%7C0%7C638296184661237224%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sR1MJmAwN1exULjFvpNsnHhlC8rwfetsUJj%2FPC3raZI%3D&reserved=0) system allowing event hosts to send email and mobile alerts to the Hopkins community when they have food leftover at their campus event
         4. Timely care is a free virtual service with a licensed therapist or social worker 12 for free and take insurance after. [Please refer to this link for more information](https://app.timelycare.com/auth/login)
      7. GSA is responsible for recognizing student groups in the school of medicine. We have two groups presenting today for new student group recognition
         1. Theoretical and computational neuroscience journal club
         2. JHGMSA graduate student Muslim student association
      8. Graduate Coating Ceremony
         1. Coating ceremony is on November 1st and volunteers will be needed
   2. Director of Administration (Nirvani Jairam)
      1. September Student Spotlight Winners
      2. Wesley Godfrey and Jackson mace are winners of this month’s student spotlight
   3. Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Outreach (Ashley Chen)
      1. Menstrual products initiative
         1. Grad request for alumni association for funds for the menstrual products across Hopkins Medicine campus
      2. Monthly movie event will be showing In the Heights to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month <https://cglink.me/2dh/r1938284>
      3. Healthcare insurance overview
         1. Sep 19th (4 p.m.): [https://cglink.me/2dh/r1941201](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcglink.me%2F2dh%2Fr1941201&data=05%7C01%7Cychen401%40jhmi.edu%7Cfb247740186b48779f7a08dbb3aa4225%7C9fa4f438b1e6473b803f86f8aedf0dec%7C0%7C0%7C638301316071518427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dkQmtxLRLdOckbCQR4NMg%2BeT4X9FfhD1uN%2F6cb3F1Rc%3D&reserved=0)
         2. Sep 20th (12:30 p.m.): [https://cglink.me/2dh/r1941205](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcglink.me%2F2dh%2Fr1941205&data=05%7C01%7Cychen401%40jhmi.edu%7Cfb247740186b48779f7a08dbb3aa4225%7C9fa4f438b1e6473b803f86f8aedf0dec%7C0%7C0%7C638301316071518427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uhS%2FoxZeWsjmgHY9x6uzaNtt2BPBYWNG9H9HUyOpOVk%3D&reserved=0)
   4. Director of Finance (Estefan Santi)
      1. Travel Awards: New due date is October 15th. The date range is still between September to December
         1. <https://jhu.campusgroups.com/gsa/gsa-travel-awards/>
         2. Travel awards are $500 per person
         3. Volunteering for GSA required after receiving travel award funds
         4. Funding is requested prior to travel event
      2. Role in Board: All large purchases require agreement from everyone for payout (purchases above $500).
      3. Student Group Funding: Student group funding proposals are now presented to the GSA with Edna.
         1. students will be doing a per event basis for funds and at least one month in advance
      4. Q&A: Given the new setup for finance, does anyone have any questions or concerns?
   5. Director of Student Involvement and Student Groups (Edna Ferreira)
      1. Welcome to program reps and student group representatives
         1. See GSA website for information on program reps and contact information
      2. Information on the committees and sub committees
      3. New student group recognition - short presentations + council vote
      4. Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience Journal Club
      5. Johns Hopkins Graduate Muslim Students Association (JHGMSA)
   6. Director of Media and Public Relations (Juliane Liberto)
      1. Newsletter re-design
         1. If want event featured, email [juliane.liberto@jhmi.edu](mailto:juliane.liberto@jhmi.edu) by the 20th of the month before
      2. B'More Fall Photo Contest - Photo Submission Due October 20th
         1. Must submit photo to Hopkins groups and need to be registered to Hopkins groups
         2. Photos are due October 20th and shou
         3. Must be in city limits of Baltimore
         4. 2 winners for each contest and win $10 gift cards
         5. Submission form and rules can be found at the following link: <https://cglink.me/2dh/s82340>
      3. Student Group FYI: Email domain for allgrad listserv is [allgrad@lists.jh.edu](mailto:allgrad@lists.jh.edu) for sharing your events
         1. Needs to be less than 10MB in size
   7. Director of Social and Community Affairs (Mark Jacob)
      1. Have to register on Hopkins Groups for all events! Sign up at the following link: <https://jhu.campusgroups.com/GSA/club_signup>
      2. Interschool Happy Hour coming Sept 15th 4-7pm <https://cglink.me/2dh/r1935232>
2. **Vote – Description of Motion to be voted upon**
   * 1. Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience Journal Club
        1. Voted on the formation of the student organization and was approved
     2. Johns Hopkins Graduate Muslim Students Association (JHGMSA)
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