



1. **Opening Remarks**
2. **Call to Order** (President: Edward Olajide)
3. **Roll Call** (Secretary: Chowdhury Azimul Haque)
 - a. Attendance



4. **Guest Speaker – Center for Graduate and Professional Services (CGPS)**
 - a. Planning for constructive dialogue event for graduate students
 - i. Opportunity for graduate students to come together to share their experiences and top concerns in navigating their programs at UK. The goal is to generate potential solutions as a community and build empowerment through self-advocacy.
 - ii. Open question- what are current topics and concerns from students?
 1. From GSC members: mental health, job search, wages, summer employment, changes to travel funding, academic freedom, connecting bench science with public interest/use.
 - iii. Next steps: By March, CGPS plans to gather ideas and host the event.
 1. The plan is to have a series of events to get graduate students together so they can express themselves, connect with others, identify resolutions to some of the problems they are encountering (theme of self-advocacy).
 2. No specific date yet. This will be announced.
5. **Updates and Reports** (as applicable)
 - a. **President – Edward Olajide**
 - i. **Next meeting dates**
 1. February 18, March 25, April 22 (all Wednesdays at 12:00pm)
 2. GSC Executive Board elections will be held at the meeting in April.
 - a. More info to follow. Applications will include a CV and cover letter.

- ii. In April, we will host the Grad-Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW). We plan to host several events- if you have ideas, please reach out!

b. Vice President – Maisy Webster

- i. Fall semester GSC member appreciation- thank you for your great work!
 - 1. Based on nominations from other GSC members, Megan Hall, Ama A. Wilson Intsiful, Catie Heeter, and Amanda Gyesi were selected to be recognized for their contributions in the fall!
 - 2. We will have a call for nominations again toward the end of this semester.
- ii. GSC events- if you want to host something or start an initiative for graduate students, work with your committee or reach out to Edward or Maisy with ideas as we would like to help fund them!

c. Chief of Staff and Operations – Deepti Adhikari

- i. New members- if you have questions, reach out to Deepti.
- ii. Committees- keep Deepti updated with your events and planning.

d. Student Government Association (SGA) Representative – Riccardo (Paolo) D'Amato

- i. SGA representative candidacy is open now, see SGA website or reach out to Paolo for more details about elections.

e. Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee – Eytayo Akomolafe and Shabnam Ghorbani

- i. **Events upcoming**
 - 1. Paint & Sip- art, socializing, and food.
 - 2. Hot cocoa event- grab & go food on the way to class/work.

f. Institutional Advocacy Committee – Megan Hall

- i. Regalia rentals for the fall semester are complete; we will be offering free rentals again for spring graduation.

g. External Affairs Committee – Adrienne Caudill and Olivia Koshute

- i. Hill day is planned for February to meet with KY legislators.
- ii. Survey coming in next couple days or so to see who would be interested.

h. Professional Development & Networking Committee – Victor Ugwuegbu and Deepti Adhikari

- i. Life after grad school events are coming up this semester. Planning in process.

i. International Student Concerns Committee – Amanda Gyesi and Rabeya Tus Sadia

- i. Albert Nyarko- planning multiple events; will have more details at the next meeting.

6. Open Floor/Discussions

a. What can we use GSC event money for?

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- i. Each committee has a set aside budget, but there is also some miscellaneous funding available if you have an idea for additional events or initiatives.
- b. Reminder- funding for SGA is open for student orgs.
 - i. If your student org wants to apply for funding, now is the time to do it (first come, first served)!
- c. **Will GSC have conference grants available in the spring?**
 - i. Not for the foreseeable future due to changes in university policy.
 - ii. University policy right now does not allow us to provide funding directly to individual students, working on being creative for how we can provide other services to graduate students.
 - iii. For the spring semester, GSC funds have been allocated to support event hosting, initiatives and materials that benefit students and encourage greater involvement, and the purchase of additional regalia to expand our rental closet.

7. Meeting Close

- a. Next meeting February 18 at 12:00pm in room 375 at Student Center and on Zoom

Prepared by: Maisy Webster (Vice President)



MENTORING MOMENTS LUNCHEON

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
11 AM - 1 PM
JACOBS SCIENCE BUILDING
ROOM 161N**

PLEASE RSVP



- **LUNCH PROVIDED**
- **NETWORKING MIXER**
- **GOALS REVIEW**

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