



1. Opening Remarks (President: Edward Olajide)

Special thanks and appreciation were extended to the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Sarah Shepherd (outgoing Director of Graduate Student Affairs, SGA), GSC Advisors, and collaborating partners, including the Center for Graduate and Professional Services (CGPS), Student Organizations and Activities (SOA), the Graduate School, and many others for their continued support and contributions.

2. Attendance

3. Updates and Reports (as applicable)

a. President and Vice President – Edward Olajide and Maisy Webster

- **Academic Poster Deadline:** April 30, 2026, was announced as the deadline for poster printing through the GSC for the 2025/2026 academic year. Additional information is available on the GSC website.
- **Graduate and Professional Students Appreciation Week (GPSAW) events:** Series of activities were announced in celebration of Graduate and Professional Students Appreciation Week. The scheduled events included:
 - i) April 20, 2026: Pastries and Coffee at the J. David Rosenberg College of Law
 - ii) April 24, 2026: Pastries and Coffee at Patterson Office Tower (OT 113)
 - iii) April 27, 2026: Lunch with the Dean of Students at Gatton Student Center (330AB)
 - iv) April 28, 2026: Ice Cream Social at Gillis Building Lawn
- **Celebrating GSC Representatives and Volunteers**

Five graduate students were nominated by GSC members in recognition of their outstanding contributions toward advancing the mission of the GSC. Each recipient received a \$100 award. The honorees were:

 - i. Yuyan Liu – Department of Plant Pathology
 - ii. Logan Rose – Department of Mathematics
 - iii. Adrienne Caudill – Dr. Bing Zhang Department of Statistics
 - iv. Michelle Graham-Smith – Department of Educational Leadership Studies (Online)
 - v. Nathaniel Pinhas – Jewish Graduate Student Association/Department of Economics
- **Celebrating Graduate Senators at Large (UKSGA)**

Five graduate students were elected as Graduate Senators-at-Large during the most recent SGA election. Those announced included:

 - i. Kameron Cox – Martin School of Public Policy and Administration

- ii. Ellie Rowland – College of Law
- iii. Caroline Devine – College of Medicine
- iv. Anna Clements – Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
- v. Landon Cambron – College of Law

Several seats remain available. Interested graduate students were encouraged to reach out for additional information.

b. Institutional Advocacy Committee – Megan Hall

- Applications for the GSC Free Regalia Rental Program closed on March 27, 2026. Successful applicants have begun receiving communications regarding the pickup of their selected regalia in preparation for commencement.
- Applicants were reminded to kindly return all rented regalia by the designated date.

c. Postdoctoral Affairs and Professional Development – Dr. Jessica Bills

- A collaborative speed networking event with the Postdoctoral Association will be held at the Jacobs Science Building at 5:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to visit the GSC website and social media platforms for additional information.

d. Chief of Staff and Operations – Deepti Adhikari

- The Life After Grad School series continued with the following events:
 - i) Exploring Entrepreneurship After Grad School, virtual – March 26, 2026
 - ii) Networking Night, held at Goodfellas Pizzeria – March 26, 2026
 - iii) Your Next Chapter: Understanding Post-Grad Immigration Pathways, virtual – March 30, 2026

e. International Student Concerns Committee – Amanda Gyesi

- Global Grad Fest, an event celebrating the graduate student community, will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in Gorham Hall, E.S. Good Barn.

4. Executive Board Election

- Candidates provided brief introductions, highlighting their backgrounds and outlining their goals and priorities for their respective positions if elected.
- Only GSC Representatives and Executive Board members who were present at the meeting were eligible to vote.
- The following graduate students were elected to lead the GSC for the 2026/2027 academic year:

President – Maisy Webster

Vice President – Kameron Cox

Chief of Staff – Jamar Green

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Secretary – Amanda Gyesi

Congratulations were extended to the newly elected Executive Board members.

5. Greetings from SGA - Nick Pace and Carter Franklin (Student Body President & Vice President)

- Nick Pace and Carter Franklin briefly addressed the council, sharing updates and insights regarding SGA activities and reaffirming continued collaboration with the GSC on future initiatives and student engagement opportunities.
- Members were also reminded of the Grad Block Party, scheduled for April 24, 2026.

6. Open Floor/Discussions

- The floor was open for general discussions, comments, questions, and announcements from members.

7. Closing Remarks

- Congratulations were extended to graduating students and the newly elected Executive Board members, with best wishes for their future endeavors.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by Edward Olajide

Compiled by:

Edward Olajide

President 2025/2026 Academic Year

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Join us for

Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Events!



04/20

GRAB & GO COFFEE & PASTRIES

12:00 – 1:30 PM College of Law 2nd Floor Lobby

04/24

GRAB & GO COFFEE & PASTRIES

8:30 – 10:00 AM Patterson Office Tower Room 113

04/27

LUNCH WITH THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

12:00 – 1:30 PM Student Center Room 330AB

04/28

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

3:00 – 5:00 PM Main Lawn in front of Gillis Building

Visit ukgsc.uky.edu or
BBNvolved for more details!





GRAD BLOCK PARTY

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
6-8 PM

FREE FOOD | GAMES | MUSIC



**GRADUATE HOUSING LAWN,
300 ALUMNI DR.**
(THE GREEN SPACE
BETWEEN SHAWNEETOWN
AND GREG PAGE)

UK SGA
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The Graduate Student Congress and
the Society of Postdoc Scholars
Present:



Speed Networking

Come chat with postdocs
and graduate students, play
games, win prizes, and make
connections in a casual
environment

Food and drinks provided



Thursday, April 30th
5pm - 7:30pm

**Location: Room 121 - Don & Cathy
Jacobs Science Building
305 Huguelet Dr.**

No registration required
Come as you are and bring a friend!

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GLOBAL GRAD FEST

Come celebrate culture.
Come celebrate **YOU**.

- *Cultural performances*
- *Food and games*
- *Fashion runway*
- *Global history quiz*
and many more...

JUL 17 11TH MAY 2026

5.00 PM TO 7.30 PM

ES GOOD BARN, GORHAM HALL,
1451 UNIVERSITY DR

Bring your family and kids along!