GSC Meeting Minutes, Aug 25, 2023 at 3pm

* In attendance
	+ UBFS - Kris Eyssell
	+ UBSS – John Brenner & Kate Anderson
	+ SGA – Peter Stevenson & Abedamarajo
	+ SBA – Erin Esterson & Helen Egata
	+ Ex Officio – Mike Kiel
* Mike is defacto chair today as Immediate past president. Not a voting member. Kate is taking notes.
* Kris reported on UBFS meeting.
* UBFS discussed
	+ Mentorship program for students
	+ Middle States reaccreditation coming up
	+ Passed a religious observance policy for students to give reasonable accommodations
	+ Discussion re: implementing policy re: credit for past academic work
* Mike was elected as secretary & Al Gourrier is vice-chair
* Erin reported on SBA
	+ 70 students attended 1st event of the school year last night. Event was a big success.
	+ SBA closely involved in orientation and ensuring 1Ls are aware of campus resources.
	+ SBA has 1 vacant position – LLM rep. Working on getting student reps installed on the curriculum and career services committees
* Peter reported on SGA
	+ Working to meet with administration to get gym re-opened, understand that there will be a phased approach to reopening, w/ basket ball court first, but were told “no promises.” Asking for support from SBA, UBSS & UBFS.
	+ SGA has interest in revising some academic policies, particularly because some can be confusing to students.
	+ Approx 50% of students are international and want more representation for them, planning on a town hall w emphasis on international student relations. Concerns re: services, bullying and harassment that they want to address for international students.
	+ Next SGA meeting is Sept. 7, 5:10-6:10 (time change bc of the administrative meet and greet that night). Nicole Marano and Dean Llatetra Esters are testifying at the SGA meeting.
* John reported on UBSS
	+ John’s 3rd time as UBSS chair.
	+ UBSS has met 2xs.
		- Priorities include staff engagement, and a new ad hoc committee on engagement has been established. Please join UBSS for Donuts in Gordon Plaza on Aug. 28 at 9am
		- Also looking at communications between leadership and staff.
		- Streamlined meetings to make them more valuable.
	+ UBSS action plan is on the UBSS website along with goals for the year.
	+ UBSS is happy to join in advocating, though we don’t have much to do with academic policy we are happy to support as we can.
* New Business
	+ Mike explains resolutions, information-sharing role, university-wide committees, etc.
	+ Proposal to revisit and rewrite GSC bylaws & governance documents.
		- Example – facilities committee that is now defunct is required to exist.
	+ Additionally, group does not have chair or vice chair, need to select those individuals now.
		- Mike not eligible for chair as a non-voting member.
		- Students can be chair or vice-chair, but not recommended that they serve as chair without prior GSC experience
		- Chair election
			* Kris moves that John be chair and a student be vice chair. Erin seconds John as chair. John accepts nomination.
			* John nominates Kate as chair, Kris asks re: Kate’s prior experience in shared governance. Kate has none, but is willing to do the job.
			* Kate elected as chair
		- Vice-chair election
			* Peter nominated by Kris and seconded by Adebamarajo. Peter accepts but asks other students to run.
			* Erin self-nominates and Kris seconds. Peter withdraws acceptance of vice-chair nomination.
			* Erin is confirmed as vice-chair.
		- John moves that Mike serve as webmaster, Kris seconds. Mike accepts and is confirmed as vice-chair.
		- Peter – SGA has agenda items for next meeting. All agenda items should go to Kate in future.
		- Mike – Motion to UBFS to set minimum standards for faculty use of Canvas re: information and communication using the Canvas. Encourages students to attend UBFS meeting when this motion is addressed.
		- Kate charges GSC members to review by-laws and governing documents for next meeting. Agenda will include a discussion of issues and a plan/timeline to address
		- Next meeting is set for Sept. 15 at 3pm. Subsequent meetings to be held 3rd Friday of the month. Kate will invite President & Provost.
		- John moves to end meeting & Kris seconds