Graduate Student Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
October 26, Noon-1:00PM  
UC Senate Chamber

I. Welcome by President. Showed the updated GSA website.

II. Roll Call: Maurice Goldstein, Treasurer.  
a. General Assembly Members Present: Anna Church, Roberta Inscho-Cox, Kara Sander, Dominque Thomas, James McMillian, Lisa Bryant, Darien Sproesser  
b. Executive Board Members Present: Mahbubul Hasan, Maurice Goldstein

III. Introductions: Discussed things we had in common with people sitting next to us for two minutes then shared some interesting things with the group.

IV. Presentations from the GSA Officers  
GSA President, Mahbubul Hasan  
a. Described the roles of the college representatives.  
b. Hasan asks for members to send ideas/speakers requests for professional development seminars.  
c. Spoke about the GSA Household Furniture Program. Will need to do crowdfunding for this project, a good resume building opportunity.  
GSA Vice-President, Aubrey Toldi, presented by Hasan  
a. Discussed a general date and time for the GSA End of Semester Social. Will be reaching out by email with further details.  
b. Hasan asks for members to submit requests for SEA funding for influential speakers to do a talk on campus.  
GSA Treasurer, Maurice Goldstein  
a. Presented ideas for fundraising for the Furniture Program including a bake sale or game night with $1 to $3 admission fees and raffle drawings. Also presented the idea of advertising for used furniture by an email from the Provost and the regular e-news newsletter.  
GSA Secretary, Jennifer Tatra, presented by Hasan  
a. Hasan asks representatives or board members to email Jennifer Tatra if they cannot make a meeting.

V. SGA Update-Maurice  
a. Student forgiveness program, trying to raise $8000 to assist students trying to pay off their debts.  
b. No More Cancer Rally at 7:30pm on Tuesday, Oct. 30th

VI. Guests  
a. Dr. James Kierluff, Director of Graduate Student Services and Advisor for the GSA asks students to bring him any ideas about future initiatives or concerns.  
b. Steph Butera from the Graduate Worker Organizing Committee. This group wants to improve graduate student health insurance by mobilizing students and the
administration about this issue. They ask GSA to help in this campaign through awareness and education. Please reach out to Steph at snbutera@memphis.edu for more information.

VII. Announcements
a. The monthly meetings for all college representatives are mandatory.
b. Please share the meeting flyers with respective departments through social media pages and networks.
c. A GroupMe may be started for communication between members.
d. The Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools (TCGS) is calling for submissions for their Graduate Student Master’s Thesis Award. Submissions are due December 1, 2018.
e. Beginning in the Spring Semester, monthly meetings will be held the first Friday of each month from 12pm-1pm.
f. The next GSA full meeting is November 16th in the Senate Chamber from 12pm-1pm.
g. There will be a GSA Executive Committee Meeting in the first week of November.

VIII. End of the Meeting- Thanks note from Hasan