



## Faculty Meeting Report Spring 2022

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The Graduate Student Association's (GSA) mission is to provide a student forum for discussion of common needs, cooperate with the faculty and administration to build a recognized and respected institution, and develop student fellowship. Since the last faculty meeting, GSA has successfully completed, continued, or launched several initiatives that align with our missions. These include:

#### McGovern Award for Outstanding Teaching

The GSA has drafted and distributed a survey to students to accept nominations for this year's McGovern Award for Outstanding Teaching. In addition to sending reminder emails to ensure maximum participation, GSA officers will be responsible for finalizing nominations and subsequent voting. Additionally, GSA will be responsible for presenting the award to the recipient during Commencement in May.

#### Transportation/Parking Survey

Through in person discussions as well as anonymous survey responses, the status of parking and transportation options available to students was probed to determine if any improvements could be made. The initial action taken was a survey that was sent to all students to collect responses in regards to the cost/availability of parking options and issues with current shuttle routes. Following these responses, meetings have been held with both the Graduate Education Committee (GEC) and student safety committees to discuss possible improvements. While these discussions are ongoing, the GSA has also compiled a document to provide in-depth coverage of all options available to students and this will be disseminated shortly.

#### Social Media Overhaul

In order to provide students with multiple platforms through which to communicate with GSA officers and keep up to date on current events, the social media pages for the GSA (Facebook and Instagram) have been updated, and a plan established to promote not only GSA activities but also those of other student groups. Pictures have also been changed to reflect the current leadership.

#### Future initiatives and events

##### March

Photo/caption contest (Possible collaboration with Association of Science Communication)

##### April

GSAW scavenger hunt

Pet therapy

##### May

Mental Health Event

Commencement Celebration

##### June

Field day (possible collaboration with ISA/Community Outreach groups)

GSA elections for 2022-2023 Academic year

GSA would like to thank the Deans, faculty, and GSBS staff for their continued support, assistance and encouragement. Together we will continue to make GSBS the best graduate school for our students. **If there are any recommendations for future events or initiatives, please email me at [rjmorgan@mdanderson.org](mailto:rjmorgan@mdanderson.org)**

Sincerely,

**2021-2022 GSA Officers**

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