**GSA Monthly Meeting Agenda**

**September 14st, 12-1PM, DRC1 1005**

1. James Turpen PhD, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Executive Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

Dr. Turpen welcomed students and help to graduate students on behalf of Dr. Davies. He urged students to come forward with any issues they may have. He discussed regarding two initiatives:

Policy and guidelines for change of laboratory. He mentioned that once drafted, the policy will be circulated among students to get their feedback.

Second initiative is to get inputs from students on the structure of the comprehensive exam. This will be the main focus of graduate studies retreat on October 16th.

1. Officer Introductions

All members of the GSA team introduced themselves. Tayla, GSA president made everyone aware of the GSA blog and urged them to reach out with any issues via the GSA official email. Other members of the GSA team were introduced to the meeting attendees.

1. Elections
	1. IGPBS Representative

 Pranita was elected as the IGBPS Representative.

* 1. Grievance Committee

 Mehdi Samad and Willow Hynes volunteered to serve on the student grievance committee.

1. GSA Officer Updates
	1. Change of Advisor Policy (Tayla)
	2. Social events (Swagat and Alisha)
2. Welcome Back Event Summary
3. Update on Halloween Havoc
	1. Student Health Insurance Forum Summary (Eli)
	2. **Interprofessional Education (Ethan)**
	3. Miscellaneous Announcements (Tayla)
4. Badge Program

Salient features of the badge program were discussed. How to write reflections and issues of feedbacks on reflections were discussed.

1. Professional Development Seminars

Tayla made an announcement regarding the Lunch and Learn series and mentioned that the list of upcoming seminars is listed on Graduate studies website.

3. Alumni Networking on Behalf of Nick

Tayla on behalf of Nick announced that the Alumni association would like to continue holding more Fireside chats. She asked students if they had any suggestions as to what careers would they like to be discussed about in these fireside chats.