

Gritty Kitties Meeting Minutes for 9/16/22

New Business:

Susan M. shared that attempts to participate in Involvement Fest were thwarted because we are not an **official student organization**. To avoid these headaches in the future, we want to apply to become one, and we are asking our student members to step up and get this going. Kathryn Rambo has some experience with starting a student organization and has drawn up a **constitution**. Please feel free to make suggestions before it is finalized: [gritty kitty constitutions.docx](#) We will also need to **elect officers** for the organization. Anyone who is interested in running for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Graphic Designer should fill out this form and email it to smorris2@umbc.edu. Nomination form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScc1wjBX6tiJDKi6SGbsRQyRfXFDIVD8S_waTqm6yB_KsVvug/viewform?usp=sf_link. Deadline is 9/27/22 by midnight. Ballots will be available from 9/29 to 10/5. Faculty and staff members can continue to attend meetings/events, provide foster care, and serve in an advisory capacity.

Grace Hartmann proposed a couple of **events** for the future. The first was a nighttime Cat Walk where participants will look for cats on campus and document their number, location and general descriptions. Second was a social event where members can meet in person. Grace also suggested we create a **poster** with basic information about what to do if you encounter a stray cat.

Some proposed **speaker topics** included TNR (trap, neuter, return) and kitten care.

We need a **name** for the gray tabby cat with the white chest & white paws that has been seen behind the library. Any suggestions? Extra points for names with a literary reference. Send an email to smorris2@umbc.edu

Old Business:

Susan M. continues to work on the **proposal** to present to Facilities Management. She believes that becoming an official student organization will only help when we present to FM. The cat walk and our cat sightings spreadsheet on the Discord will also help provide data we can use in the proposal.

Report **cat sightings** on campus:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vhxwjcXjGKiVBNnEOLmsBthg9gz5vreGtX0xn83KbmK/edit#gid=0>