0.1 Presentation from Sarah L. Hansen (hansen.sarah@umbc.edu; 410-455-8053)
- They want to be able to promote us using UMBC news
  - If you have an interesting publication/article, you can contact them and they can pitch reporters who might be interested in it as a story
  - If you are presenting at a conference/doing field research/attending an event, take pictures, and share it with them.
- TheConversation.com
  - Open to student work. But it might be more helpful to write in concert with your advisor/PI
  - Articles on The Conversation are often picked up by national outlets
- Will be getting into podcasts

0.2 Aliya Webermann Sexual Assault
- Spoke about introducing mandatory, in-person, comprehensive, ongoing, prevention education
  - Currently only 40% of incoming students complete the voluntary online version
  - 1 in 5 students experience attempted or completed sexual assault at UMBC
  - UMBC is currently under Title IX investigation
  - Frostburg, UB, UMB, and Towson have mandatory Sexual Assault education
- **How to support:** Sign the petition
- **Feedback:** email Aliya Webermann at aliyaw1@umbc.edu

1.2 Special Committees approved for compensation

1.3 Graduation Program Fees
- Looking for feedback on how graduate fees burden on different students.
  - Most grad student fee are paid out of pocket, which depend on how many classes. Fees covered in CS (in some cases) and GES
  - The MFA and Math/Stat students have to take classes after candidacy. Often Math/Stat student run out of classes to take because for this requirement.
  - Psychology students have to take 12 credits to be FT, and the department only covers 10 credits in tuition and no fees.
  - IMDA → required to take 10 credits every semester to be full time, GAship not enough to cover all tuition and fees
  - Biology → dissertation committee might recommend classes but no requirement in program itself to take classes after candidacy
1.4 GAAC Survey
   - It is on the GAAC myumbc page. **End of the Year Survey** → please take the survey! We are trying to assess how well GAs understand their resources on campus

1.5 State of the Budget
   - Grants Approved
     - May: Research (4); PD (15)
     - Projected June: Research (TBD); PD (14)
     - Please read the application and make sure you are applying for the correct grant.
   - GSO: Only 15 GSOs out of 27 asked for money this FY2018
     - About $8000 yet to be allocated. Some portion of this amount will be part of GSO rollover for next year. We are proposing the same system for GSOs next year → Senate can recommend GSO funding to be designated to a special committee or to the Executive Council next year

1.6 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget
   - Please see the below link for a break down for FY 2019 budget
     - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xUWjPa_b7hwVTIogZGjWVEkOxT7r2qAa/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xUWjPa_b7hwVTIogZGjWVEkOxT7r2qAa/view?usp=sharing)
     - There was discussion about moving money out of the surplus of money from the GSO account to either GAAC or Grants.
     - Moving money to grants would bring up equity issues because the fiscal year begins in the summer.
   - Motion for the EC to investigate adding more money to the GAAC budget.
   - Motion to Senate recommended budget pending the above motion

1.7 GSO Funding
   - Five GSOs were approved for funding
     - IMDA: $300
     - BSA: $370
     - PGSA: $600
     - GES: $300
     - Biochegs: $300

1.8 Grants Update
   - Be clear on the difference between PD vs Research grants → read the website carefully
   - Apply on time so that if you’re not chosen you can be reviewed multiple times

1.9 Additional Items
   - GSO funding → rollover + $20,000
   - Motion to delegate discussion of GSO funding to a committee or EC → investigation of raising amount -- none opposed

2.1 Legislative Concerns
   - Opposition to prosper act
     - Grad students wouldn't be eligible for federal work study. Look out for an email about a letter writing campaign, so we can voice opinions
     - Motion to support opposition statement → none opposed (Y: 35, N: 0, A: 0)

2.3 Executive Council
   - Roy (GSA President) is the new president of USMSC