



**Graduate Student Association
University of Rhode Island
Executive Board Transition Dinner**

Date: May 8, 2025

Time: 6:34-10:21 pm

Location: Mews Tavern, 456 Main St, Wakefield, RI 02879

Members in Attendance (Executive Council):

Outgoing

Karolina Wojcik	President
Quinn Tucker	Vice President
Mariam Oladepo	Treasurer
Evelyn Mensah	Secretary
Behtom Adeli	Webmaster
Evans Boateng-Boakye	Social Media Manager/Event Coordinator Assistant
Marianne Otoo	GAU Liaison
Waqar Alam	Event Coordinator

Incoming

Justin Watkins	President
Naushad Miyan	Vice President
Marianne Otoo	Treasurer

Arindham Laha	Secretary
Subek Acharya	Webmaster
Ruth Nangeh Najel	Social Media Manager/Event Coordinator Assistant
Moazzem Houssain Saeem	GAU Liaison
Akissi Nelly Aka	Event Coordinator
Karolina Wojcik	Past President

Non-Executive Member: Huifang Li

I. Call to Order

The GSA E-Board transition dinner of the 2024/2025 academic year was called to order by the outgoing president, Karolina Wojcik, at 6:34 PM.

II. Open Forum

The outgoing president, Karolina, addressed the executive members, commending each of them for their dedication, commitment, and hard work. She expressed appreciation for the presence of each executive member and provided an outline plan for the transition period, which began after the last senate meeting in April. Karolina encouraged each member to connect with their respective incoming executive members and discuss their roles, culminating in a final meeting in June.

She went around to welcome everyone, confirming that transition plans were underway and that pending cases were being transferred. All transitions for executive member roles were on track as planned. Due to summer travel schedules, the transition dinner was scheduled for May instead of June.

During the meeting, the transfer of fiscal responsibilities and bank account signatory roles was outlined and discussed. The treasurer will provide a report on bank statements, pending checks, and expenditures before closing the account ledger for the year and transferring all responsibilities to the incoming treasurer in due course.

Discussions took place on responsible spending, accountability, managing available funds, and potential strategies for securing additional funds. The incoming president appreciated the leadership of the outgoing president and recognized the commitment of other executive members throughout the academic year, highlighting the positive changes that have been made in the Graduate Students Association (GSA).

The group commemorated the transition, which was followed by social engagement and individual exchanges of experiences and insights. While refreshments were being served, various discussions took place among both outgoing and incoming executive members concerning GSA matters, such as the new executive board position for the graduate student conference, the gala, the awards, and other relevant topics.

III. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:21 pm.

Evelyn Mensah, Secretary