

Graduate Student Association

University of Rhode Island

URI GSA General Assembly

Agenda for 9/26/2025

Date: 9/26/2025

Location: Hamilton Senate Chamber, Memorial Union (3rd floor, Room 300)

Time: 5:00 pm

Members in Attendance: (Executive Council)

Justin Watkins	President
Nausad Miyan	Vice President
Marianne Naana Otoo	Treasurer
Arindam Laha	Secretary
Akissi Nelly Aka	Event Coordinator
Ruth Nangeh Najel	Social Media Manager
Subek Acharya	Webmaster
Moazzem Houssain Saeem	GAU Liaison
Karolina Wojcik	Past President

Members in Attendance: (Senate)

Quorum: ()/() 1/3 of Voting Members

- I. Call to Order. (Nausad)
- II. Approval of April 25, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes. *Will need a Motion from the Senate, and a Second.*
- III. Welcome: (3 minutes each)
 - A. Secretary
 - B. President
- IV. Executive Board Introductions/Reports: (3 minutes each)
 - A. Webmaster
 - B. Treasurer
 - C. Social Media Manager
 - D. GAU Liason
 - E. Event Coordinator
 - F. Past President

- V. Committees: (3 minutes each)
 - A. Budget and Finance Committee: (4 Members including Chair)
 - 1. Chair: Gavin Moffat

Manages GSA budget and financial guidance with the Treasurer.

- B. Constitution and By-Laws Committee: (3 Members including Chair)
 - 1. Chair: Matthew Cayer

Works on updates to constitution and by-laws with VP & President.

- C. Events Committee: (8 members including Chair)
 - 1. Chair: Jordyn Hickey

Plans and runs events with the Events Coordinator.

- D. Graduate Student Conference Committee: (13 members including 2 co-Chairs)
 - 1. Co-Chair: Huifang Li
 - 2. Co-Chair: Emelia Tawiah-Arthur

Organizes Spring 2026 conference—logistics, schedule, speakers.

- E. Publicity Committee: (4 Members including Chair)
 - 1. Chair: Evelyn Mensah

Helps with outreach and grows GSA presence.

- F. Nominations and Elections Committee: (3 Members including Chair)
 - 1. Chair: Nick Labriola

Handles elections and logistics with the Secretary.

- G. Parliamentarian Appointment Bethany Pucino
- H. Interdisciplinary Affairs and Industrial Partnerships (3 Members including Chair)
 - 1. Chair : Niraj Bhatt

Works with the President on research, partnerships, and entrepreneurship.

- I. Technology Committee (3 Members including Chair)
 - 1. Chair : Sansrit Paudel

Supports tech tools and initiatives for GSA with the Webmaster.

- VI. Announcements
 - A. New GSA faculty advisor: Colleen Mouw, Acting Dean of the Graduate School (Nausad)
- VII. Adjournment.