

**GSA-All Meeting Minutes and DGSS Report
Friday @ noon, Apr 28, 2023, Shanklin 107**

1. Kayla (President), 2023-2024 GSA Elections:
 - a. Open from now until 1pm Monday May 1st, (QR code to election buddy, unique code and password sent via email to all grad students).
 - b. Candidates introduced themselves for each position they are running for as the position appeared on the pool shown on projector.
2. Ghazia (VP and housing committee):
 - a. Demand for student housing increased: jumped from 60% (pre-pandemic) to ~100% capacity right now (insufficient).
 - b. New policy – prioritizing new incoming grads with housing, email coming soon from Wesleyan housing. Currently, only incoming FLTAs are guaranteed housing on campus.
 - c. Tips for reducing through-wall/floor noise (especially in Park Wash):
 - i. Tell the neighbor directly first before Public Safety/Physical Plant
 - ii. Can request from the above parties for carpet or wall-hanging frames or furniture to dampen the noise.
3. Increase to graduate student fee (for all graduate events) from \$40-50 per year has been approved by Cheryl, will go into effect this coming semester (Fall 2023).
4. The Wesleyan [reaccreditation report](#) is now available online.

“Despite its small size, the graduate program is seen as an essential component of the university...”

“...the president, trustees, and faculty members are unanimous in their desire to maintain Wesleyan’s graduate program.”
5. Stipend increase AY 24: The increase will be at least 5%. The administration is considering an increase larger than 5 percent for assistant professors, grad students, and FLTAs. This should be finalized next week. For example, for science majors, this will increase to \$40,000 per annum.
6. Housing increase: TBD, but it will not increase beyond the 5% stipend increase.
7. Gallagher insurance rates AY 24: The annual student cost for students on stipend will be \$844, and \$1,309 per added dependent. The full cost per student is \$3,945, and per dependent is \$3,930.
8. Admission for Fall 2023 (as of 042823), highest yearly admission rate to date!

Row Labels	BA/M A	MA	PhD	Non- Degree	Grand Total
Astronomy		2			
Biology	4		5		
Chemistry	1		5		
CIS	2				
Comp Sci	4				
Earth & Environmental Sciences	2	3			
Mathematics/Computer Science	1		2		
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	1		3		
Music		8	TBD		
Neuroscience & Behavior	2				
Physics	4		3		
Psychology	3				
FLTAs				TBD	
Writing Fellows				TBD	
Grand Total	24	13	18		55

9. Commencement May through Fall 2023 (also subject to change, highest predicted yearly graduation rate to date!)

Degree	# of Degrees
PhD	11
MA	43
TOTAL	54

10. Update on grocery shuttle (Extra Mile): Wesleyan Transportation re-instituted a dedicated grocery shuttle every Sunday from 12:30- 3:30pm starting on Apr 16. It will run on this schedule until June 1. A summer schedule will be announced. The Wesleyan Transportation shuttle runs to the Asian Grocery store on Saybrook Rd every 4th Saturday of the month from 12:30pm-2:30 pm. There is no fee to use the Wesleyan grocery shuttle. They have recently applied for a grant to fund improvements to this service – if the grant application falls through, the program will evolve into a new program.
11. There will be more zoom events hosted by Cheryl-Ann Hagner and graduate community colleagues occurring this summer 2023 – stand by for details!

12. Many thanks to the GSA Officers Kaylah Medvec (P), Ghazia Abbas (VP), Chandni Ravindan Otter (T), and Alex Hinbest (S). They were a dynamic team that continuously worked on your behalf to organize and promote events and community. Thanks also to Manaal Fatima and Bilge Buyukdemirtas, graduate writing tutors, who faithfully ran the graduate writing circle every week throughout both semesters.