1.3 Election for Executive Council Members

* The following people were elected to the GSA Executive Council Members.
  + President: Roy Prouty (I)
  + Vice-President: Adam Harvey (I)
  + Treasurer: Evgenia Barannikova (I);
  + Historian: Adegoke Adekeye
  + GRC Chair: Alex Rittle
  + GAAC Chair: Felipe Muñoz Castillo (I)

1.4 Review of OGSL GA Positions

* GSA will need to pay remainder of FY 18 - about $700 for June and will budget for FY 19 summer (10 hour per week, less than $1100)
  + In the prior meeting, senator suggested combining positions.
  + After meeting with grad school, they want to focus on writing adviser

1.5 State of the Budget

* Grants: 22 spots in April (29 applied) - able to serve most of the people who applied
  + March 15-april 15→ first to be reviewed by committee process. **NOTE: There is a new Grant System. Please see GSA.UMBC.EDU for details**
  + $27,000 left for rest of FY 18
* GSOs - gave out $2000 last meeting, $8000 left for FY 18

1.7 Grants Update

* **Reminder that grants policy has changed on march 15th**
* Based on financial need
* 21 applications for review panel all by STEM students. **We need panelists for arts/humanities to ensure the panel represents a diversity of fields and disciplines**.
  + **This will be a 13-month position requiring 5-10 hours *per month*.**Each member serving on the panel will receive $200 per semester.
  + If you are interested in serving, please apply [here](https://goo.gl/forms/OzHB8SU0CXt5FqjC3) by April 13th. **If selected you will begin training sometime in mid- to late-April.**All other duties are be outlined in the application.
* Grants committee has been delegated with the task of choosing the review panel from the applications
* Grants committee does have representation from all the disciplines
* Deadline for review panel is April 13th (in email)

2.1 Legislative Concerns Report

* We went to the Maryland State Legislature to deliver our platform. Saw about 25 representatives, very useful day.
* Federal Policy We are watching: Hire Education Act? PROSPER act
  + We don’t think it’s going to pass but it is the first legislation to come forward under HEA reauthorization and signals what the GOP house members are looking to change in the HEA in this direction:
  + Here is a summary from [US New](https://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/student-loan-ranger/articles/2017-12-13/potential-effects-of-prosper-act-on-student-loans). The main problems are that it will
    - Reduce the number of student loans, grants, and repayment programs for both undergraduate and grad student.
    - **Eliminate the PSFL program**
    - Limit how much grads can borrow,
    - Partially deregulate for-profit universities, and
    - Stop states from regulating loan repayment organizations.
  + Lots of resolutions from other universities and groups are opposing it. We hope to draft a similar resolution opposing it. **We are asking for students who will be affected either by the elimination of the PSFL program or deregulation of loan repayment agencies to share the stories so that we can draft the resolution.** Contact Committee Chair at malomof1@umbc.edu
* On track to discuss around Christmas but congress could move it up.

2.3 Executive Council Reports

* GAAC
  + - Committee presented the draft of a survey they will be sending to Graduate Assistance. It will cover GA views on the role of your assistantship, the GA Benefits, and the GA Community.