

## Notes from the MSGSA Meeting on September 14, 2007

To begin the meeting we discussed some news from GSA. The following points were mentioned:

- Health Insurance Renew Issues – Check your myUMBC account and make sure you are covered for your health insurance.
- Geico – Get 8% off on your insurance. Check out [geico.com](http://geico.com)
- Peer Mentoring – GSA plans for new graduate student to have peer mentors (Senior Graduate Students) prior to admission
- Flat Tuesdays – Enjoy discounted drinks and stay for free food and fun at the cookout every other Thursday
- Graduate Breakfast – GSA planning to bring back graduate breakfast.

Next we discussed some news from the department including the following:

- Course requirements
- Comprehensive exams
- The possibility of having a Windows machine in the department
- Monthly birthday celebrations – Need volunteers to bring in refreshments (GSA will reimburse expenses)

The next topic discussed dealt with how to run the upcoming MSGSA elections. One idea was to have several rounds of voting. Finally we talked about some ideas for a social gathering of all the graduate students in the Math/Stat department. Some ideas for this social gathering included going to the symphony, a play, or apple picking. The idea was also proposed of holding some of the upcoming MSGSA meetings at Flat Tuesdays in The Commons.