

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

President:	J. Coley	Programming:	C. Doxbeck
Vice President:	C. Walters	Dir. of Operations:	S. George
Treasurer:	J. Joseph	Editorial Assistance:	
		MDRF:	J. Schechter

Senators:

Departmental:

Anthropology:	H. Angelini	ISE:	D. Thiya/ N. Singha/ A. Olukoga
Architecture:	absent	Information Sciences:	absent
Art:	K. Pawlowski	LAI:	absent
Audiology:	I.J. Dimaculangan	Linguistics:	J. Schechter
Biochemistry:	H. Parker	Management:	absent
Biological Sciences:	absent	Materials Design & In:	P. Garg
Biomedical Eng:	absent	Mathematics:	M. Schilder
Biostatistics:	H. Sheng	MAE:	C. Grace
Biotechnology:	absent	Media Study:	F. Clark
Cancer Sciences- RPC	N. Roberts/ A. Dynka	Microbiology:	absent
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	K. Mohanty/ K. Patidar	Music:	absent
Chemistry:	N. Hazel/ C. Gould	Neuroscience:	P. Thirumurti
CSEE:	H. Kim/ M. Moghaddaszadeh	Nursing:	L. Underwood
Classics:	A. Heller	Occupational Therapy	absent
Communication:	Z. Glowacki	Oral Biology:	Y. Luo
Comm. Health & H.B.	C. Dauphin	Pathology & Anatomy:	absent
Comparative Lit:	A. Rasul	Pharmaceuticals:	D. Duran (absent- 1/2)
CSE:	S. Saha	Pharm. & Tox:	S. Xu
CSEP:	K. Oladel	Philosophy:	Y. Xia
Economics:	absent	Physical Therapy:	D. Lanzillotta/ R. Heim
ELP:	K. Michener/ P. Arment/ S. Maniscola	Physics:	N. Fuller/ M. Morris
EE:	absent	Political Science:	absent
English:	S. Mehri/ L. Mullen	Psychology:	K. Schatz/ P. Charlton
EEH:	S. Frndak	RLL:	absent
ENS:	M. Worley	Social Work:	C. Green/ K. DeRose
GGB:	absent	Sociology:	D. Bagnall
Geography:	J. Swiezy	Speech:	N. Dubill
Geology:	K. Griswold	Theatre & Dance:	absent
Global Gender St:	absent	Transnational Studies	D. Duske
History:	absent	Urban Planning:	N. Hill

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	absent	Latin American:	A. Prabhu
CSSA:	H. Li	Middle Eastern:	absent
Hellenic:	absent	Taiwanese:	absent
Indian:	I. Jolly	Turkish:	absent
Iranian:	S. Hodaei		

Special Interest Clubs:

AI in Medicine R. Hattekar
Computational Sci: absent
Graduate Poetics: B. Johnson
Grad Students of Color B. Salazar
GradSWE at UB: S. Gupta

GIGS: X. Chen
MD/PhD: Z. Weinstock
UB-AI: absent
UB-EERI: R. R. Singh
UBQ: M. Redingont

Guests:

J. Lippes Legal Counsel
L. Bay-Cheng UB NEAR

1. Vice President Connor Walters calls the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. They give a brief introduction to the procedure for remote board meetings – motions are made by text chat and voted on using Zoom’s polling function.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2020 Board Meeting
 - Motion: Mathematics
 - Second: Graduate Students of Color
 - In Favor: 56; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- Dr. Laina Bay-Cheng presents on the UB Network for Enriched Academic Relationships.
- Lawrence Mullen, unopposed candidate for GSEU business agent, presents on the GSEU and their goals for the year.
- GSA programming for November is reviewed.
 - Discount Hatchet & Hops Vouchers still available
 - \$15 each for \$40 voucher that allows for 2 hours of axe throwing. 2 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union. Mailing is available for \$2 postage fee.
 - November 9th- Free Canalside Ice Skating Vouchers available
 - 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and vouchers for skating admission, skate rental, and a \$10 food and beverage item will be sent via email directly by the vendor once all vouchers have been claimed.
 - November 16th- More Free \$5 Tim Hortons gift cards available
 - 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union. Mailing is available for \$2 postage fee.
 - November 30th- More Free \$10 Chipotle gift cards available
 - 1 per UB ID. Limited to students who did not claim a free gift card in the last giveaway.
 - Reserve online and gift cards will be sent via email directly by the vendor once all gift cards have been claimed.
- Mark Diamond Research Fund application funding is reviewed.
 - 26 applications received requesting \$52,576.47; 16 applications funded for \$30,995.43
 - The deadline for the Spring Mark Diamond funding cycle (for research between April '21 and March '22) is February 12, 2021.
 - The deadline for the Summer Mark Diamond funding cycle (for research between July '21 and June '22) is May 21, 2021.
- The GSA will be closed for Fall Recess from Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November, 27th.

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley presents Resolution 2021.01 opposing University-Imposed Graduate Student Fees.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2021.01
 - Motion: Nursing
 - Second: Comparative Literature
 - In favor: 51; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes

5. Report of the Vice President

- Connor states that a requirement of the incorporation of GSA is the updating of all club Constitutions to By-Laws.
 - Information on specific requirements will be emailed to club officers on Monday. Clubs should prepare updated drafts for GSA review for compliance with rules before having the constitutions voted on by their clubs. These revisions are due on February 15, 2021.

6. Report of the Treasurer

- GSA Treasurer Josh Joseph states that the PPP Loan has been conditionally approved for forgiveness in full by the bank.
- Josh announces the creation of a list of some COVID-19 funding guidelines for clubs, which is part of the meeting packet and will be posted on the GSA website.
- Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$15,000.00 remaining
 - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$15,000.00 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$6,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$6,000.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 6 requests for \$647.00, 6 approved for \$647.00
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$135,196.00

7. Old Business

- Connor reviews the petition for voting privileges brought by UBQ at the October 7th Board meeting.

- Motion to approve the UBQ petition for voting privileges
 - Motion: Nursing
 - Second: Comparative Literature
 - In favor: 52; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 3
 - Motion passes

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
 - A representative from GradSWE at UB presents on their club.
 - Recommended: \$350
 - Motion to approve GradSWE at UB at recommended funding amount
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Comparative Literature
 - In Favor: 50; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes
- Funding Requests
 - There are no funding requests.
- Election Code and Code of Conduct
 - The Election Committee Chair Daniel Duran presents on the updates to the Election Code and Code of Conduct. These changes include updates to dates and deadlines to 2021, and changing requirements for candidacy to one Board meeting within the past 12 months, with mandatory attendance at the February and March Board meetings.
 - Motion to approve the Election Code and Code of Conduct
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Sociology
 - In favor: 54; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Connor thanks everyone for their patience and flexibility in the delivery of the board meeting.
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:37p.m.
 - Motion: Industrial & Systems Engineering
 - Second: UBQ
 - In favor: 56; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes