

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 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:	absent	ISE:	D. Thiya/ N. Singha/ A. Olukoga
Architecture:	absent	Information Sciences:	absent
Art:	T. Petch	LAI:	W. Dai
Audiology:	I.J. Dimaculangan	Linguistics:	J. Schechter
Biochemistry:	M. Conner	Management:	absent
Biological Sciences:	S. Sojka	Materials Design & In:	absent
Biomedical Eng:	absent	Mathematics:	M. Schilder
Biostatistics:	H. Sheng	MAE:	A. Soharbi
Biotechnology:	absent	Media Study:	M. Chernoff
Cancer Sciences- RPC	D. Washington/ A. Dynka	Microbiology:	A. Stovall
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	D. Choudhury/ P. Mehrotra	Music:	J. Yackiw
Chemistry:	N. Hazel/ C. Gould	Neuroscience:	R. Ravichandar
CSEE:	H. Kim (absent- 1/2)	Nursing:	L. Underwood
Classics:	absent	Occupational Therapy	absent
Communication:	Z. Glowacki	Oral Biology:	absent
Comm. Health & H.B.	absent	Pathology & Anatomy:	absent
Comparative Lit:	C. Emerson	Pharmaceuticals:	D. Duran/ I. Hamada
CSE:	S.B. Chandra	Pharm. & Tox:	C. Lafargue
CSEP:	K. Oladel	Philosophy:	Y. Xia
Economics:	absent	Physical Therapy:	C. Clawson/ E. Dee
ELP:	K. Michener/ G. Davis/ S. Maniscola	Physics:	N. Fuller/ M. Morris
EE:	absent	Political Science:	O. Guney
English:	S. Mehri/ B. Bastie	Psychology:	B. Qin/ C. Honda
EEH:	S. Frndak	RLL:	V. Marulanda Ospina
ENS:	M. Worley	Social Work:	K. DeRose/ J. Mencia
GGB:	absent	Sociology:	D. Bagnall
Geography:	J. Swiezy	Speech:	G. Badh
Geology:	K. Griswold	Theatre & Dance:	M. Kirchhoff
Global Gender St:	K. Kagiavas	Transnational Studies	D. Duske
History:	E. Deutsch	Urban Planning:	N. Hill

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	absent	Iranian:	S. Solaty
CSSA:	H. Li	Latin American:	A. Prabhu
Indian:	absent	Taiwanese:	B. Tsai

Special Interest Clubs:

AI in Medicine absent
GradSWE at UB: S. Gupta
Graduate Poetics: Z. Brown
Grad Students of Color N. Lopez Dauphin
GIGS: X. Chen

GSPHA: A. Zafar
MD/PhD: Z. Weinstock
UB-AI A. Pallamreddy
UB-EERI: R. R. Singh
UBQ: M. Redington

Guests:

J. Lippes Legal Counsel
J. Contangelo MFA Catalogue
M. Lacan Chronika

1. Vice President Connor Walters calls the meeting to order at 6:33 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 November 4, 2020 Board Meeting
 - Motion: Nursing
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In Favor: 57; Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- GSA programming for December is reviewed.
 - Canalside Ice Skating Vouchers were cancelled due to state mandates that will prevent the Ice Rink from being able to open this season.
 - 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 a small fee.
 - Now Available- More Free \$10 Chipotle gift cards
 - 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.
 - December 14th- 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 or gift cards can be mailed for \$2 postage fee.
 - Postage fees are required to cover mandatory insurance on all items sent that have a cash value.
- The GSA winter break schedule is reviewed
 - Open through Monday, December 14th
 - Closed Tuesday, December 15th – Monday, January 4th
 - Open on Summer Hours Monday, January 4th – Friday, January 29th
 - Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:00pm, Closed on Fridays
 - Closed Monday, January 18th for MLK Jr. Day (University Closed)
 - Regular Business Hours resume Monday, February 1st
 - Paperwork Deadline: **Wednesday, December 9th**
- The paperwork deadline for anything to be paid before break is Wednesday, December 9th.
 - Anything that needs to be paid before shutdown must be in by this date. Otherwise, students are asked to notify vendors that they will not receive payment until mid to late January.

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley states Resolution 2021.01 opposing University-Imposed Graduate Student Fees has been passed by COAL and sent to upper University administration.

5. Report of the Vice President

- No report.

6. Report of the Treasurer

- 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, \$4,000.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 4 requests for \$635.00, 4 approved for \$635.00
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$134,561.00

7. Old Business

- No old business.

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
 - A representative from GSPHA presents on their club.
 - Recommended: \$350, with stipulation that club must update By-Laws and hold elections on UBLinked.
 - Motion to approve GSPHA at recommended funding amount with listed stipulations
 - Motion: Industrial & Systems Engineering
 - Second: Biological Sciences
 - In Favor: 46; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 1

- Motion passes
- Funding Requests
 - A representative from Anthropology presents on their Chronika Scholarly Publication request.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,000.00
 - A representative from Art presents on their MFA Catalogue Scholarly Publication request.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,500.00
 - A representative from English presents on their P-Queue Scholarly Publication request.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,500.00, with stipulation that they must meet minimum co-sponsorship requirements.
 - Motion to approve funding requests as a block at the recommended amounts, with listed stipulations.
 - Motion: Urban Planning
 - Second: UBC
 - In favor: 54; Oppose: 3; Abstain: 2
 - 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 6:55 p.m.
 - Motion: Nursing
 - Second: Chemical & Biological Engineering
 - In favor: 53; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes