

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

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

Senators:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana:	E. Novak	History:	E. Deutsch
Anthropology:	H. Angelini	Information Sciences:	absent
Architecture:	absent	ISE:	D. Thiya/ N. Singha/ A. Olukoga
Art:	T. Petch	LAI:	W. Dai
Audiology:	I.J. Dimaculangan	Linguistics:	J. Schechter
Biochemistry:	H. Parker	Management:	absent
Biological Sciences:	S. Sojka	Materials Design & In:	P. Garg
Biomedical Eng:	absent	Mathematics:	M. Schilder
Biostatistics:	M. Tian	MAE:	A. Soharbi
Biotechnology:	absent	Media Study:	F. Clark
Cancer Sciences- RPC	absent	Microbiology:	A. Stovall
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	D. Choudhury/ A. Chakraborty	Music:	absent
Chemistry:	N. Hazel/ C. Gould	Neuroscience:	M. Kulkarni
CSEE:	H. Kim (absent 1/2)	Nursing:	L. Underwood
Classics:	A. Heller	Occupational Therapy	absent
Communication:	N. Acosta	Oral Biology:	Y. Luo
Comm. Health & H.B.	C. McGillicuddy	Pathology & Anatomy:	absent
Comparative Lit:	A. Rasul	Pharmaceutics:	D. Duran/ I. Hamada
CSE:	S.C. Bandi	Pharm. & Tox:	absent
CSEP:	K. Oladel	Philosophy:	Y. Xia
Economics:	absent	Physical Therapy:	G. Ganaden/ M. Wnuk
ELP:	K. Berkety/ K.Lazzaro/ G. Davis	Physics:	N. Fuller/ M. Morris
EE:	absent	Political Science:	M. Brimmer
English:	S. Mehri/ B. Bastie	Psychology:	J. Gillies/ B. Qin
EEH:	absent	RLL:	V. Marulanda Ospina
ENS:	R. Barich	Social Work:	C. Green/ C. Harrington
GGB:	absent	Sociology:	D. Bagnall
Geography:	absent	Speech:	J. Stamates
Geology:	K. Griswold	Theatre & Dance:	M. Kirchhoff
Global Gender St:	K. Kagiavas	Urban Planning:	N. Hill

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	S. Khan	Latin American:	Anand
CSSA:	H. Li	Middle Eastern:	absent
Indian:	I. Jolly	Taiwanese:	B. Tsai
Iranian:	absent		

Special Interest Clubs:

AI in Medicine: P. Kumar
GradSWE: T. Abish
Graduate Poetics: B. Johnson
Grad Students of Color N. Lopez Dauphin
GIGS: X. Chen

GSPHA:
MD/PhD:
UB AI:
UB-EERI:
UBQ:

F. Jeanty-Fils
Z. Weinstock
S.S. Omprakash
absent
M. Redington

Guests:

J. Lippes
C. Walters
D. Choudhary
B. Poynton

Legal Counsel
Social Work
GISA
Theatre & Dance

1. President J Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:32 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. Only voting members should participate in the polls.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 Board Meeting
 - Motion: UBQ
 - Second: Anthropology
 - In Favor: 58; Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
3. Announcements
 - GSA programming for March is reviewed by the GSA Programming Coordinator, Courtney Doxbeck.
 - 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.
 - March 8th- 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.
 - March 8th- Free AMC Movie Tickets 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.
 - March 15th- More Free Chipotle Gift Cards are available
 - 1 per UB ID. Now available to students even if you claimed one in the Fall semester.
 - Reserve online and gift cards will be sent via email directly by the vendor once all gift cards have been claimed.
4. Report of the President
 - J states the Campus Governance and Leadership Committee is looking for a graduate volunteer. Anyone interested should contact them directly at gsa-president@buffalo.edu.
 - J and Lawrence from the GSEU met with the Director of Parking and Transportation to discuss TA and GA staff parking passes. A follow up meeting should be happening soon.
5. Report of the Vice President
 - J announces that the GSA Vice President, Connor Walters, resigned effective February 28th and thanks Connor for all their years of service to GSA
 - An election to replace this position for the remainder of the term (through May 31, 2021) will take place during New Business. J clarifies that the position will be paid.
6. Report of the Treasurer
 - Josh announces that one of GSA’s Directors of Operations, Gena Zimmerman, has announced her retirement effective March 31st. Josh thanks Gena for her 46 years of dedication and service to the organization.
 - Josh announces that budget preparations are underway within the Finance Committee and that the final proposal will be brought to the Board for approval at the April 7th meeting.
 - Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$1,200.00 allocated this month, \$13,800.00 remaining
 - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$600.00 allocated this month, \$14,400.00 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$6,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 6 requests for March for \$499.00, 6 approved for \$499.00
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$133,933.00
7. Old Business
 - No old business.
8. New Business
 - Election of Replacement Vice President
 - J announces that the Vacancy Notice and Call for Nominations were circulated last week and that two candidates have been nominated.
 - Emily (EI) Novak from Africana and Americana Studies
 - Jennifer Schechter Powrie from Linguistics
 - J notifies the Board that Jen is currently the MDRF Director for GSA and GSA policies do state that no student may hold more than one position with the GSA unless no other qualified applications were received for an advertised position.

- GSA's Legal Counsel, Josh Lippes, explains that the Board can still consider Jen for the position, as a vote for her would constitute no objection to a violation of the GSA policies.
 - Each candidate is given two minutes to introduce themselves and state why they are running.
 - Vote is called:
 - El: 38
 - Jen: 18
 - Abstain: 12
 - El is declared the new replacement Vice President
 - Funding Requests
 - A representative from Theatre and Dance presents on their Output in the Interstice Symposium proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$600.00
 - A representative from GISA presents on their Holi 2021 Special Activity proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
 - Motion to approve both funding requests as a block at the recommended amounts
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Industrial & Systems Engineering
 - In favor: 55; Oppose: 1, Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes
 - Election Committee Update
 - Election Committee Chair, Daniel Duran announces the official Presentation of Candidates for the 2021-2022 E-board
 - For President: J Coley
 - For Vice President: Jennifer Schechter Powrie
 - For Treasurer: Joshua Joseph
 - Daniel announces that the candidate Q&A will take place during the April 7th Board meeting and that elections will be held online from April 12th to 15th.
9. Roll Call and Adjournment
- J thanks everyone for their patience and flexibility in the delivery of the Board meeting.
 - Motion to Adjourn at 7:01 p.m.
 - Motion: Mathematics
 - Second: Anthropology
 - In favor: 53; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes