Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Attendance:
Officers & Staff:
President: J. Coley  Programming:
Vice President: E. Novak  Director of Operations: S. George
Treasurer: J. Joseph  Editorial Assistance:
MDRF:

Senators:
Departmental:
Africana & Americana: S. Hunt  History: E. Deutsch
Anthropology: H. Angelini  Information Sciences: absent
Architecture: absent  ISE: D. Thiya/ A. Olukoga/ P. Ganguly
Art: K. Pawlowski  LAI: W. Dai
Audiology: I.J. Dimaculangan  Linguistics: J. Schechter
Biochemistry: H. Parker  Management: absent
Biological Sciences: absent  Materials Design & In: P. Garg
Biomedical Eng: absent  Mathematics: absent
Biostatistics: H. Wang  MAE: K.K. Gabani
Biotechnology: absent  Media Study: absent
Cancer Sciences- RPC S. Degan (absent- 1/2)  Microbiology: A. Stovall
Chemistry: N. Hazel/ C. Gould  Neuroscience: M. Kulkarni
CSEE: H. Kim/ A. Sarreshtehdari  Nursing: L. Underwood
Classics: absent  Occupational Therapy V. Vaisman/ A. Pielago
Communication: Z. Glowacki  Oral Biology: C.Y. Ong
Comm. Health & H.B. C. McGillicuddy  Pathology & Anatomy: absent
Comparative Lit: A. Rasul  Pharmacuetics: absent
CSE: S.C. Bandi  Pharm. & Tox: P. Ahuja
CSEP: K. Oladel  Philosophy: Y. Xia
Economics: absent  Physical Therapy: C. Clawson/ E. Dee
ELP: K. Berkey/ M. Price/ K. Lazzaro  Physics: N. Fuller (absent- 1/2)
EE: absent  Political Science: M. Brimmer
English: S. Mehri/ B. Bastie  Psychology: K. Schatz/ P. Charlton
EEH: absent  RLL: V.M. Ospina
ENS: R. Barich  Social Work: C. Green/ K. DeRose
GBB: absent  Sociology: D. Bagnall
Geography: J. Swiezy  Speech: S. Herr
Geology: absent  Theatre & Dance: M. Kirchhoff
Global Gender St: K. Kagiavas  Urban Planning: absent

International Clubs:
Bangladeshi: absent  Latin American: Anand
CSSA: H. Li  Middle Eastern: absent
Indian: absent  Taiwanese: absent
Iranian: absent
**Special Interest Clubs:**

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**Guests:**

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1. President J Coley 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. Only voting members should participate in the polls.

2. Approval of Minutes
   • Motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
     o Motion: Anthropology
     o Second: Nursing
     o In Favor: 48; Oppose: 0, Abstain: 1
     o Motion passes

3. Announcements
   • GSA Summer Office Hours will begin Monday, May 10th
     o Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed on Fridays
     o Regular business hours will resume Monday, August 30th with the start of the Fall semester

4. Old Business
   • By Law Amendment
     o J reads the By Law amendment that states “Members of the Executive Committee are ineligible for GSA staff positions.”
     o Motion to approve the By Law amendment
       ▪ Motion: Nursing
       ▪ Second: Art
       ▪ In favor: 51; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 1
       ▪ Motion passes
   • Poll on Board Meeting Format
     o J asks the Board to let us know their preferences for how Board meetings should be held next year. They announce that we will look into the option of holding meetings via a hybrid model, but states that we are unsure how voting and attendance would be controlled and monitored appropriately, so it is unclear yet whether this can be considered as a viable option.
       ▪ In person: 13; Virtual: 40; Abstain: 4

5. New Business
   • No new business.

6. Roll Call and Adjournment
   • J thanks everyone for attending and wishes them a wonderful summer.
   • Motion to Adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
     o Motion: Anthropology
     o Second: Comparative Literature
     o In favor: 52; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
     o Motion passes