

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
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	A. Kumar (absent- 1/2)	Music:	absent
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	Pharmaceuticals:	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
GGB:	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:

AI in Medicine: absent  
GradSWE: K. Patidar  
Graduate Poetics: absent  
Grad Students of Color B. Salazar  
GIGS: X. Chen

GSPHA: absent  
MD/PhD: absent  
UB AI: C. Cheluvvaraju  
UB-EERI: R. Singh  
UBQ: M. Redington

Guests:

J. Lippes                      Legal Counsel

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
    - Motion: Anthropology
    - Second: Nursing
    - In Favor: 48; Oppose: 0, Abstain: 1
    - Motion passes
3. Announcements
  - GSA Summer Office Hours will begin Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed on Fridays
    - Regular business hours will resume Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> with the start of the Fall semester
4. Old Business
  - By Law Amendment
    - J reads the By Law amendment that states “Members of the Executive Committee are ineligible for GSA staff positions.”
    - 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
    - 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.
    - Motion: Anthropology
    - Second: Comparative Literature
    - In favor: 52; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
    - Motion passes