

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

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

Board Members:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana:	absent	History:	E. Deutsch
Anthropology:	H. Angelini	Information Sciences:	absent
Architecture:	absent	ISE:	N. Singha/ A. Olukoga/ R. Mirzapuri
Art:	absent	LAI:	R. Enser
Audiology:	I.J. Dimaculangan	Linguistics:	absent
Biochemistry:	M. Conner	Management:	absent
Biological Sciences:	S. Sojka	Materials Design & In:	P. Garg
Biomedical Eng:	absent	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biostatistics:	H. Sheng	MAE:	absent
Biotechnology:	absent	Media Study:	absent
Cancer Sciences- RPC	D. Washington/ H. Calkins	Microbiology:	K. Sortino
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	D. Choudhury/ P. Mehrotra	Music:	absent
Chemistry:	C. Gould (absent- 1/2)	Neuroscience:	K. Woodhouse
CSEE:	H. Carrion (absent- 1/2)	Nursing:	L. Underwood
Classics:	absent	Occupational Therapy	D. Henry
Communication:	Z. Glowacki	Oral Biology:	M. Che
Comm. Health & H.B.	C. Dauphin	Pathology & Anatomy:	absent
Comparative Lit:	absent	Pharmaceuticals:	I. Hamada (absent- 1/2)
CSE:	S.C. Bandi	Pharm. & Tox:	S. Xu
CSEP:	absent	Philosophy:	absent
Economics:	absent	Physical Therapy:	G. Ganaden/ M. Wnuk
ELP:	P. Arment/ E. Scollo (absent- 2/3 @ RC)	Physics:	O. Elsherif
EE:	absent	Political Science:	A. Brown
English:	S. Mehri/ B. Bastie	Psychology:	A. Wise/ L. Emery
EEH:	F. Ali	RLL:	absent
ENS:	M. Worley	Social Work:	absent
GGB:	absent	Sociology:	J. Schoonover
Geography:	J. Swiezy	Speech:	absent
Geology:	K. Griswold	Theatre & Dance:	M. Kirchhoff
Global Gender St:	K. Kagiavas	Urban Planning:	J. Kotler

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	absent	Latin American:	E. Rivera Rosario
CSSA:	H. Li	Middle Eastern:	absent
Indian:	absent	Taiwanese:	H. Wei
Iranian:	absent		

Special Interest Clubs:

AI in Medicine: absent
GradSWE: V. Hatrote
Graduate Poetics: B. Johnson
Grad Students of Color B. Salazar
GIGS: X. Chen

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

Guests:

J. Lippes Legal Counsel
C. Walters Social Work

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 this year—specifically that Turning Point will be used for voting, if it works
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the April 7 and April 21, 2021 Board Meetings
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In Favor: 48; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
3. Announcements
 - GSA staff and services are briefly introduced.
 - J Coley discusses how GSA (and UB) will be using UBLinked for things like liability waivers and pre-approval of events.
 - In-person GSA events are allowed, but MUST follow all federal, state, local, University and GSA guidelines. Please note ALL in-person events and meetings must be submitted for University and EH&S approval on UBLinked FIRST. ALL clubs MUST use the Event Pass App to admit only pre-registered students to in-person events.
 - GSA will be checking attendance lists against waiver lists before processing any reimbursements or payments related to in-person events.
 - Tom Vane from Student Engagement gives a training presentation on how to use UBLinked.
 - 2021-2022 Board meeting schedule has been distributed with the agenda as part of the meeting packet.
 - Mandatory board member training information has been sent to board members, along with instructions. This information is also on the GSA website. Certificates of completion should be submitted to the Associate Director of Operations Diane Staly at dstaly@buffalo.edu. The October meeting will feature a Q&A on training led by GSA legal counsel.
 - GSA programming for September is reviewed.
 - October 3rd – Fall Fest at Becker Farms
 - 2 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - October 13th – Distinguished Speaker Series presents Winston Duke
 - A limited number of free tickets will be available for graduate students. Details to follow.
 - More events coming soon!
4. Report of the President
 - GSA President J Coley states that the Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest policies were included in the packets sent to all Board members, and that verification of receipt of these policies will need to be received by the October 6th Board meeting.
5. Report of the Vice President
 - GSA Vice President Jen Schechter states that Mandatory Officer Training for all club Presidents and Treasurers is now online via the GSA website. All materials should be reviewed and each [necessary] officer must pass a quiz by September 30th. Failure to do so will result in the club's budget being frozen.
6. Report of the Treasurer
 - GSA Treasurer Josh Joseph states that it has been recommended by our accountant and auditors to create an official Reserve Account. This account will help GSA plan for any unforeseen revenue shortages or help keep the organization 'afloat' if a referendum vote should fail.
 - GSA would like to allocate \$250,000 of the undesignated fund balance to create this new account.
 - Motion to approve the reserve account and \$250,000 allocation.
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Learning & Instruction (LAI)
 - In Favor: 39; Oppose: 3; Abstain: 5
 - Motion passes
 - 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:
 - 0 requests in August for \$0.00, 0 approved for \$0.00
 - 8 requests in September for \$1,526.00, 8 approved for \$1,526.00
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$138,474.00
7. Old Business
 - There is no old business.
8. New Business
 - Call for Committee Members

- Finance Committee (9 Members, 2 Alternates)
 1. Meg Morris (Physics)
 2. Laura Underwood (Nursing)
 3. Cassy Dauphin (CHHB)
 4. Monika Che (Oral Biology)
 5. Emanuela Scollo (ELP)
 6. Andrew Brown (Political Science)
 7. Ka Yue Cheuk (Mathematics)
 8. Preston Arment (ELP)
 9. Glen Galaden (PT)
 - Alt 1. Kevin Griswold (Geology)
 - Alt 2. J Coley (Sociology)
 - Motion to approve Finance Committee members
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Oral Biology
 - In Favor: 42; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
 - Services Committee (5 Members)
 - Deschana Washington (Cancer Sciences- RPCCC)
 - Kaylee Kagiavas (GGS)
 - Monika Che (Oral Biology)
 - Kevin Griswold (Geology)
 - Morgan Redington (Chemistry)
 - Motion to approve Services Committee members
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Epidemiology & Environmental Health (EEH)
 - In Favor: 40; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes.
 - Election Committee (5 Members)
 1. Fahed Ali (EEH)
 2. Andrew Brown (Political Science)
 3. Vaishnavi Hatrote (CBE)
 4. Monika Che (Oral Biology)
 5. Morgan Redington (Chemistry)
 - Motion to approve Election Committee members
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Community Health & Health Behavior (CHHB)
 - In Favor: 41; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
 - Call for Ethics Officer
 - Cassy Dauphin (CHHB)
 - Motion to approve Ethics Officer
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Epidemiology & Environmental Health (EEH)
 - In Favor: 37; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
 - Club Recognition
 - A representative from Taiwanese presents on their club, requesting and recommended for a \$750 budget.
 - Motion to approve Taiwanese at recommended amount.
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In Favor: 37; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes
 - Funding Requests
 - There are no funding requests.
9. Roll Call and Adjournment
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:59 p.m.
 - Motion: Anthropology

- Second: UBQ
- In favor: 40; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0
- Motion passes