

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

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

President:	J. Coley	Programming:	L. Russell
Vice President:	J. Schechter	Director of Operations:	S. George/ D. Staly
Treasurer:	J. Joseph	Editorial Assistance:	
		MDRF:	

Board Members:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana:	S. Hunt	History:	R. Adams
Anthropology:	H. Angelini	Information Sciences:	absent
Architecture:	absent	ISE:	A. Olukoga/ S. Dsa/ M.R. Yempada
Art:	T. Robers	LAI:	R. Enser
Audiology:	J. Stuber	Linguistics:	J. Sharp
Biochemistry:	C. Handelmann	Management:	absent
Biological Sciences:	E. Vohwinkel	Materials Design & In:	M.S. Parasnig
Biomedical Eng:	absent	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biostatistics:	J. Zhou	MAE:	A.K. Singh
Biotechnology:	absent	Media Study:	absent
Cancer Sciences- RPC:	L. Redman/ S. Shai	Microbiology:	K. Sortino
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	J. Diehl/ S. Shahini	Music:	J. Falzone
Chemistry:	N. Hazel/ M. Redington	Neuroscience:	M. Kumar
CSEE:	M. Shahraki / A.A. Soliman	Nursing:	absent
Classics:	A. Hill	Occupational Therapy:	A. Kubiak
Communication:	N. Acosta	Oral Biology:	M. Che
Comm. Health & H.B.:	C. McGillicuddy	Pathology & Anatomy:	absent
Comparative Lit:	A. Rasul	Pharmaceutics:	absent
CSE:	M. Tulugu/ V.S. Kuruganty	Pharm. & Tox:	absent
CSEP:	K. Oladele	Philosophy:	F. McMurty
Economics:	absent	Physical Therapy:	S. Hutton/ A. Sagun
ELP:	P. Arment/ K. Barnhart/ M. Price	Physics:	O. Elsherif
EE:	absent	Political Science:	absent
English:	S. Mehri (absent 1/2)	Psychology:	A. Hessler / R. Lelito
EEH:	T. Mai	RLL:	M. Dufay-Verbie
ENS:	D. Choudhary	Social Work:	P. Hennigan / A. Kreib
GGB:	absent	Sociology:	J. Schoonover
Geography:	C. Liu	Speech:	R. Azzam
Geology:	K. Griswold	Theatre & Dance:	absent
Global Gender St:	absent	Urban Planning:	J. Kotler

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	absent	Latin American:	S. Lopez Restrepo
CSSA:	H. Li	Middle Eastern:	absent
Indian:	M.R. Kalidindi	Taiwanese:	C. Hsu
Iranian:	N. Oladzad		

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE: I. Dhopeswar
Graduate Poetics: B. Messinger
Grad Students of Color S. Quinones
GIGS: X. Chen

GSPHA:
UB AI:
UB-EERI:
UBQ:

S. Biswas
absent
R.R. Singh
O. Clarke

Guests:

J. Lippes
M. Grella
G. Horton
B. Cooper
T. Vane

Legal Counsel
FSA
EFPR
UBIT
Student Engagement

1. Vice President Jen Schechter calls the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the October 6th Board Meeting
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In Favor: 49; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 6
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- Blake Cooper from UBIT discusses the Microsoft 365 transition that is happening and informs students that they can contact him directly with any questions at blakecoo@buffalo.edu.
- Greg Horton from EFPR reviews the highlights of GSA's Financial Statement for the prior fiscal year. Michael Grela from FSA reviews the highlights of the corresponding 990 tax return. Mike notes that there will be a few small edits made on page 7 to make sure that Gena is not listed as an officer, and Connor's last name is spelled correctly.
 - Motion to accept the Financial Statement and approve the submission of the 990
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In Favor: 52; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 5
 - Motion passes
- Jen announces that GSA will be closed for Fall Recess from Tuesday, November 23rd through Friday, November 26th.
- GSA programming is reviewed.
 - Discount Hatchet & Hops Vouchers on sale
 - \$15 each for a \$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.
 - Discount AMC Movie Tickets on sale
 - \$5 each. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - November 15th- Discount Canalside Vouchers on sale
 - \$5 each for a \$20 voucher that can be used for roller skating, ice skating, equipment rentals, or at Canalside food vendor. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - November 16th- Distinguished Speaker Series presents Aly Raisman
 - Free tickets now available for graduate students. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - December 4th- Pretty Woman at Shea's
 - Tickets on sale now for \$20 each. 2 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
- Jen reviews the MDRF Fall Grant Cycle Report
 - 20 applications received requesting \$45,123.72
 - 8 applications funded for \$15,538.08
 - Spring grant deadline: Friday, February 11, 2022
 - For research to be conducted April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023
 - Summer grant deadline: Friday, May 20, 2022
 - For research to be conducted July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Jen states that Lockwood Library is looking for feedback on new furniture options for the 4th and 5th floors. Visual examples of options are presented to the Board and the top choices will be shared with the staff managing renovations.

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley states that the Graduate School is looking for student comments on the proposed Graduate and Postdoctoral Student Center via an online survey. They share the link with students to respond, however the deadline for responses is today.

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter reviews the guidelines for clubs to host in-person events and states that failure to follow the proper rules could result in the club's budget being frozen for the entire year. She encourages everyone to plan well in advance, as the University's review process can take up to two weeks.

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, \$13,605.00 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:
 - 31 requests in November for \$8,273.00, 29 approved for \$7,678.00
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$128,104.29
- GSA Treasurer Josh Joseph reminds everyone that the November 17th deadline is the final deadline of the year to apply for GSA Scholarly Publication funding. All publications must be printed by June 30, 2022.

7. Old Business

- There is no old business.

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
 - A representative from Graduate Indian Student Association (GISA) presents on their club, requesting and recommended for a \$750 budget.
 - Motion to approve GISA at recommended amount.
 - Motion: Chemistry
 - Second: Anthropology
 - In Favor: 48; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 6
 - Motion passes
- Funding Requests
 - There are no funding requests.
- Approval of Election Code
 - Election Committee Co-Chair Morgan Redington announces that all dates and deadlines have been updated. Other changes and additions were made to reference the Election Committee Co-Chairs, only require attendance at the February and March Board meetings as mandatory for candidates, update tie committee vote guidelines, and include that major violations will now result in candidates being ineligible to run in future elections.
 - Discussion occurs regarding the committee's decision to lower the number of required Board meetings for candidacy. Morgan states that the intention is to lower the barriers to entry and encourage more students to run for office.
 - Motion to approve the Election Code
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In Favor: 43; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 9
 - Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:23 p.m.
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Industrial and Systems Engineering
 - In favor: 45; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 5
 - Motion passes