

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

President:

Vice President: J. Schechter

Treasurer: J. Joseph

Programming:

Director of Operations: S. George

Editorial Assistance:

MDRF:

Board Members:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana: T. Coleman
Anthropology: H. Angelini
Architecture: absent
Art: absent
Audiology: J. Stuber
Biochemistry: J. McGlohon
Biological Sciences: E. Vohwinkel
Biomedical Eng: absent
Biostatistics: S. Park
Biotechnology: absent
Cancer Sciences- RPC N. Su/ S. Shai
Chem. & Bio. Eng: P. Mehrotra/ V. Das
Chemistry: N. Hazel/ C. Gould
CSEE: K. Eltouy/ S. Gopagani
Classics: absent
Communication: N. Acosta
Comm. Health & H.B. C. Dauphin
Comparative Lit: absent
CSE: M. Tulugu/ V.S. Kuruganty
CSEP: K. Oladel
Economics: absent
ELP: P. Arment/ K. Barnhart/ M. Price
EE: absent
English: S. Mehri/ B. Bastie
EEH: absent
ENS: absent
GGB: absent
Geography: C. Liu
Geology: K. Griswold
Global Gender St: absent

History: R. Adams
Information Sciences: absent
ISE: A. Olukoga/ S. Dsa/ M.R. Yempada
LAI: R. Enser
Linguistics: absent
Management: absent
Materials Design & In: absent
Mathematics: K.Y. Cheuk
MAE: K.K. Gabani
Media Study: F. Clark
Microbiology: E. Ivey
Music: J. Falzone
Neuroscience: S.L. Verrapaneni
Nursing: L. Underwood
Occupational Therapy A. Kubiak
Oral Biology: absent
Pathology & Anatomy: absent
Pharmaceuticals: B. Boleslav/ R. Hari
Pharm. & Tox: R. Rodriguez
Philosophy: F. McMurty
Physical Therapy: S. Hutton/ M. Wnuk
Physics: O. Elsherif
Political Science: A. Brown
Psychology: K. James/ A. Ferkin
RLL: T. Ricardo
Social Work: absent
Sociology: J. Schoonover
Speech: K. Kearney/ K. Wong
Theatre & Dance: M. Kirchhoff
Urban Planning: J. Kotler

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi: absent
CSSA: H. Li
Indian: absent
Iranian: Z. Vahidi

Latin American: M. Di Luigi
Middle Eastern: absent
Taiwanese: H.W. Huang

Special Interest Clubs:

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

GSPHA: L.A. Johnson
MD/PhD: absent
UB AI: absent
UB-EERI: absent
UBQ: M. Redington

Guests:

J. Lippes Legal Counsel

1. Vice President Jen Schechter calls the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes—with GSA staff attendance corrections—from the September 8th Board Meeting
 - Motion: UBQ
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In Favor: 38; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- Reminder that the Board of Directors 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule is in the distributed meeting packet.
- UBIT is hosting a series of input sessions for students later in October.
- GSA programming 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 are available for graduate students. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - October 18th—Discount Canalside Vouchers on Sale
 - \$5 each for a \$20 voucher than can be used for roller skating, ice skating, equipment rentals or at a Canalside food vendor. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - Vouchers available!
 - Hatchet & Hops: \$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.
 - AMC Movie Tickets: \$5 each. 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 November 1st for \$20 each. 2 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.

4. Report of the President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter calls for volunteers for several Broad-Based Fee Student Advisory Groups. Volunteers are secured for all groups.

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter reminds everyone that the University wide recognition deadline is Friday, October 15th. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the freezing of the club’s budget for the rest of the year.
- She also reviews some important rules for Board Members to avoid penalties: (1) all elected Board seats must be filled at each meeting in order for the club’s attendance to be counted in full; and (2) all representatives must be present from the beginning to the end of the meeting. Times are logged automatically by Zoom. If you miss two consecutive Board meetings then your club’s budget will be frozen until full representation is resumed at a future Board meeting.

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, \$1,395.00 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:
 - 13 requests in October for \$3,241.71, 12 approved for \$2,691.71
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$135,782.29

7. Old Business

- Board of Directors Training and Q&A
 - GSA Legal Counsel opens a Q&A on the Board of Directors Training
- Reminder that Policy Receipt Acknowledgements for Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies must be signed by at least one person and emailed back to GSA.
- Approval of Election Committee Co-Chairs Morgan Redington and Vaishnavi Hatrote
 - Motion to approve Election Committee Co-Chairs
 - Motion: Mathematics
 - Second: Anthropology
 - In favor: 40; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes

- Reminder that the Election Code will be reviewed and revised (as necessary) for approval at the November Board of Directors meeting.

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
 - There are no clubs up for recognition.
- Funding Requests
 - Symposium: CBE Symposium—Chemical & Biological Engineering
 - Motion to approve CBE Symposium at the recommended amount
 - Motion: Anthropology
 - Second: Community Health & Health Behavior
 - In favor: 40; Opposed: 1; Abstain: 6
 - Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:07 p.m.
 - Motion: Physics
 - Second: Mathematics
 - In favor: 46; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes