

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

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

Board Members:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana:	T. Coleman	LAI:	R. Enser
Anthropology:	E. Pinkston	Linguistics:	J. Sharp
Art:	J.W. Tufts	Materials Design & In:	M.S. Parasnis
Audiology:	absent	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biochemistry:	J. McGlohon	MAE:	A.K. Singh
Biological Sciences:	E. Vohwinkel	Media Study:	absent
Biostatistics:	absent	Microbiology:	K. Sortino
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	N. Su (absent- 1/2)	Music:	J. Falzone
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	K. Subramanian/ O. Desai	Neuroscience:	S.L. Veerapaneni
Chemistry:	N. Hazel/ C. Gould	Nursing:	L. Underwood
CSEE:	K. Eltouny (absent- 1/2)	Occupational Therapy:	K. Gronn
Classics:	A. Heller	Oral Biology:	M. Che
Communication:	N. Acosta	Pharmaceuticals:	B. Boleslav/ R. Hari
Comm. Health & H.B.	C. McGillicuddy	Pharm. & Tox:	absent
Comparative Lit:	A. Rasul	Philosophy:	F. McMurty
CSE:	M. Tulugu/ N. Bandari	Physical Therapy:	G. Hendershot/ E. St. Pierre
CSEP:	absent	Physics:	O. Elsherif
ELP:	P. Arment/ E. Scollo (absent- 2/3)	Political Science:	A. Brown
English:	S. Mehri/ L. Mullen	Psychology:	L. Emery/ R. Lelito
EEH:	absent	RLL:	M. Dufay-Verbie
ENS:	E. Lavoie	Social Work:	P. Hennigan / A. Vo
Geography:	C. Liu	Sociology:	S. Upadhyay
Geology:	absent	Speech:	J. Salim/ R. Azzam
History:	R. Adams	Theatre & Dance:	M. Kirchoff
ISE:	absent	Urban Planning:	J. Kotler

International Clubs:

Indian:	M. Johar	Latin American:	M. Di Luigi
Iranian:	Z. Vahidi	Taiwanese:	absent

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	K. Patidar	GSPHA:	absent
Graduate Poetics:	M. Green	UB-EERI:	R.R. Singh
Grad Students of Color:	absent	UBQ:	M. Redington
GIGS:	X. Chen		

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal Counsel
L. Sherwood	BME
E. Novak	AAS
C. Walters	Social Work
D. Shinyavskiy	MDI

1. President J Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the December 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting
  - Motion: Learning & Instruction
  - Second: UBQ
  - In Favor: 42; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 3
  - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- El Novak provides an update.
  - PhD Excellence Committee: a survey is coming for CAS students about priorities (not funding).
  - FSA: One World Café had a soft opening and is still hiring, and the UB Club is open to students with a faculty invite.
- GSA programming is reviewed.
  - Discount Canalside vouchers on sale.
    - \$5 each for a \$20 voucher. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
  - Free \$5 Tim Horton's gift cards are available.
    - 1 per UB ID. Limited quantity available. First come, first served. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
  - February 7<sup>th</sup>—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.
  - February 16<sup>th</sup>—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Nikole Hannah-Jones
    - Free tickets available for graduate students. Limited quantity available. First come, first served. Reserve online through the UB Ticket Office.
- The Spring MDRF Grant Application deadline is Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - For research to be conducted between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley states that the performance of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is currently being reviewed.
  - A survey was sent out to certain graduate students. They encourage anyone interested in providing a written evaluation of the Dean to email them before February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The President states that there is a UUP resolution to require the University to provide KN95 masks.
  - Motion to support/endorse the resolution.
    - Motion: English
    - Second: UBQ
    - In favor: 48; Opposed: 1; Abstain: 4
    - Motion passes

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter states that the GSA has reinstated the ban on in-person events (including meetings) until further notice.
  - This comes from a concern regarding legal liability and will be re-evaluated later in February.
- The Vice President also provides a reminder about club voting and funding guidelines.
  - All votes must take place in open club meetings
  - Club members have to approve of all expenses and amounts
  - Must meet quorum in order for votes to be legitimate!
  - Minutes must show the motion, the second, and the voting tallies.

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, \$1,600.00 remaining
  - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
  - Conferences:
    - 18 requests in January for \$3,510.00, 18 approved for \$3,510.00
    - 15 requests in February for \$5,940.00, 13 approved for \$4,840.00
    - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$117,226.29

7. Old Business

- There is no Old Business.

8. New Business

- Funding Requests
  - There are no funding requests this month.
- Election Committee Update
  - Election Committee Co-Chair Morgan Redington provides an update to the Board.
    - Candidate petition packets are now available. The deadline for submission is Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> by 4:30pm. Eligibility requirements are reviewed. For any information, email the EC Co-Chairs.

#### 9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 6:54pm
  - Motion: Nursing
  - Second: Sociology
  - In favor: 49; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 2
  - Motion passes