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

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

Board Members:

Departmental:
Africana & Americana: T. Coleman 
Anthropology: E. Pinkston 
Art: J.W. Tufts 
Audiology: absent 
Biochemistry: J. McGlothlin 
Biological Sciences: E. Vohwinkel 
Biostatistics: absent 
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC: N. Su (absent-1/2) 
Chemistry: N. Hazel / C. Gould 
CSEE: K. Eltouny (absent-1/2) 
Classics: A. Heller 
Communication: N. Acosta 
Comm. Health & H.B.: C. McGillicuddy 
Comparative Lit: A. Rasul 
CSE: M. Tulugu / N. Bandari 
CSEP: absent 
ELP: P. Arment / E. Scollo (absent-2/3) 
English: S. Mehri / L. Mullen 
EEH: absent 
ENS: E. Lavoie 
Geography: C. Liu 
Geology: absent 
History: R. Adams 
ISE: absent 

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

Special Interest Clubs:
GradSWE: K. Patidar 
Graduate Poetics: M. Green 
Grad Students of Color: absent 
GIGS: X. Chen

GSPHA: absent 
UB-EERI: R.R. Singh 
UBQ: M. Redington

Guests:
J. Lippes Legal Counsel
L. Sherwood BME
E. Novak AAS
C. Walters Social Work
D. Shinyavski 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 1st Board Meeting
     o Motion: Learning & Instruction
     o Second: UBQ
     o In Favor: 42; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 3
     o Motion passes
3. Announcements
   - El Novak provides an update.
     o PhD Excellence Committee: a survey is coming for CAS students about priorities (not funding).
     o 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.
     o 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.
     o 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.
     o February 7th—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.
     o February 16th—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 11th.
     o 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.
     o 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 10th.
   - The President states that there is a UUP resolution to require the University to provide KN95 masks.
     o 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 reinstituted the ban on in-person events (including meetings) until further notice.
     o 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.
     o All votes must take place in open club meetings
     o Club members have to approve of all expenses and amounts
     o Must meet quorum in order for votes to be legitimate!
     o Minutes must show the motion, the second, and the voting tallies.
6. Report of the Treasurer
   - Funding Account Balances:
     o Special Activity: $15,000 to start, $0.00 allocated this month, $15,000.00 remaining
     o Interdepartmental Activity: $2,000.00 to start, $0.00 allocated this month, $2,000.00 remaining
     o Symposia: $15,000.00 to start, $0.00 allocated this month, $13,605.00 remaining
     o Scholarly Publication: $6,000.00 to start, $0.00 allocated this month, $1,600.00 remaining
     o Community Outreach: $2,000 to start, $0.00 allocated this month, $2,000.00 remaining
     o 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
  o There are no funding requests this month.

• Election Committee Update
  o 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 25th 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
  o Motion: Nursing
  o Second: Sociology
  o In favor: 49; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 2
  o Motion passes