

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

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

President:	J. Coley	Programming:	J. Bleasdale
Vice President:	J. Schechter	Dir. of Operations:	S. George
Treasurer:		Editorial Assistance:	
		MDRF:	

Board Members:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana:	S. Hunt	Information Science:	J. Gay
Anthropology:	K. Wilson	LAI:	R. Enser
Art:	S. Browning	Linguistics:	J. Zhong
Audiology:	S. Chambers	Materials Design & In:	absent
Biochemistry:	L. Jensen	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biological Sciences:	E. Vohwinkel	MAE:	absent
Biostatistics:	M. Fang	Media Study:	absent
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	I. Bektas/ B. Doshi	Microbiology:	M. D'Angelo
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	O. Desai	Music:	J. Falzone
Chemistry:	absent	Neuroscience:	absent
CSEE:	G. Congdon/ V.R. Solanki	Nursing:	L. Pasek
Classics:	M. Pehringer	Occupational Therapy:	R. Arian
Communication:	absent	Oral Biology:	absent
Comm. Health & H.B.	S. Rifah	Pharmaceutics:	M. Goulazian
Comparative Lit:	F. Hajhosseini	Pharm. & Tox:	A. Jawadwala
CSE:	S. Murugiah/ V. Malatthesha	Philosophy:	absent
CSEP:	G. Martinez	Physical Therapy:	G. Hendershot/ E. Sorrells
ELP:	S. Pietrera/ S. Afrin (absent- 2/3)	Physics:	J. Carvalho
Electrical Engineering:	absent	Political Science:	A. Brown
English:	L. Mullen	Psychology:	R. Cooper
EEH:	S. Lima	RLL:	M. Fernandez Lopez
ENS:	N. Bartman	Social Work:	absent
Geography:	C. Liu	Sociology:	S. Pant
Geology:	H. Franklin	Speech:	N. Cline (absent- 1/2)
History:	J. Labbie	Theatre & Dance:	absent
ISE:	absent	Urban Planning:	D. Fries

International Clubs:

Indian:	A. Mehta	Latin American:	absent
Iranian:	T. Darabnoushtehrani	Taiwanese:	Y.H. Chen

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	K. Patidar	GSPHA:	M. Shaver
Graduate Poetics:	absent	UB-EERI:	absent
Grad Students of Color:	S. Quinones	UB Sci & Health Policy	M. Garcia
GIGS:	S.A. Tsai	UBQ:	M. Redington

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal Counsel
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1. President J Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the October 5th Board Meeting
 - Motion: Occupational Therapy
 - Second: Sociology
 - In Favor: 38; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- President J Coley states that the office will be closed for Fall Recess from Wednesday, November 23rd through Friday, November 25th. The office will resume regular business hours on Monday, November 28th.
- GSA programming is reviewed.
 - November 4th—Java Junction, 11:00am—1:00pm in 145 C&D Student Union.
 - Free Tim Horton's coffee and donuts for graduate students.
 - November 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.
 - November 15th—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Marie Yovanovitch
 - 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 11th—Buffalo Bills vs New York Jets football game
 - Tickets on sale November 7th for \$25 each. 1 per UB ID. Limited quantity available. First come, first served!
- MDRF Fall Grant Cycle Report
 - 31 applications received, requesting \$62,948.80
 - 17 applications funded for \$31,331.59
 - Spring deadline = Friday, February 17, 2023
 - For research to be conducted April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024.

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley states they are looking for a graduate student volunteer to help with UB Pride Week planning committee
 - If you're interested, please send an email to gsa-president@buffalo.edu

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter states there have been issues with club votes and meeting minutes.
- She gives a reminder about all club voting and funding guidelines:
 - All votes must take place in open club meetings.
 - Club members have to approve of all expenses and amounts (E-Board alone cannot approve expenses).
 - Clubs must meet quorum (as stated in their by-laws) in order for votes to be legitimate.
 - Minutes must show the motion, the second and the voting tallies, plus a description of the expense.

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, \$13,600.00 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:
 - 35 requests in November for \$13,140.54, 30 approved for \$10,640.54
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$98,322.61
- Scholarly Publication Reminder
 - Please note that the November 16th deadline is the final deadline of the year to apply for the GSA Scholarly Publication funding!
 - All publications must be printed by June 30, 2023.

7. Old Business

- GSA Legal Counsel Joshua Lippes reviews the Board of Directors Training.
 - If any board member has questions about this, they are welcome to contact him at jlippes@lippeslaw.com

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
 - Representatives from Graduate Indian Student Association, Graduate Society of Women Engineers and UBQ present their club. They are all requesting and recommended for the full amount they are eligible for (\$750 for International; \$350 for Special Interest).

- Motion to approve all clubs as a block at the recommended amounts
 - Motion: Africana & Americana Studies
 - Second: Physical Therapy
 - In Favor: 37; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes
- Funding Request
 - There are no funding requests this month.
- Approval of Election Code
 - An Election Committee representative reviews the changes to the Election Code.
 - All dates and deadlines have been updated
 - Includes option for Co-Chairs
 - Requires candidates to be on-campus or be capable of being on-campus to be eligible to run.
 - Motion to approve the Election Code
 - Motion: Audiology
 - Second: Urban Planning
 - In Favor: 36; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 5
 - Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 6:57pm
 - Motion: Audiology
 - Second: Biochemistry
 - In favor: 39; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes