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

Attendance:

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

Board Members:

Departmental:
- Africana & Americana: S. Hunt
- Anthropology: K. Wilson
- Art: S. Browning
- Audiology: S. Chambers
- Biochemistry: L. Jensen
- Biological Sciences: E. Vohwinkel
- Biostatistics: M. Fang
- Cancer Sciences- RPCCC: I. Bektas/ B. Doshi
- Chem. & Bio. Eng: O. Desai
- Chemistry: absent
- CSEE: G. Congdon/ V.R. Solanki
- Classics: M. Pehringer
- Communication: absent
- Comm. Health & H.B. : S. Rifah
- Comparative Lit: F. Hajhosseini
- CSE: S. Murugiah/ V. Malatthesha
- CSEP: G. Martinez
- ELP: S. Pietrera/ S. Afrin (absent- 2/3)
- Electrical Engineering: absent
- English: L. Mullen
- EEH: S. Lima
- ENS: N. Bartman
- Geography: C. Liu
- Geology: H. Franklin
- History: J. Labbie
- ISE: absent

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

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

Guests:
- J. Lippes
- Legal Counsel
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