Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Attendance:
Officers & Staff:
President: J. Coley Programming: 
Vice President: J. Schechter Dir. of Operations: D. Staly
Treasurer: J. Joseph Editorial Assistance: 
MDRF:

Board Members:
Departmental:
Africana & Americana: D. Duske Information Science: A. DiPalo
Anthropology: Z. Apolito LAI: absent
Art: T. Robers Linguistics: absent
Audiology: S. Chambers Materials Design & In: A. Tiroucouyanne
Biochemistry: L. Jensen Mathematics: K.Y. Cheuk
Biological Sciences: E. Vohwinkel MAE: K. Gabani
Biostatistics: S. Liang Media Study: absent
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC: D. Overton/ S. Senchanthisai Microbiology: N. Deka
Chemistry: absent Neuroscience: R. Ravichandar
CSEE: G. Congdon/ V.R. Solanki Nursing: H.E. Ogbebor
Classics: M. Pehringer Occupational Therapy: R. Arian
Communication: M. Czworka Oral Biology: E. Ovalle
Comm. Health & H.B. S. Rifah Pharmaceutics: M. Shah
Comparative Lit: A. Rasul Pharm. & Tox: A. Jawadwala
CSE: S. Murugiah (absent 1/2) Philosophy: absent
CSEP: G. Martinez Physical Therapy: G. Hendershot/ V. Fan
Electrical Engineering: A.C. Raikar/ H. Murugesan Political Science: A. Brown
English: L. Mullen Psychology: K. James
EEH: B. Anjorin RLL: M. Fernandez Lopez
ENS: N. Bartman Social Work: S. Martin
Geography: C. Liu Sociology: S. Pant
Geology: H. Franklin Speech: C. Vecchio/ N. Cline
History: J. Labbie Theatre & Dance: N. McCandless
ISE: absent Urban Planning: D. Fries

International Clubs:
Indian: absent 
Iranian: D. Moradi 
Latin American: absent 
Taiwanese: Y.H. Chen

Special Interest Clubs:
GradSWE: absent GSPHA: J. Rosales
Graduate Poetics: absent UB-EERI: absent
Grad Students of Color: S. Quinones UB Sci & Health Policy absent
GIGS: S.A. Tsai UBQ: absent

Guests:
J. Lippes Legal Counsel
H. Liao GSEU
1. President J Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:31pm

2. Approval of Minutes
   - Motion to approve the minutes from the September 7th Board Meeting
     - Motion: Occupational Therapy
     - Second: Mathematics
     - In Favor: 35; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
     - Motion passes

3. Announcements
   - Lawrence Mullen from the GSEU provides a brief introduction to and explanation of the Graduate Student Employees Union.
   - GSA programming is reviewed.
     - More discount AMC movie tickets on sale now.
       - $5 each. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
     - October 7th—Java Junction, 11:00am—1:00pm in 145 C&D Student Union.
       - Free Tim Horton’s coffee and donuts for graduate students.
     - October 8th—Fall Fest at Becker Farms
       - $5 each. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
     - October 11th—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Ken Jeong
       - A limited number of free tickets are available for graduate students. 1 per UB ID.
     - Coming Soon!!
       - November 12th—Buffalo Sabres vs. Boston Bruins Hockey Game (on sale Oct. 10th)
       - November 15th—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Marie Yovanovitch (on sale Oct. 31st)
       - November 27th—Disney’s Aladdin at Shea’s (on sale since Sept. 26th)

4. Report of the President
   - GSA President J Coley states that a committee member has resigned from the three committees, and the Board needs to vote on the replacement members.
     - Finance Committee—Nate Bartman (ENS)
     - Services Committee—Shu Wan (History)
     - Election Committee—Roisul Hasan Galib (Electrical Engineering)
   - Motion to approve new committee members
     - Motion: Mathematics
     - Second: Education Leadership & Policy
     - In Favor: 40; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
     - Motion passes

5. Report of the Vice President
   - GSA Vice President Jen Schechter reminds everyone that the University’s recognition deadline is October 15th. Failure to meet this deadline will freeze a club for the remainder of the school year!
   - She also recaps some important Board rules:
     - All elected Board seats must be filled in order for the club’s attendance to be counted in full.
     - 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 in a row, then your club’s budget will be frozen until representation is resumed at a future Board meeting. If you miss three in a row, your club will be deactivated for the remainder of the year.

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, $1,400.00 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:
       - 33 requests in October for $12,589.41, 33 approved for $12,589.41
       - Beginning Balance: $140,000.00; Remaining Balance $108,963.15

7. Old Business
   - Policy Receipt Acknowledgements for Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies: these were distributed to all in the meeting packet. Each club must have at least one person sign the Acknowledgement and email it back to the GSA tonight!
• Approval of the Election Committee Co-Chairs: Andrew Brown (Political Science) and Elizabeth Vohwinkel (Biological Sciences)
  o Motion to approve the Election Committee Co-Chairs
    ▪ Motion: Audiology
    ▪ Second: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
    ▪ In Favor: 43; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
    ▪ Motion passes

8. New Business
• Club Recognition
  o A representative from Taiwanese presents their club. They are requesting and recommended for the full amount they are eligible for ($750 for International).
  o Motion to approve the club at the recommended amount
    ▪ Motion: Mathematics
    ▪ Second: Biochemistry
    ▪ In Favor: 44; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
    ▪ Motion passes

• Funding Request
  o A representative from CBE presents their Symposium request. They are requesting and recommended for the full amount they are eligible for ($1,400 for Symposia).
  o Motion to approve CBE Symposium funding
    ▪ Motion: Physical Therapy
    ▪ Second: Education Leadership & Policy
    ▪ In Favor: 41; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 2
    ▪ Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment
• Motion to Adjourn at 7:06pm
  o Motion: Biological Sciences
  o Second: English
  o In favor: 44; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
  o Motion passes