

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

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

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| President:      | J. Coley     | Programming:          |          |
| Vice President: | J. Schechter | Dir. of Operations:   | D. Staly |
| Treasurer:      | J. Joseph    | Editorial Assistance: |          |
|                 |              | MDRF:                 |          |

Board Members:

Departmental:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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               |
| Chem. & Bio. Eng:       | V. Bui                           | Music:                 | J. Falzone            |
| 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 |
| ELP:                    | T. Gerard/ S. Afrin/ A. Dresnack | Physics:               | J. Carvalho           |
| 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:

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

Special Interest Clubs:

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|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|
| 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:

|           |               |
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| 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>—Java Junction, 11:00am—1:00pm in 145 C&D Student Union.
    - Free Tim Horton's coffee and donuts for graduate students.
  - October 8<sup>th</sup>—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 11<sup>th</sup>—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Ken Jeong
    - A limited number of free tickets are available for graduate students. 1 per UB ID.
  - Coming Soon!!
    - November 12<sup>th</sup>—Buffalo Sabres vs. Boston Bruins Hockey Game (on sale Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>)
    - November 15<sup>th</sup>—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Marie Yovanovitch (on sale Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>)
    - November 27<sup>th</sup>—Disney's Aladdin at Shea's (on sale since Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>)

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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)
  - 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
  - A representative from Taiwanese presents their club. They are requesting and recommended for the full amount they are eligible for (\$750 for International).
  - Motion to approve the club at the recommended amount
    - Motion: Mathematics
    - Second: Biochemistry
    - In Favor: 44; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
    - Motion passes
- Funding Request
  - 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).
  - 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
  - Motion: Biological Sciences
  - Second: English
  - In favor: 44; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
  - Motion passes