

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

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

Board Members:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana:	D. Duske	Information Science:	A. Crabtree
Anthropology:	absent	LAI:	R. Enser
Architecture:	R. Terry/ S. Brunstein	Linguistics:	J. Zhong
Art:	absent	Materials Design & In:	A. Tiroucouyanne
Audiology:	S. Chambers	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biochemistry:	L. Jensen	MAE:	K. Gabani
Biological Sciences:	E. Vohwinkel	Media Study:	M. Chernoff
Biostatistics:	absent	Microbiology:	N. Deka
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	I. Bektas (absent- 1/2)	Music:	J. Falzone
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	A.K. Podder	Neuroscience:	R. Ravichandar
Chemistry:	absent	Nursing:	L. Pasek
CSEE:	G. Congdon/ V.R. Solanki	Occupational Therapy:	R. Arian
Classics:	M. Pehringer	Oral Biology:	C. Matrishin
Communication:	M. Czworka	Pharmaceutics:	absent
Comm. Health & H.B.	S. Rifah	Pharm. & Tox:	R. Rodriguez
Comparative Lit:	absent	Philosophy:	absent
CSE:	S. Murugiah/ V. Malatthesha	Physical Therapy:	G. Hendershot/ E. Sorrells
CSEP:	G. Martinez	Physics:	absent
ELP:	S. Pietrera/ T. Gerard	Political Science:	absent
Electrical Engineering:	A.C. Raikar/ R.H. Galib	Psychology:	X. Ma
English:	L. Mullen	RLL:	M. Fernandez Lopez
EEH:	absent	Social Work:	S. Martin
ENS:	N. Bartman	Sociology:	absent
Geography:	absent	Speech:	C. Vecchio/ N. Cline
Geology:	H. Franklin	Theatre & Dance:	N. McCandless
History:	absent	Urban Planning:	absent
ISE:	absent		

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	N.J. Nipu	Latin American:	F. Szasdi
Indian:	S. Guru	Taiwanese:	absent
Iranian:	T. Darabnoushtehrani		

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	M. Kurup	GSPHA:	J. Rosales
Graduate Poetics:	A. VanSteinberg	UB Sci & Health Policy	M. Garcia
Grad Students of Color:	S. Quinones	UBQ:	M. Redington
GIGS:	S.A. Tsai		

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal Counsel	T. Bakkali-Poio	Classics Symposium
M. Grela	FSA	E. Didier	P-Queue
Q. Miracle	MFA Catalogue		

1. President J Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:33pm

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting
  - Motion: Occupational Therapy
  - Second: English
  - In Favor: 39; Oppose: 3; Abstain: 10
  - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- The GSA's 990 is presented to the Board. A draft was included in the meeting packet.
- Lawrence Mullen, GSEU President, states the PhD stipend has been raised to \$23,000 beginning Fall 2023.
- President J Coley reviews the winter break schedule. The office will be closed from Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will also be closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> for MLK Jr. Day observance (University closed). The office will follow summer hours from Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- GSA programming is reviewed.
  - Now—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.
  - December 11<sup>th</sup>—Buffalo Bills vs New York Jets football game is SOLD OUT!
  - Coming Soon: Canalside ice skating vouchers!

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley states that COAL programming grant applications are now available.
  - Funds are available for starting or expanding a program or publication that will further the quality of student life.
  - New program maximum = \$45,000; expanded program maximum = \$15,000; publication maximum = \$5,000
  - Applications are due by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>!
- There are proposed changes to the academic calendar.
  - 2 day Fall Break to observe Indigenous Peoples Day and an observation of Juneteenth.
  - They are encouraging graduate students to reach out to members of the Faculty Senate and asking them to vote yes on the proposal.
- There have been some concerns brought to the GSA about the status of the stabbing that occurred on the North Campus on 10/14.
  - A 19-year-old Buffalo State student named Tyler Lewis was stabbed and later died from his injuries. In the almost 2 months since, we have not received any new updates from the University or UPD.
  - We wanted to make you all aware that there is a GoFundMe for the family and that we will be reaching out to President Tripathi and UPD to request a status update.

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter gives a reminder that this is the last Board meeting at which clubs can be recognized for this academic 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, \$2,350.00 allocated this month, \$11,250.00 remaining
  - Scholarly Publication: \$6,000.00 to start, \$2,737.71 allocated this month, \$3,262.29 remaining
  - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
  - Conferences:
    - 11 requests in December for \$5,648.95, 10 approved for \$5,098.95
    - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$93,223.66

7. Old Business

- There is no old business.

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
  - Representatives from Bangladeshi Graduate Student Association and Graduate Poetics Group present their clubs. 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, with the stipulation that BGSA submit a complete, updated membership list.
    - Motion: Biological Sciences
    - Second: Electrical Engineering

- In Favor: 42; Oppose: 3; Abstain: 7
- Motion passes
- Funding Request
  - A representative from Classics presents their Symposium request. They are requesting and recommended for the full amount they are eligible for (\$1,400 for Symposia).
  - A representative from Biological Sciences presents their Symposium request. They are requesting and recommended for \$950.00.
  - A representative from Art presents their Scholarly Publication request. They are requesting and recommended for \$1500.00, with the stipulation that they must meet the minimum co-sponsorship requirements.
  - A representative from English presents their Scholarly Publication request. They are requesting and recommended for \$1,237.71, with the stipulation that they must meet the minimum co-sponsorship requirements.
  - Motion to approve all funding requests as a block at recommended amounts, with stipulations.
    - Motion: English
    - Second: Information Science
    - In Favor: 43; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 9
  - Motion passes
- 9. Roll Call and Adjournment
  - Motion to Adjourn at 7:15pm
    - Motion: Biochemistry
    - Second: Theatre and Dance
    - In favor: 40; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 6
    - Motion passes