

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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:	Z. Apolito	LAI:	absent
Architecture:	R. Terry/ S. Brunstein	Linguistics:	absent
Art:	S. Browning	Materials Design & In:	absent
Audiology:	S. Chambers	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biochemistry:	E. Cheek	MAE:	K. Gabani
Biological Sciences:	E. Vohwinkel	Media Study:	absent
Biostatistics:	H. Sheng	Microbiology:	M. D'Angelo
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	B. Doshi/ S. Senchanthisal	Music:	J. Falzone
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	absent	Neuroscience:	M. Haller
Chemistry:	absent	Nursing:	absent
CSEE:	M. Daud/ V.R. Solanki	Occupational Therapy:	R. Arian
Classics:	absent	Oral Biology:	E. Ovalle
Communication:	M. Czworka	Pharmaceutics:	M. Goulazian
Comm. Health & H.B.	S. Rifah	Pharm. & Tox:	absent
Comparative Lit:	F. Hajhosseini	Philosophy:	absent
CSE:	S. Murugiah/ V. Malatthesha	Physical Therapy:	absent
CSEP:	absent	Physics:	J. Carvalho
ELP:	T. Gerard (absent- 1/2)	Political Science:	A. Brown
Electrical Engineering:	absent	Psychology:	R. Cooper
English:	I. Kolding	RLL:	M. Fernandez Lopez
EEH:	S. Lima	Social Work:	S. Martin
ENS:	N. Bartman	Sociology:	S. Pant
Geography:	absent	Speech:	C. Vecchio/ N. Cline
Geology:	H. Franklin	Theatre & Dance:	N. McCandless
History:	absent	Urban Planning:	D. Fries
ISE:	absent		

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	N.J. Nipu	Latin American:	F. Szasdi
Indian:	A. Mehta	Taiwanese:	Y.H. Chen
Iranian:	D. Moradi		

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	K. Patidar	GSPHA:	J. Rosales
Graduate Poetics:	A. VanSteinberg	UB Sci & Health Policy	D. Gorbey
Grad Students of Color:	S. Quinones	UBQ:	J. Boccardo
GIGS:	S.A. Tsai		

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal Counsel	S. Aguilar	Audiology
R. Hasan Galib	Electrical Engineering	N. Towler	Pharm & Tox
S. MacDougall	Linguistics	M. March	English
J. Beard	Social Work		

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the December 7th Board Meeting
 - Motion: Occupational Therapy
 - Second: Information Science
 - In Favor: 41; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 6
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- GSA programming is reviewed.
 - February 3rd—Java Junction
 - Free Tim Horton's coffee and donuts for graduate students in 145 C&D Student Union.
 - February 6th—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.
 - February 16th—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Sherrilyn Ifill
 - Free tickets now available for graduate students. Limited quantity available. First come, first served. Reserve online through the UB Ticket Office.
 - March 31st—Buffalo Sabres hockey game vs New York Rangers
 - Tickets on sale February 27th for \$10 each. 2 per UB ID. Limited quantity available. First come, first served. Reserve online and pick-up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - April 15th—Buffalo Bandits lacrosse game vs New York Riptide
 - Tickets on sale March 6th for \$10 each. 2 per UB ID. Limited quantity available. First come, first served. Reserve online and pick-up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
- The MDRF spring application deadline is Friday, February 17th by 3:00pm.
 - For research to be conducted between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024.

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley states that the COAL programming grant application deadline has been extended to Friday, February 10th.
- Student Wellness is interested in bringing together a small group of students to discuss how students might be able to revive the program that involved stocking select bathrooms with menstrual products.
 - Anyone interested in being a part of this group, please email the GSA President at gsa-president@buffalo.edu.
- J provides a response to the club budget increase email and petition.
 - The GSA By Laws require that all budget decisions be reviewed first by the Finance Committee and then be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.
 - Budget items cannot be arbitrarily mandated without proper financial analysis and consideration, based on the availability of funds and the actual usage. This is the primary reason for the existence of the Finance Committee.
 - GSA has conducted a club budget usage analysis over the past 7 years, and the data indicates that the majority of clubs do not utilize their full budgets, so the need for increases are not currently justified.
 - The individual who circulated the petition has been previously informed via email and through Zoom/in-person meetings with the GSA officers, professional staff, Legal Counsel and University administrators of the proper procedures to submit a budget request for consideration by the Finance Committee. A formal proposal has yet to be received.
 - This request will be considered—by the appropriate procedures outlines in the GSA By Laws, when the Finance Committee prepares the annual budget for 2023-2024 but only have we have received the results from our graduate student services survey.
 - Motion to limit discussion to 5 minutes total.
 - Motion: Information Science
 - Second: English

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter states that a Services Survey has been created and sent out in order to gauge graduate students' priorities related to GSA's services and programming offerings.
 - The results will be shared with the relevant committees (Finance and Services), as well as the Board at the next Board meeting.

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, \$11,250.00 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$6,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$3,262.29 remaining

- Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$2,000.00 remaining
- Conferences:
 - 10 requests in January for \$4,090.00, 10 approved for \$4,090.00
 - 18 requests in February for \$6,574.39, 18 approved for \$6,574.39
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$82,559.27

7. Old Business

- There is no old business.

8. New Business

- There are no funding requests.
- The Election Committee Co-Chair, Elizabeth Vohwinkel, provides a committee update.
 - Candidate petition packets are now available. Email the committee Co-Chairs for information.
 - Deadline submission for the petitions is Friday, February 24th by 4:30pm.
 - Interested candidates must attend the February and March Board meetings in order to be eligible.
 - Interested candidates must be “physically present at the University at Buffalo and available to serve the full one year term from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.”

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 6:58pm
 - Motion: Theatre and Dance
 - Second: Sociology
 - In favor: 37; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes