

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 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:	absent	Information Science:	A. Crabtree
Anthropology:	K. Wilson	LAI:	absent
Architecture:	R. Terry/ S. Brunstein	Linguistics:	J. Zhong
Art:	T. Robers	Materials Design & In:	A. Tirocouyanne
Audiology:	S. Chambers	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biochemistry:	L. Jensen	MAE:	absent
Biological Sciences:	E. Vohwinkel	Media Study:	M.Chernoff
Biostatistics:	S. Liang	Microbiology:	N.Deka
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	I. Bektas/ S. Senchanthisal	Music:	J. Falzone
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	A.K. Podder	Neuroscience:	S.L. Veerapaneni
Chemistry:	N. Kalita/ R. Routray	Nursing:	L.Pasek
CSEE:	absent	Occupational Therapy:	absent
Classics:	M. Pehringer	Oral Biology:	D.M. Leyva Rodriguez
Communication:	E. Lapan	Pharmaceutics:	absent
Comm. Health & H.B.	S. Rifah	Pharm. & Tox:	A. Jawadwala
Comparative Lit:	A. Rasul	Philosophy:	absent
CSE:	V. Malathesha (absent- 1/2)	Physical Therapy:	E. Sorrells/ V. McCutcheon
CSEP:	J. Casella	Physics:	J. Carvalho
ELP:	T. Gerard/ S. Afrin	Political Science:	A. Brown
Electrical Engineering:	A.C. Raikar/ H. Murugesan	Psychology:	K. James
English:	L. Mullen	RLL:	absent
EEH:	absent	Social Work:	absent
ENS:	N. Bartman	Sociology:	H. Nario-Lopez
Geography:	C. Liu	Speech:	C. Vecchio/ N. Cline
Geology:	H. Franklin	Theatre & Dance:	N. McCandless
History:	R. Adams	Urban Planning:	D. Fries
ISE:	absent		

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	absent	Latin American:	absent
Indian:	A. Mehta	Taiwanese:	Y.H. Chen
Iranian:	absent		

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	Y.Cui	GSPHA:	M. Shaver
Graduate Poetics:	B. Messinger	UB Sci & Health Policy:	M. Garcia
Grad Students of Color:	S. Quinones	UBQ:	M. Redington
GIGS:	S.A. Tsai		

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal Counsel
S. MacDougall	Linguistics
I. Kolding	English
M. March	English

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the February 1st Board Meeting.
 - Motion: English
 - Second: Information Science
 - In Favor: 47; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- The EH&S have changed the Food Permit Policy.
 - All food not ordered through Three Pillars will be required to have a food permit. This includes UB Market Place, other Campus Dining & Shops (CDS) entities and any other on-campus food vendor.
 - This is a departure from last semester in which vendors located in the Student Union and the Commons (i.e., La Rosa and Tim Horton's) were considered on-campus and did not require a food permit.
 - Please be sure to plan events accordingly, as food permit applications must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of your event. GSA cannot process any requisition requests for on-campus food without an approved food permit, so events may need to be planned a month in advance in order to secure all of the necessary approvals.
- AudienceView, the third-party vendor used by the UB Ticket Office, has had a software breach.
 - The University was informed on February 22nd of a data breach by the vendor. UB was not the only university impacted.
 - It was originally believed that only data from February 17th-21st was impacted, but they now believe the breach was more wide-spread.
 - The vendor has completely shut down the website, software and sales for a minimum of 5 to 7 business days.
 - We are waiting to hear from the vendor about their full remediation plan, but we expect it to include free credit monitoring for involved parties for 3 years.
 - We are in the process of working with the University to find an alternate, temporary solution to allow us to continue selling tickets and merchandise. We will potentially use UB Marketplace, with surcharges waived.
 - We will keep everyone notified via email, the GSA website and our social media accounts as more information and/or details become available.
 - Discussion and questions.
- President J Coley reviews the spring break schedule. The office will follow summer hours from Monday, March 20th through Friday, March 24th and will resume regular business hours on Monday, March 27th.
- GSA programming is reviewed.
 - March 3rd—Java Junction 11:00am – 1:00pm in 145 C&D Student Union
 - Free Tim Horton's coffee and donuts for graduate students. All students must review the GSA Safety Acknowledgement and Liability Disclaimer before attending.
 - March 6th—Discount AMC movie tickets available
 - \$5 each. 1 per UB ID. Limited quantity available.
 - March 6th—New York Beer Project Brewery tour and beer tasking tickets available
 - \$10 each. 2 per UB ID. Limited quantity available.
 - March 15th—Distinguished Speaker Series presents Selma Blair
 - Free tickets available now. 1 per UB ID. Limited quantity available.
 - March 31st—Buffalo Sabres hockey game vs New York Rangers
 - \$10 each. 2 per UB ID. Limited quantity available.
 - 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.
 - April 28th—Six the Musical at Shea's Performing Arts Center
 - Tickets on sale March 27th for \$25 each. 2 per UB ID. Limited quantity available.
 - May 1st—Discount Buffalo Zoo tickets available
 - \$8 each. 2 per UB ID. Limited quantity available.
 - And much more to come!

4. Report of the President

- GSA President J Coley states that GSA applied for a COAL programming grant and was awarded \$2,000 to host two professional development programs.
 - The first will be a PhD to industry panel on March 29th from 11:00am-12:30pm on Zoom.
 - The second will be a workshop on how to find careers outside of the academy and that will take place on April 26th.
 - More information to come on how to register for these two events.
- The Graduate Student Employee Union (GSEU) bargaining committee is preparing a list of priorities that they'd like to see in their next contract with SUNY—and those priorities are determined by what members want to see. The GSEU contract covers a wide range of issues, such as compensation, healthcare, health and safety, anti-discrimination, SEVIS

reimbursement funds, professional development funds and so much more. To let the bargaining committee know what you want to see in the next contract, please fill out the survey.

- Only dues-paying members can participate in the survey, so if you're not a member, you should sign your union card first and then fill-out the survey.

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Jen Schechter states that the early club recognition deadline is Wednesday, March 22nd.
 - Special Interest and International clubs that do not apply for early recognition will not have access to their club budget when the new fiscal year begins on August 1st!
- She provides a review of the Services Survey results.
 - The results have been shared with the Finance Committee and will be shared with the Services Committee.

6. Report of the Treasurer

- GSA Treasurer Josh Joseph states that budget preparation is underway within the Finance Committee and will be presented to the Board for a vote at the April 5th meeting.
- He states that the final deadline to apply for funding or capital equipment purchases is Wednesday, March 22nd.
- 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, \$1,050.00 allocated this month, \$12,555.00 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$6,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$1,600.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$250.00 allocated this month, \$1,750.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 44 requests in March for \$17,041.00; 43 approved for \$16,491.00
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00; Remaining Balance \$82,706.11

7. Old Business

- There is no old business.

8. New Business

- Funding Request
 - A representative from Music presents their Symposium request. They are requesting and recommended for the full amount they are eligible for (\$1,050.00 for Symposia).
 - There is no representative present at the meeting from Iranian GSA to present their Special Activity request, and therefore the group cannot be considered for funding.
 - A representative from Psychology presents their Community Outreach request. They are requesting and recommended for \$250.00.
 - Motion to approve all eligible funding requests as a block at recommended amounts.
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Classics
 - In Favor: 47; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes
- J announces that Roisul Galib has resigned from the Election Committee effective February 15th. They state that we will need a volunteer to fill his vacancy on the committee.
 - Morgan Redington (Chemistry) volunteers to fill the position
 - Motion to approve new Election Committee Member
 - Motion: Urban Planning
 - Second: Information Science
 - In Favor: 41; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 3
 - Motion passes
- Election Committee Co-Chair, Andrew Brown, gives an update on the Election Committee
 - He presents the candidates for office for the 2023-2024 GSA E-board
 - For President: Isaac Kolding and Jennifer Schechter
 - For Vice President: Sarah MacDougall
 - For Treasurer: Joshua Joseph and Melanie March
 - He also states that the candidate debate will take place during the April 5th Board of Directors meeting, and that elections will be held online Monday, April 10th through Thursday, April 13th.

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:05pm
 - Motion: Biochemistry
 - Second: Urban Planning
 - In favor: 46; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 2

- Motion passes