

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:

President:	I. Kolding	Programming:	
Vice President:	S. MacDougall	Dir. of Operations:	S. George/ D. Staly
Treasurer:	M. March	Editorial Assistance:	
		MDRF:	

Board Members:

Departmental:

Africana & Americana:	absent	Information Science:	A. Crabtree
Anthropology:	S. Biswas	LAI:	absent
Architecture:	S. Brunstein/ J. Joshi	Linguistics:	T. Grosso
Art:	C. Koegel	Materials Design & In:	S. Padmanabha
Audiology:	G. Cerneskie	Mathematics:	J. Kazimer
Biochemistry:	S. Enriquez	MAE:	A. Devra
Biological Sciences:	N. Lynch	Media Study:	J. Hager
Biostatistics:	H.A. Lee	Microbiology:	K. Salka
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	T.S.M Pandian/ M. Atwater	Music:	J. Falzone
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	V. Bui	Neuroscience:	F. Gadelkarim
Chemistry:	N. Kalita (absent 1/2)	Nursing:	L.Pasek
CSEE:	V.R. Solanki/ F.S. Bardales	Occupational Therapy:	I. Sabatini/ S. Kim
Classics:	M. Pehringer	Oral Biology:	D. Leyva
Communication:	K. Heneveld	Pharmaceutics:	B. Ly
Comm. Health & H.B.	S. Lawson	Pharm. & Tox:	absent
Comparative Lit:	L. Zausen	Philosophy:	inactive
CSE:	A.R. Alugupally/ M. Lary	Physical Therapy:	V. McCutcheon/ B. Lynch
CSEP:	absent	Physics:	absent
ELP:	E. Duggan/ M. Morrissey	Political Science:	inactive
Electrical Engineering:	H. Murugesan/ P.V. Vegesna	Psychology:	B. Greene
English:	absent	RLL:	W. Vera
EEH:	D. Glotzer	Social Work:	J. Mencia
ENS:	N. Presti	Sociology:	N.T. Reyes
Geography:	M. Wang	Speech:	S. Beattie/ S. Sozio
Geology:	L. Wilson	Theatre & Dance:	I. Downes
History:	K. Kostin	Urban Planning:	Y. Mullen
ISE:	inactive		

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	P. Paul	Latin American:	E.A.C Ruiz
Indian:	S. Rajendran	Taiwanese:	B. Chen
Iranian:	K. Borazjani		

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	S. Agarwal	GSPHA:	absent
Graduate Poetics:	absent	UB Sci & Health Policy:	L. Kalinowski
Grad Students of Color:	D. Rodriguez	UBQ:	S. King-Shaw
GIGS:	absent		

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal
M. Ette	Pharmaceutical Science

1. President Isaac Kolding calls the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the September 6th Board Meeting.
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Nursing
 - In Favor: 52; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 3
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- The 2023-2024 Board of Directors meeting schedule is attached in the packet for reference.
- Programming
 - More Discount AMC Movie Tickets Now Available
 - \$5 each. 1 per UB ID.
 - Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - October 6th- North Campus Java Junction, 11:00am – 1:00pm in 145 C&D Student Union
 - Free Tim Horton's coffee and donuts for graduate students
 - October 13th- South Campus Java Junction, 11:00am – 1:00pm in 105 Harriman Hall
 - Free Tim Horton's coffee and donuts for graduate students
 - October 19th- Distinguished Speaker Series presents Amy Schneider
 - A limited number of free tickets will be available for graduate students starting October 5th. 1 per UB ID.
 - October 21st - Fall Fest at Becker Farms
 - Tickets on sale October 9th for \$10 each.
 - 2 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.
 - November 13th- Buffalo Bills Football Game vs. Denver Broncos
 - Tickets on sale November 9th for \$40 each. 1 per UB ID.
 - Limited quantity available. First come, first served.

4. Report of the President

- GSA President Isaac Kolding discusses the International Student Committee and other committee updates
 - Committee is ad hoc for now
 - 5 volunteers so far
- Goals of the Services Committee
 - More grad student participation
 - MDRF clarifications
 - Streamlining processes and paperwork
- COAL Programming Grants
 - Deadline Friday, Oct. 6, 2023
- General Updates
 - Transportation meeting – if you are unable to attend, please send questions and concerns to Isaac at gsa-president@buffalo.edu

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Sarah MacDougall discusses UBLinked Deadlines and Board meeting rules
- UBLinked Registration Deadline
 - All clubs must register for University-wide registration by Sunday, October 15th of your budget will be frozen for the rest of the year.
- Board meeting attendance rules recap
 - 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 full representation is resumed at a future Board meeting.

6. Report of the Treasurer

- GSA Treasurer Melanie March discusses funding account balances
- Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$300.00 allocated this month, \$14,700.00 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, \$15,000.00 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:
 - 76 requests in October for \$27,508.45, 65 approved (due to late submissions) for \$19,740.59
 - Beginning Balance: \$200,000.00; Remaining Balance: \$154,306.01

7. Old Business

- Board Training Q&A
 - Josh Lippes, GSA Legal Counsel, reviews the roles and responsibilities of Board members and the GSA Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest policies
- Policy Receipt Acknowledgements
 - The GSA Conflict of Interest Policy and Whistleblower Policy were distributed in the meeting packet and with the meeting Agenda
 - Each club must have at least one person sign the Policy Receipt Acknowledgment and email it back to GSA tonight (dstaly@buffalo.edu)
- Election Committee member and Chair approval
 - We had one committee volunteer resign, and the replacement now needs to be confirmed
 - Jamison Garcia Ramirez (Romance Languages & Literatures)
 - The Election Committee has elected a Committee Chair
 - Layne Jensen (Biochemistry)
 - Motion to approve new member and Election Committee Chair
 - Motion: Linguistics
 - Second: Biological Sciences
 - In Favor: 49; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes

8. New Business

- Club Recognition
 - Representative from Taiwanese GSA presents their club's mission and goals
 - Motion to approve Taiwanese GSA at the recommended amount
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Speech
 - In Favor: 50; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 3
 - Motion passes
- Funding Requests
 - Melanie explains that the club's budget proposal for speaker compensation exceed the GSA funding limitation of 30%, therefore the Finance Committee is proposing a reduced funding recommendation of \$300
 - Representative from Pharmaceutical Sciences presents on the Distinguished Alumni Symposium
 - Motion to approve the Special Activity request at the recommended amount
 - Motion: Biological Sciences
 - Second: Speech
 - In Favor: 48; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 6
 - Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:00pm
 - Motion: Social Work
 - Second: Linguistics
 - In favor: 49; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes