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

Attendance:

Officers & Staff:
President: I. Kolding  
Vice President: S. MacDougall  
Treasurer: M. March  
Dir. of Operations: S. George/ D. Staly
MDRF:

Board Members:  
Departmental:
Africana & Americana: absent  
Anthropology: S. Biswas  
Architecture: S. Brunstein/ J. Joshi  
Art: C. Koegel  
Audiology: G. Cerneskie  
Biochemistry: S. Enriquez  
Biological Sciences: N. Lynch  
Biostatistics: H.A. Lee  
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC: T.S.M Pandian/ M. Atwater  
Chem. & Bio. Eng: V. Bui  
Chemistry: N. Kalita (absent 1/2)  
CSEE: V.R. Solanki/ F.S. Bardales  
Classics: M. Pehringer  
Communication: K. Heneveld  
Comm. Health & H.B. S. Lawson  
Comparative Lit: L. Zausen  
CSE: A.R. Alugupally/ M. Lary  
CSEP: absent  
ELP: absent  
Electrical Engineering: H. Murugesan/ P.V. Vegesna  
English: absent  
EEH: D. Glotzer  
ENS: N. Presti  
Geography: M. Wang  
Geology: L. Wilson  
History: K. Kostin  
ISE: inactive

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

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

Guests:  
J. Lippes  
M. Ette  
Legal  
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
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