

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, September 6, 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:	D. Duske	Information Science:	A. Crabtree
Anthropology:	Z. Apolito	LAI:	Y. Xing
Architecture:	R. Terry/ S. Brunstein	Linguistics:	B. Morales
Art:	S. Browning	Materials Design & In:	absent
Audiology:	S. Chambers	Mathematics:	K.Y. Cheuk
Biochemistry:	L. Jensen	MAE:	K. Gabani
Biological Sciences:	N. Lynch	Media Study:	absent
Biostatistics:	S. Liang	Microbiology:	J. Furfaro
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	T.S.M Pandian/ R.C.G. Rodrigues	Music:	M. Sirvent
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	V. Bui	Neuroscience:	R. Ravichandar
Chemistry:	N. Kalita/ R. Routray	Nursing:	L.Pasek
CSEE:	G. Congdon/ V.R. Solanki	Occupational Therapy:	S. Kim (absent 1/2)
Classics:	M. Pehringer	Oral Biology:	E. Horeth
Communication:	K. Heneveld	Pharmaceutics:	C. Bosmajian
Comm. Health & H.B.	C. Dauphin	Pharm. & Tox:	A. Jawadwala
Comparative Lit:	absent	Philosophy:	absent
CSE:	S. Murugiah/ V. Malatthesha	Physical Therapy:	G. Hendershot/ E. Sorrells
CSEP:	J. Casella	Physics:	J. Carvalho
ELP:	absent	Political Science:	A. Brown
Electrical Engineering:	H. Murugesan/ R. Galib	Psychology:	S. Honeycutt
English:	S. Williams	RLL:	absent
EEH:	absent	Social Work:	absent
ENS:	N. Bartman	Sociology:	S. Upadhyay
Geography:	absent	Speech:	C. Vecchio/ N. Cline
Geology:	H. Franklin	Theatre & Dance:	I. Downes
History:	absent	Urban Planning:	Y. Mullen
ISE:	absent		

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	P. Paul	Latin American:	F. Szasdi Bardales
Indian:	S. Guru	Taiwanese:	absent
Iranian:	absent		

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	T. Campbell	GSPHA:	absent
Graduate Poetics:	A. VanSteinberg	UB Sci & Health Policy:	M. Goulette
Grad Students of Color:	absent	UBQ:	S. King-Shaw
GIGS:	X. Chen		

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal
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1. President Isaac Kolding calls the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the April 5th Board Meeting.
  - Motion: Information Science
  - Second: Community Health & Health Behavior
  - In Favor: 47; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 4
  - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- Staff Intros
  - Isaac Kolding introduces everyone by name, no student staff present
  - Stephanie George, Director of Operations ([slfrank@buffalo.edu](mailto:slfrank@buffalo.edu))
  - Diane Staly, Associate Director of Operations ([dstaly@buffalo.edu](mailto:dstaly@buffalo.edu))
  - Isaac introduces student staff by name, none present
- Office Hours
  - GSA Staff works partly remotely
  - Walk-in hours Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
  - All other meetings by appointment
    - Email [gsa-feedback@buffalo.edu](mailto:gsa-feedback@buffalo.edu) to schedule, or call the office
  - Business hours M-F 8:30-4:30, closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.
  - No staff in North Campus office on Tuesdays, and staff are fully remote on Fridays.
- Board Meeting Schedule & Training
  - Board meeting schedule was distributed with the agenda and in the meeting packet
  - Required Board of Director training
    - Should be completed before next board meeting
    - Submit certificates of completion to Diane Staly
    - Q&A session to be led by Josh Lippes at October meeting
- UBLinked Updates & Re-registration requirements (Oct. 15)
  - Update roles of club officers appropriately so they can submit event requests and re-register the club
  - University-wide re-registration deadline for all clubs is 10/15
    - Budget will be frozen by the university for the entire year if this is not completed on time
- Programming
  - AMC movie tickets now available, 1 per UB ID
  - 9/8 – South Campus Java Junction, 11-1 in 105 Harriman Hall
  - Upcoming events
    - Sabres game – 10/21, tickets on sale 9/25
    - Bills game – 11/13, tickets on sale 10/9
    - Distinguished Speaker Series
    - Becker Farms
    - Shea's

4. Report of the President

- GSA President Isaac Kolding makes everyone aware of the receipt of the whistleblower and conflict of interest policy distribution
  - Verification of receipt of these policies needs to be received by 10/4
  - Share policies with newly elected board members
- Intro and priorities
  - Isaac to hold office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays
  - Goal is to make clubs and students feel welcome and heard

5. Report of the Vice President

- Mandatory Officer Training quizzes
  - Officers should review all materials and pass the quiz
  - Results must be received by the 9/30 paperwork deadline or club funds will be frozen
- Listservs & forwarding emails
  - The GSA does not have access to the university's master listserv of grad students
  - Please forward all GSA emails to your constituent listservs (Tuesday newsletter)
- Blackstone opportunities
  - Blackstone is looking to hire a GA
- DISC Training
  - Tom Vane has made himself available to offer DISC training to any club that wants it

- Graduate Professional Development
  - A representative from the GPD office is available to come to club meetings or events to discuss the professional development opportunities available

#### 6. Report of the Treasurer

- GSA Treasurer Melanie March discusses funding account balances
  - We have spent no money, so balances are as follows:
    - Special activity: \$15,000
    - Interdepartmental activity: \$2,000
    - Symposium: \$15,000
    - Scholarly publication: \$6,000
    - Community outreach: \$2,000
- Conference Funding
  - August: Approved 12/12 conference funding requests - \$6,754.40
  - September: Approved 72/86 conference funding requests - \$19,199.00
  - Beginning balance: \$200,000
  - Remaining balance: \$174,046.60

#### 7. Old Business

- There is no old business.

#### 8. New Business

- Call for committee members
  - Finance Committee
    - Akash Ponduru (Data Science)
    - Naga Venkata Sahithya Alla (Computer Science Engineering)
    - Hima Bindu Bhoopalan (Computer Science Engineering)
    - Yadvender Singh (Computer Science Engineering)
    - Nitesh Kumar (MIS)
    - Rhea Carmel Glen Rodrigues (Cancer Sciences- RPCCC)
    - Tharuna Sri Manickavel Pandian (Cancer Sciences- RPCCC)
    - Nate Bartman (Exercise & Nutrition Science)
    - Erich Horeth (Oral Biology)
    - Alt 1 - Nathan Lynch (Biological Sciences)
    - Alt 2 - Sue Kim (Occupational Therapy)
  - Motion to approve Finance Committee members
    - Motion: Biochemistry
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Exercise & Nutrition Science
    - In Favor: 45; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 5
    - Motion passes
  - Services Committee
    - Tamara Grosso (Linguistics)
    - Roisul Galib (Electrical Engineering)
    - Hariharan Murugesan (Electrical Engineering)
    - Puspita Paul (Electrical Engineering)
    - Ayiana Crabtree (Information Science)
  - Motion to approve Services Committee members
    - Motion: Biological Sciences
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Music
    - In Favor: 48; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 5
    - Motion passes
  - Election Committee
    - Raghavendra Korrapati (Robotics)
    - Gollapudi Venkata Sai Revathi (Computer Science Engineering)
    - Nathan Lynch (Biological Sciences)
    - Roisul Galib (Electrical Engineering)
    - Layne Jensen (Biochemistry)
  - Motion to approve Election Committee members
    - Motion: Sociology
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pharmaceutical Sciences
    - In Favor: 47; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 5

- Motion passes
    - Ethics Officer
      - Erich Horeth – Oral Biology
    - Motion to approve Ethics Officer
      - Motion: Cancer Sciences- RPCCC
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Biological Sciences
      - In Favor: 44; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 5
      - Motion passes
  - Club Recognition
    - Representatives from Graduate Bangladeshi Student Association (GBSA) present their mission and goals
    - Motion to approve GBSA at recommended amount.
      - Motion: Music
      - Second: Biological Sciences
      - In Favor: 45; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 5
    - Motion passes
  - Funding Requests
    - No funding requests
9. Roll Call and Adjournment
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:27pm
    - Motion: Sociology
    - Second: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
    - In favor: 49; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 3
    - Motion passes