

Minutes of the Graduate Student Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 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:	R. Pitonyak	Information Science:	absent
Anthropology:	absent	LAI:	M.N. Esfahani
Architecture:	absent	Linguistics:	T. Grosso
Art:	S. Browning	Materials Design & In:	absent
Audiology:	G. Cerneskie	Mathematics:	J. Kazimer
Biochemistry:	L. Jensen	MAE:	absent
Biological Sciences:	absent	Media Study:	R. Zhang
Biostatistics:	M. Fang	Microbiology:	C. Buerger
Cancer Sciences- RPCCC:	T.S.M Pandian/ R.C.G. Rodrigues	Music:	absent
Chem. & Bio. Eng:	V. Bui	Neuroscience:	R. Patel
Chemistry:	N. Kalita/ R. Routray	Nursing:	L.Pasek
CSEE:	V.R. Solanki/ F.S. Bardales	Occupational Therapy:	I. Sabatini/ S. Kim
Classics:	absent	Oral Biology:	E. Horeth
Communication:	K. Heneveld	Pharmaceutics:	A. Rajwade
Comm. Health & H.B.	S. Lawson	Pharm. & Tox:	K.G. Kedari
Comparative Lit:	R. Farrell	Philosophy:	inactive
CSE:	A.R. Alugupally/ M. Lary	Physical Therapy:	J. Sonnenberg/ J. Manning
CSEP:	J. Casella	Physics:	J. DeMaria
ELP:	J. Orcutt (absent - 1/2)	Political Science:	inactive
Electrical Engineering:	M. Hosseinigheidari/ S. Datta	Psychology:	S. Caliste
English:	S. Williams	RLL:	W. Vera
EEH:	K. Manney	Social Work:	P. Manuel
ENS:	N. Presti	Sociology:	H.G. Nario Lopez
Geography:	M. Wang	Speech:	S. Beattie/ S. Sozio
Geology:	L. Wilson	Theatre & Dance:	N. McCandless
History:	absent	Urban Planning:	absent
ISE:	inactive		

International Clubs:

Bangladeshi:	absent	Latin American:	C. Angulo
Indian:	N. Evagala	Taiwanese:	B. Chen
Iranian:	K. Borazjani		

Special Interest Clubs:

GradSWE:	S. Agarwal	GSPHA:	absent
Graduate Poetics:	A. VanSteinberg	UB Sci & Health Policy:	absent
Grad Students of Color:	F. Arcy	UBQ:	S. King-Shaw
GIGS:	absent		

Guests:

J. Lippes	Legal
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1. President Isaac Kolding calls the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the October 4th Board Meeting
 - Motion: Oral Biology
 - Second: Biochemistry
 - In Favor: 47; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 6
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- GSA will be closed for Fall Recess from Wednesday, November 22nd to Friday, November 24th
- Programming
 - November 3rd – North Campus Java Junction, 11:00am to 1:00pm in 145 C&D Student Union
 - Free Tim Horton's Coffee and Doughnuts for graduate students.
 - November 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.
 - November 10th - South Campus Java Junction, 11:00am to 1:00pm in 105 Harriman Hall
 - Free Tim Horton's Coffee and Doughnuts for graduate students.
 - November 16th- Distinguished Speaker Series presents Nicholas Thompson and Nita Farahany, 7:00pm at CFA
 - Free tickets available for graduate students starting November 2nd. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and digital tickets will be sent out the day before the event.
- MDRF Fall Grant Cycle Report
 - 24 applications received requesting \$85,916.02
 - 10 applications funded for \$29,437.47
 - Spring deadline: Friday, February 16, 2024
 - For research to be conducted April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025
 - Deadline to have applications pre-reviewed by the MDRF Director is Wednesday, January 31st by 12:00pm!
 - Summer deadline: Friday, May 17, 2024
 - For research to be conducted July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

4. Report of the President

- COAL Programming Grant Update
 - GSA President Isaac Kolding states that decisions have been made, but have not yet been released. He is pleased with the votes on GSA grants and exciting news will be coming by the next meeting.
- Update on the International Student Committee
 - Committee is up and running and a chair will be elected soon. Feel free to send any international student concerns to gsa-president@buffalo.edu, or to anyone serving on the committee.

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Sarah MacDougall discusses issues noted with club votes and minutes
 - Reminder about club voting and funding guidelines
 - All votes must take place in open club meetings
 - Club members have to approve of all expenses and amounts (E-board alone cannot approve expenses)
 - Meeting attendance must meet quorum in order for votes to be legitimate
 - Minutes must show the motion, the second, and the voting tallies

6. Report of the Treasurer

- GSA Treasurer Melanie March discusses funding account balances
- Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$1,200.00 allocated this month, \$13,500.00 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:
 - 51 requests in November for \$20,968.92; 51 approved for \$20,968.92
 - Beginning Balance: \$200,000.00; Remaining Balance: \$133,337.09
- Melanie reminds everyone that the November 22nd deadline is the final deadline of the year to apply for GSA Scholarly Publication funding, and that all publications must be printed by June 30, 2024.

7. Old Business

- No Old Business

8. New Business

- Club Recognition

- Representative from Graduate Poetics Group presents their club's mission and goals
- Motion to approve Graduate Poetics Group at the recommended amount
 - Motion: Comparative Literature
 - Second: Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering
 - In Favor: 47; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes
- Funding Requests
 - Representative from Graduate Indian Student Association (GISA) presents on the Diwali event
 - Motion to approve the Special Activity request at the recommended amount
 - Motion: Computer Science Engineering
 - Second: Theatre & Dance
 - In Favor: 46; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 2
 - Motion passes
- Approval of Election Code
 - Election Committee Chair Layne Jensen reviews the updated Election Code
 - All dates and deadlines have been updated
 - Other changes/additions were made to update the language regarding when you become a candidate
 - Updated regulations to not allow Election Committee members to run for office in the same academic year in which they serve on the committee
 - Motion to approve the Election Code
 - Motion: Linguistics
 - Second: Electrical Engineering
 - In Favor: 48; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 4
 - Motion passes

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:00pm
 - Motion: Biochemistry
 - Second: Speech-Language-Hearing
 - In favor: 48; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes