



Board of Directors Meeting
February 4, 2026
6:30pm

1. Call to Order



2. Approval of Minutes

- Please remember that meeting guests and most Special Interest club representatives are non-voting Board members, and therefore should not make or second any motions, or participate in voting polls.
- Approval of December 3rd meeting minutes

3. Announcements

- **Programming**

- Discount AMC Movie Tickets Now On Sale

- \$5 each. 1 per UB ID. Reserve online and pick up at the UB Ticket Office in 221 Student Union.

- February 6th, North Campus Java Junction, 11am to 1pm

- Free Tim Horton's coffee, tea, and donuts for graduate students in 145C&D Student Union

- February 9th, Mindfulness Monday ~ Ballet

- Free tickets available now at the UB Ticket Office

- February 10th, Distinguished Speaker Series presents Kevin Olusola

- Free tickets available January 26th for graduate students. 1 per UB ID. Limited quantity available.

- February 13th, South Campus Java Junction, 11am to 1pm

- Free Tim Horton's coffee and donuts for graduate students in 105 Harriman Hall

Announcements (continued)

- MDRF Spring Grant Application Deadline
 - Friday, March 27th by 4:00pm
 - For research to be conducted between May 1, 2026 and April 30, 2027

4. Report of the President

- NSF Workshop
 - Tentatively scheduled for April 9th in 330 Student Union
 - More details forthcoming
- Call for Planning Committee Members for PhD Career Pathways Conference
 - Contact Gina Bellavia in the Career Design Center if interested (gmb1@buffalo.edu)
- Immigration Rights
 - We are still trying to plan a know-your-rights workshop (or multiple)
 - There are red cards available in the GSA office in several different languages, and we are happy to print more
 - SUNY Protocols for interacting with external law enforcement:

<https://www.buffalo.edu/content/dam/www/news/KeyIssues/SUNY%20Protocols%20for%20Interacting%20with%20Outside%20Law%20Enforcement%202-10-2025.pdf>

Report of the President (continued)

- Stop the Bleed Training
 - Free through ECMC, trying to set up (Subject to change by the time we have this meeting)
- Active Shooter Training
 - Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 5:00-6:00pm in Student Union Theare
 - <https://www.buffalo.edu/police/training/active-shooter.html>
- Interprofessional Mixer
 - Saturday, March 14th 8:00 – 11:00pm at The Admiral Room
 - Tickets expected to be \$35 each

Report of the President (continued)

- First Aid and Trauma Kits
 - As mentioned previously, GSA is in the process of obtaining First Aid and Trauma Kits to be made available for students across campus
 - As a new initiative, we need the Board's approval to move some budget money around to fund the purchase of these items
 - Proposing pulling the \$3,000 remaining unrequested from the Scholarly Publication funding line and \$500 of unused funding from the Accounting Fees line to cover these purchases
- Vote to approve funding reallocation

Report of the President (continued)

- GSA Referendum Vote
 - Every two years SUNY requires that we put the mandatory student activity fee up for a referendum vote on whether the fee should remain mandatory or become voluntary
 - A mandatory vote ensures funding for GSA clubs, programs and services.
 - There is no mechanism available to collect voluntary fees, so if the referendum fails, GSA will cease to exist
 - We will not be able to ask for a re-vote until Spring, 2027
 - We will be asking all club representatives to help us get the word out about the importance of the GSA Referendum vote that will be taking place along with the officer elections April 6th – 9th

5. Report of the Vice President

6. Report of the Treasurer

- Funding Account Balances
- Conference Funding
- Interdepartmental Activity Funding Highlight

Funding Account Balances

	Updated Beginning Annual Balance	Recommended this month	Remaining Annual Balance
Special Activity	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,490.00
Interdepartmental Activity	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Symposium	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,600.00
Scholarly Publication	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Community Outreach	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

Conference Funding

	Applications	Amount
Requested:		
January	22	\$9,620.00
February	19	\$8,796.99
Approved:		
January	22	\$9,620.00
February	19	\$8,796.99

Updated Beginning Balance	Remaining Balance
\$225,000.00	\$110,555.99

Interdepartmental Activity Funding

Highlight

- This fund was created to encourage social and academic activities that foster interdisciplinary scholarship and/or relationships between students of different departments.
- Any group of two or more Departmental GSA clubs may request funding.
 - The formula for funding is $n \times m$ where n is the number of participating departmental clubs, and m is the lowest monetary contribution of any participating club.
 - The maximum amount for an event with only two clubs participating is \$500, and the maximum increases by \$50 for each additional participating departmental club, up to an absolute maximum of \$750 (e.g., 3 clubs are eligible for \$550, 4 clubs are eligible for \$600, etc.)

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- Funding Requests
- Election Committee Update

Funding Requests

- No funding requests were received this month

Election Committee Update

- Candidate Petition Packets are now available!
 - Email the Election Committee Chair: Devaleena Kalita (devaleen@buffalo.edu)
 - Deadline for Submission is Friday, February 20th by 4:30pm
 - Must have attended two Board Meetings within the past twelve months, and must attend the February, March, and April Board of Directors meetings to be eligible.
 - Must be “physically present at University at Buffalo and available to serve the full one-year term from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.”

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Don't leave just yet! We need a motion and a vote to approve adjournment.

