

## School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Notes: May 5th, 2020

6:30 PM-8 PM via Zoom

In Attendance:

Sophia Ibrahim Ali, Susana Carlos, Ian Passe, Devon Sauerer, Keelia Silvis, CM Schmitt

### SUMMER PLANNING MEETINGS

#### Campus Logistics:

- Discussion-- motion from U-wide meeting to temporarily eliminate GRE requirement for two years
- June 11- voting on COVID response and how this will affect campus operations

#### Resources in response to Police Brutality:

- Some current support resources available to students are listed on this webpage (<https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/divisionofepich/wellbeing-mental-health>) along with a list of Mental Health Advocates (<https://www.sph.umn.edu/about/diversity-inclusion/>) in the School of Public Health who are available to connect with students. I have contacted Boynton Health Services regarding resources and services available in times of traumatic community events and I am awaiting a response.
- Our Division is also working with Melissa Wuori, the Co-Chair of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Team (EDIT) and Lauren Eldridge, the Associate Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the School of Public Health regarding communications addressing this traumatic event and possible resources available to students.
- Community Resources:
  - <https://www.mntraumaproject.org/online-resources>
  - <https://macmh.org/publications/traumatic-event-resources/>
  - Healing space <https://libertychurchmpls.org/northside-healing-space/>

#### Summer programming priorities:

- Public Health perspective on police brutality
  - Community Health Advocacy Talks (CHAT)
  - Other entities?
- Social hours into summer
  - Each E-board has said yes to leading a 1-1.5 hour social hour (each)- sign-up to come
- SPH Student Groups
  - Current groups
    - Diversity Matters
    - Infectious Diseases

- HEWG Journal Clubs
  - [MHA Community Stewardship Initiative](#)
  - Public Health Review
  - ASIGG (Aging Graduate Study Group\*\*)
- Timeline
  - June -- identify groups and have register with Senate
    - Register = we can help communicate events, senate can serve as liaison for administration, funding, DEI (strategic planning meeting scheduled for June 9th)
    - July on -- get new groups up, look at constitution about requirements
- Priorities and idea generation
  - Senator -- profiles (week before school starts)
  - Communication with school
    - Larger orientation presence
    - In core courses presentations (typically first-year)
    - Letter to program coordinators

#### **Treasurer Updates:**

- Past Senator gifts:
  - \$20 per gift, 6 people
  - Must be from the bookstore and/or Amazon
  - Motion to get “protect and prevent” mugs from Keelia, seconded by Sophia
    - Motion passed
- Proposal to discuss budget at next meeting

#### **Other Business:**

- CM Schmitt has been chosen as Alumni representative
- SPHERE cleaning supplies-- this is a senator responsibility
  - We have supplies in SPHERE
  - Create - chore chart

\*\*No Committee Updates

#### **SENATORS TO DO:**

- Brush up on constitution
- Create and add to google doc for resources in response to George Floyd
- Vote for recurring meetings during Summer, open to all Senators
- Director of Communications:
  - Resources during difficult times and social media posts

- Vice-President:
  - Restart midweek lunch socials on a biweekly basis
  - Create senator social event volunteer sign up
  - Create (update) SPHSS Roster
  - Create list of division/program heads, student coordinators, etc
  - Clean up the SPHSS Google Drive
- Secretary:
  - Create google doc for student groups
  - Publish minutes -- Tom Senocht
- Treasurer:
  - Buy gifts
  - Spreadsheet started for budget
- President:
  - Police violence/anti-militarization event
  - Share resource document with all students