School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Notes: August 18th, 2020
8 PM-9 PM via Zoom

In Attendance: Ian Passe (President), Keelia Silvis (Vice-President), Devon Sauerer (Treasurer), Sophia Ibrahim Ali (Director of Communications), Malik Williams (Activism Chair), Talia Wiggen (Buddy Program Chair/Director of Programming), Rebecca Molinsky, Foster Jacobs, Christopher Schmitt (Alumni Relations Board Member)

OFFICER REPORTS

President Updates - Ian Passe:

- Senator Agreements:
  - Student Senate agreement needs to be updated -- voluntary agreement of what student will do for the academic year as senator and will participate/attend all meetings for Senate & Executive Board
  - Senate needs to define our goals and integrate them into this agreement
  - We have defined this as a group:
    - Value for diversity and inclusion, backed by practice and support
    - Expectation for a time commitment that is based on changing needs, projects, and individual responsibilities
  - DISCUSSION: Should this agreement be mandatory?
  - The E-Board will complete this task and report out

- Senate reapplication process for 2020-2021:
  - Add a question for diversity, equity, and inclusion
  - DISCUSSION: Is there anything missing?
    - Focus on community-building
  - The E-Board will complete this task and report out

- Collaboration with PASA:
  - Invitation to Andrea Jenkins and looking forward to advertisement once more information comes out

- StrengthsFinder test for 2020-2021 Senate:
  - An assessment to find everyone’s Top 5 Talent Themes to undergo professional development and get the most out of being a Senator
  - Motion to purchase the tests by Foster, seconded by CM Schmitt
    - Motion passed
  - If Senators are interested in participating, there will be an email coming out soon

Vice-President Updates - Keelia Silvis:

- Need for Mental Health and self-care during the pandemic to be ready for students’ needs
• Senate social media will boost community resources and mental health information
• Training needed

● Events Subcommittee:
  • Keelia needs a Co-Chair to plan speaker lunches and other events
  • Social Midweek Lunches are going well and we may consider continuing them into the semester

Director of Communications Updates - Sophia Ibrahim Ali:
  ● Meetings:
    • Sophia and Ian met with Assistant Dean of Student Engagement Jennifer Porter
    • Planning a meeting with Alex from Communication to discuss social media use and criteria for being posted
  ● Strategic planning committee meeting - still in progress for drafting the plan, we are at the place of paring down and creating an actionable document
  ● Z-Link for SPHSS: z.umn.edu/sphss
  ● Social media platform to create posters and flyers across social media much easier
    • Motion approved by Talia Wiggen, seconded by CM Schmitt
      ▪ Motion passed

Treasurer Updates - Devon Sauerer:
  ● Passthrough Funding:
    • For 2020-2021, working on acquiring funding for student groups and thinking about how much each group would receive
      ▪ Question: What is the limit?
      ▪ Question: How many groups are there? - unknown but 10 is an estimate
      ▪ Question: From last year’s budget, was there any left unused? - $10,000
    • We previously used a reimbursement system through Melissa Wuori
  ● American Public Health Association Conference for Senators- motion needed
    • Fund the entire non-member ($427), reimburse students
    • DISCUSSION: What about APHA membership dues to be eligible for the membership fees?
    • Motion to approve (CM Schmitt) the funds to pay for membership and fees, seconded by **
    • Question: Can we promote this funding opportunity for professional development?
  ● Back to School Trivia Night
    • Considering prizes ($100 becomes taxable income)
      ▪ 6, $50 gift cards for first place
■ 6, $25 gift cards for second place
  ○ Motion from Talia Wiggen, CM Schmitt seconded

Secretary Updates - Susana Carlos
  ● Our Voice Matter 2020 Report
  ● EDIT Updates:
    ○ Updating charter and role in SPH
    ○ Upcoming event with Diversity Network (see below)
  ● Diversity Network Upcoming Events:
    ○ August 28 Friday 12-1 - Introduction to Peer Networking Appointments
    ○ September 3 Thursday 11-12 - Meet EDIT & Diversity Network
    ○ September 4 Friday 1:30-2:30 - Self-Care & Navigating Imposter Syndrome

Buddy Program Chair/Director of Programming - Talia Wiggen
  ● Peer Networking Appointment - DRIVE (with instructions)
  ● Buddy Program
    ○ You should have received information on this and please sign-up to be a mentor
    ○ Expectations:
      ■ Emotional support navigating graduate school
      ■ Meet at least once a month
      ■ Be a resource and discuss resources
    ○ Goal to get matches by September 1st

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Alumni Update - Christopher Schmitt:

COGS:
  ● Update in September

Orientation Updates - Alina Okamoto:

NEW BUSINESS
  ● Gopher Pride event for Homecoming, if anyone would like to take this on

Motion to adjourn the August meeting at 9:10 PM from CM Schmitt and seconded by Malik Williams