

School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Notes: June 24th, 2020

7 PM-8 PM via Zoom

In Attendance: Ian Passe (President), Keelia Silvis (Vice-President), Malik Williams (Activism Chair), Foster Jacobs (Liaison COGS), Christopher Schmitt (Alumni Representative), Cynthia Pando, Eileen Bourland, Rebecca Molinsky, Jeffrey Ting

OFFICER REPORTS

President Updates - Ian Passe:

- ICE restrictions impacting international student VISAs
 - Each division created a plan to ensure student security and academic support
 - Infrastructure plan to support students in case of future challenges
 - Emergency application window was to be opened for students from other schools of public health who needed protection from deportation.
- PSG/COGS Task Forces
 - Policing reform measure in Senate that came out of taskforce - to create subcommittee to oversee policing
 - Voted down, Students for Democratic Society and Climate Action wanted a more substantial plan
 - Our plan did not include the ability for the Board of Regents to say Y/N
- Title IV changes - allows accused more representation and the ability to cross-examine victims. Additionally, changes made to faculty tenure code to give faculty the ability to choose a faculty member to be on their judging panel. See Board of Regents' July meeting for more details.
- EPC - trying to get votes on EPC, currently no student voting power though there is representation
 - Ally in Associate Dean Lynn Beverly - supporting institutional knowledge of other EPC that exist across the U to support our relationship with our EPC
 - Asked Faculty Consultative Committee to create website to publish for transparency
- Updates on planning with Dean - bi-weekly forums
- POCI Caucus position open, due July 17th
- Will host Office Hour tomorrow for lunch
 - Encouragement for Senators to do the same over summer
 - Need support for hosting a lunch? Let us know!
- CURRENTLY OPEN - we would like a Deputy Finance Director if anyone is interested

Vice-President Updates - Keelia Silvis:

- Created initial proposal for Institutional Racism committee (PSG/COGS)
- Weekly Lunches will begin on Wednesdays

- Hearing of students feeling lonely and isolated
- Great opportunity for incoming students

Director of Communications Updates - Sophia Ibrahim Ali:

No updates

Treasurer Updates - Devon Sauerer:

- Extra funding is up in the air due to shifts in PSG/COGS
- Budget will be a next month priority

Secretary Updates - Susana Carlos

- Diversity Network
 - Meeting weekly on Fridays 12-1 PM, open to everyone!
 - Mentor Program Idea - connect with SPH extension of Buddy Program
 - Talia and Susana are working on this, will be connected to Jennifer Porter and Emily Dunsworth
- Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Team (EDIT)
 - Event planning committee - plan to collaborate with anyone who is interested in anti-racism programming
 - HEWG is currently involved
- [Student Organization Survey](#)
 - Planning to send an email to connect groups that we know exist
- Thank you Talia for writing with me - letter to House of Representatives and Gov Walz regarding declaring racism as a Public Health issue!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alumni Update - Christopher Schmitt:

- Annual retreat - online or not is TBD (Friday, August 28, 2020)

Orientation Updates - Alina Okamoto:

No updates