

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 Wigen (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 Wigger, 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 Wigger

- [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