

School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Notes: October 8, 2020
6:30-8 PM via Zoom

In Attendance: Jennifer Porter (Assistant Dean of Enrolled Student Experience), Ian Passe (President), Keelia Silvis (Vice-President), Devon Sauerer (Treasurer), Sophia Ibrahim Ali (Director of Communications), Susana Carlos (Secretary), Malik Williams (Activism Chair), Christopher Schmitt (Alumni Relations Board Member), Alina Okamoto (MHA Executive Board), Alexandra Kurutz, Amy Lamb, Sylvia Gutierrez, Cynthia Pando (COGS), Julia Ngep, Emily McGuire, Victoria Anderson, Aanu Ayeni, Rebecca Molinsky (COGS), Foster Jacobs (COGS), Taylor Lees, Sarah Steffen, Joseph Akambase, TH Tran, Morian Yarrow, Yiyao Jin (COGS), Puleng Moshele, Eileen Bourland.

CHECK-IN

Say your name, pronouns, program + year, why you're in Senate, and a "Ta-da" moment you've had this week.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Updates - Ian Passe:

- Overview of the role of student senate:
 - SPHSS sits on multiple committees (DEI committee, Educational Policy Committee)
 - Liaison to other entities on campus (Academic Health Center committees, Professional Student Government, Council of Graduate Students)
 - Hosting events and much more
- Expectations as a senator:
 - The agreement outlines characteristics such as stay in contact, be accountable and transparent
 - Be active on the SPHSS Slack channels for discussions and voting
 - Be a part of at least one internal and external committees (at least once a month):
 - 5 seats available, in the next 24 hours please express interest
 - Preference for students who will be here next year, to have transitional knowledge
 - If interest is overwhelming, we will host interviews
 - External Committee Positions Include:
 - Professional Student Government - council of all of the professional student councils, which has influence on legislation that impacts professional students
 - Educational Policy Committee (EPC) - offered 2 seats total (historically only one); involved in curricular changes at the School of Public Health and can make impact on administrative processes such as requirements for professors and elimination of GRE

- CHIP (Center for Health Interprofessional Programs) - interprofessional center for students to come across the health sciences; hosts a leadership conference and other events
- Health Sciences Consultative Committee - part of University Senate; will advise on issues related to the health sciences
- Internal Committee Positions Include:
 - Grants Committee - will streamline grants, work on student group pass through-funding
 - 2 leadership positions:
 - Deputy Finance Director - Devon's counterpart
 - Grants Chair - will help apply for other funding from outside sources
 - Events Committee
 - 2 leadership positions
 - Director of Programming - planning events, career services options, reaching out to grants committees to get honorariums paid
 - Constitution Revision
 - Activism Committee
- Other Projects
 - Peer Networking Appointments & Buddy Program - if you are interested in getting involved in peer mentorship support!
- StrengthsFinder test - [SIGN UP](#)
- Bylaw 5.01 - expand voting members of SPHSS
 - CM Schmitt proposed a motion to pass the bylaw, seconded by Alina Okamoto
 - The motion passed

Vice-President Updates - Keelia Silvis:

- [How to create an event](#)

Director of Communications Updates - Sophia Ibrahim Ali:

- [Students of SPH profiles](#)
- Follow the Senate on all social media pages, like/comment/share posts
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UMNsphss>
 - Twitter: @umnsphsenate
 - Instagram: @umnsphsenate
- Promotion suggestions
 - Email ali00178@umn.edu

Treasurer Updates - Devon Sauerer:

- Budget breakdown for Fall
- Grant applications

Secretary Updates - Susana Carlos:

- No updates

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alumni Update:

- No updates

COGS:

- No updates, though there is transition happening

Professional Student Government:

- Pushing for more COVID-19 testing sites (none on the St Paul campus or West Bank)
- 2 task forces on community policing and structural racism

University Senate:

- Updates on what the committee has been doing
- Updates will come via the Slack, committee is the largest governing body at the U of M

NEW BUSINESS

- Given the low number of applicants, should we fund the entire registration for those that applied?

There was a motion from Alina Okamoto to adjourn the October meeting at 7:59 PM and seconded by Taiwo Aremu