

School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Notes: December 10, 2020

6:30-8:00 PM CT via Zoom

In Attendance: Ian Passe (President), Keelia Silvis (Vice-President), Sophia Ibrahim Ali (Director of Communications), Susana Carlos (Secretary), Christopher Schmitt (Alumni Relations Board Member), Alina Okamoto (MHA Executive Board), Alexandra Kurutz, Amy Lamb, Julia Ngep, Emily McGuire, Victoria Anderson, Taylor Lees, Sarah Steffen, Joseph Akambase, Taiwo Aremu, Puleng Moshele. *Unable to attend: Morian Yarrow, TH Tran, Sylvia Gutierrez, Cynthia Pando (COGS), Aanu Ayeni, Rebecca Molinsky (COGS), Foster Jacobs (COGS).*

CHECK-IN

- Question: What is one way you are going to celebrate being done with finals?
- Updates from Assistant Dean Porter

OFFICER REPORTS

President Updates - Ian Passe:

- Budget updates
 - We have allocated **\$5,219.87 of \$31,000** available
 - Promoting student grants
(<https://www.sph.umn.edu/current/engagement-opportunities/senate/grants/>)
 - Promote to your networks as an opportunity
 - If senators have ideas that will benefit students please contact Ian
- [Research](#) Day- 15 April
- Strategic plan will be available next year for student senators and the student community to review - TBD

Vice-President Updates - Keelia Silvis:

- Student needs updates
 - [Campus Climate Survey](#)
 - Many students are experiencing Imposter syndrome
- Holiday gift packages?
 - *If you are comfortable*, share your mailing address with me (silv0159@umn.edu) to get a small (<\$10) care package!
 - If not, I'll still send you an electronic message! You won't be left out

Director of Communications Updates - Sophia Ibrahim Ali:

- No updates

Secretary Updates - Susana Carlos:

- No updates

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alumni Update:

- Puleng and Chris: [Document](#)

Events Committee Updates:

- Keelia: J-Term crafting series
 - Alex: Kitchen DIY Facial Mask
 - Sarah: Candles
 - Keelia: Cookies
- Sarah: Icebreaker Study Break

Grants Committee Voting

- Keelia: Events Committee requests ongoing \$95/mo to buy a [Pro Icebreaker Account](#) between now and end of 2020-2021 academic year (so \$95/mo * 6 mo = \$570)
 - Keelia made a motion to approve \$570 to buy Pro Icebreaker
 - Seconded by Emily McGuire
 - Motion passes
- Keelia: In response to needs shown in the [Campus Climate Survey](#), the Events Committee requests general approval for \$500 speaker honorariums to help recruit speakers for a Structural Racism in Public Health speaker series in the Spring Semester.
 - Max \$500 * 12 weekly seminars = \$6000

COGS:

- No Updates

University Senate:

- Emily: Discussion on Resolution on Mental Health and Resolution on Protesting
- Presentations and discussion on the budget landscape and diversity and social justice liberal education theme
- Passed Resolution on [S/N grading](#) which mostly concerns undergraduate students but is similar to the SPH S/N grading

EDIT/Diversity Network:

- EDIT Book Club event - Jan 7 (10:30-12:15 PM) "EDIT Book Club: Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the 21st Century"
 - Book: [Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the 21st Century](#) edited by Alice Wong
 - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 - Meeting ID: 992 9731 2106
 - Passcode: 7df481
- All gift cards minus 1 for the October contest winners have been given out
- Trivia Night with Senate postponed until the Spring
- Winter break ideas for socializing - Snowflake connection - social circles on instagram

OTHER UPDATES

- **ONGOING DISCUSSION:** Professor's ability to have productive conversations on race and racism

NEW BUSINESS

- Tribute to professors
- [Sign petition to support U of M staff and students arrested during protests](#)

Emily motioned to end the meeting, Keelia seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.