

School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Notes: Tuesday, March 09, 2021

6:00pm-7:00 PM CT via Zoom

In Attendance:

- Executive Board: Ian Passe (President), Keelia Silvis (Vice-President), Sophia Ibrahim Ali (Director of Communications), Sarah Steffen (Director of Finance)
- Senators: Sylvia Gutierrez, Alina Okamoto, Alexandra Kurutz, Cynthia Pando, Julia Ngep, Emily McGuire, Victoria Anderson, Aanu Ayeni, Rebecca Molinsky, Foster Jacobs, Taylor Lees, Joseph Akambase, Taiwo Aremu, Moriam Yarrow, Courtney Sarkin, Robert Brehm, Hodan Hachi
- Ex- Officio Members: TH Tran, Christopher Schmitt, Puleng Moshele
- Community Members: Gabbi Horsford

CHECK-IN

- Introducing our Senate [members](#):
 - Courtney Sarkin (she/her) - School Wide Senator
 - Hodan Hachi (she/her) - School Wide Senator
 - Robert Brehm (he/him) - HPM Senator

OFFICER REPORTS

President Updates - Ian Passe:

- Elections for 2021-2022 Senate
 - [Rules, regulations, protocols, and timeline](#)
- SPHSS/PASA Presidents' Lecture Series II Recap
 - Dr. Rebecca Wurtz and Dr. Abdul El-Sayed
- SPHSS/PASA Presidents' Lecture Series III
 - Representative Angie Craig (MN-2) in conversation with ...
 - April 27th at 10:00 am CST
 - Registration will open up ASAP
- Commencement Updates
 - May 17th, synchronous
 - Speaker: TBA very soon!
- SPHSS- Specific Apparel

Vice-President Updates - Keelia Silvis:

- SPH DEI Strategic Plan was solicited and window has closed

Director of Communications Updates - Sophia Ibrahim Ali:

- Social media engagement
 - Twitter/Instagram: [@umnsphsenate](#)
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UMNsphss>
 - LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/umn-sphss>
 - Subscribe to SPHSS Google Calendar

Secretary Updates - Susana Carlos:

- Dean's Search Committee update

Finance Updates - Sarah Steffen:

- 14 professional development grants were approved in the month of February. **Continue to get the word out and keep an eye on the voting channel.**
- Applications are open until April 24- share with your networks!
<https://www.sph.umn.edu/current/engagement-opportunities/senate/grants/>
- What is working about the grants process and how can we improve the process?

COMMITTEE REPORTS_____

Alumni Update - Puleng and Christopher:

- Upcoming events:
 - SPH Alumni/Student Connections, event on March 12th at 4pm
 - Reimagining Public Health Careers: Expand Your Career Horizon on March 16 at 12pm. Register [here](#)
- Invite sphss@umn.edu to alumni events

Events Committee Updates - Keelia and Sylvia:

- Recap of SHP/ Medical Research Mixer
- Please [sign up](#) to host upcoming happy hour and interdisciplinary events.
 - Without sign-ups, we'll be ending midweek lunch social
- Structural Oppression Seminar Series
 - Very positive feedback from Structural Ableism & Environmental Injustice
 - Register for the next one on Structural Sexism at z.umn.edu/SOSelmquist
 - DeRay Mckesson -- April 23rd

COGS - Yiyao, Foster, Rebecca, Cynthia:

- "As part of our continuing efforts to deal with abusive faculty, we had a conversation centered on retaliation and the University's unwillingness to listen to the concerns of graduate students. It was decided that COGS will be writing a petition to the provost specifying our specific concerns and how to better involve graduate students in the discussion."

Professional Student Government - Taylor:

- No meeting last month, more updates to come after March meeting
- Keep applying for Emergency Grants- these are being voted on and approved despite February meeting cancellation

University Senate - Emily:

- Vaccination appointments should be an excused absence from class, per Provost Croson
- Resolution on student work outside in extreme weather conditions
- Resolution on demilitarization of UMPD
- Commencement Committee for SPH: Renting cap and gown? Do graduating students want 'break out' meetings for their program as a part of commencement?
- Student Feedback Concern at EPC

EDIT/Diversity Network - Susana:

- EDIT's new home at SPH

Voting - Ian:

- Executive Board Stipends
 - Resolution:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVXdmN9SydJ0vjQRynQaFy9ZI607Cvqv3MgztZosAkU/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Contract:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bU03LmXXVNz_xWxsWGVEYfs5CDriOkd0BVAA-c3cxMA/edit?usp=sharing
- EpiCH DEI Policing and Public Health Series event with Dr. Nikki Jones (\$500)
 - Background (Gabbi Horsford)

OTHER UPDATES

- CHIP update from Julia: Wellness plan going forward

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.