



School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, 4/11/2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CT, Mayo D325 or Zoom if needed

Senators in Attendance:

1. **Welcome, grab food, and get settled**
2. **Last meeting of the year, thank you all for your hard work!**
3. **Guest Speaker:** Meghan Taylor from Public Health Institute
 - a. Course during the summer
 - b. Field tips, case studies, demonstrations and simulations, etc. LOTS OF FUN
4. **New Executive Board: Congratulations.**
 - a. President - Quin
 - b. Vice President - Emma
 - c. Director of Finance - Annie
 - d. Secretary - Caylin
 - e. Director of Communications - Grace
 - f. Transition will take place on May 1st
 - i. Schedule 1-on-1s
5. **Officer Reports**
 - a. Presidents Update:
 - i. Faculty SPAR Subcommittee
 1. Representative needed
 2. Questions contact Cailynn Aumock
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Come to events!!!
 - ii. Let me know if there's anything you want to spend remaining money on (right now thinking any extra will go toward raffle baskets at spring party)
 - c. Communications
 - i. Thank you for sharing posts and for your participation on socials! Please continue this for the remainder of our events this semester 😊
 - d. Finance
 - i. Share out that the grants app deadline is April 29th!
 - e. Secretary
 - i.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Alumni Committee
 - b. Events Committee Updates

- i. Bowling: April 17th 6-8pm at CMU
 - ii. Pizza Day: likely April 18th or 20th (next week) in SPHere
 - iii. Coffee and Donuts: April 24-27th in SPHere
 - 1. Grad cap decorating here too
 - iv. Spring Party!!! May 10th 6-8pm at MAC
 - 1. Registration link coming out end of week, tell all your friends!
Bonus points/treat from me if you have the most referrals
 - 2. Hors d'oeuvres, photos, raffle baskets, music
- c. Council of Graduate Students
 - i. Special session with Pres. Gabel and Provost Croson
 - 1. April 27 at 6p in Blegen Hall 5 or on Zoom
- d. Professional Student Government
 - i. None
- e. University Senate
 - i. Resolution has been introduced to University Student Senate with no concern; will be passed at the end of the month (next meeting)
 - 1. Any student taking 6+ credits and in a program designated as in-person (regardless of individual course modality) is eligible for student services fee and health insurance
 - ii. Bob met with staff from Office of Student Affairs and President's Office
 - 1. New policy in the works to be proposed to Board of Regents
 - a. All graduate students in 6+ credits would be eligible for student services fee and health insurance
 - b. Work being done on back end to assess program-level (distance learning)
 - 2. Policy would be implemented in 2024 (likely fall semester)
- f. Commencement Committee
 - i. Need volunteers for commencement
 - 1. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFhGD4M9P0QbvAaxI_M7iGNgFJ76BIsBgofLl4PrhC7Ctyrw/viewform
 - ii. Need to find out when student speaker is announced
- g. Research Committee
 - i. Research day seemed to go well!
 - 1. See poster winners here if curious - <https://www.sph.umn.edu/events-calendar/research-day/previous-winners/#2022>
 - ii. Changes to bylaw language
 - 1. Committee membership shall consist of one faculty and one staff member from each Division, one postdoctoral fellow and one academic professional and administrative staff. Vacancies will be

filled through appointment by the Dean upon recommendation of the respective Division, Student Senate President, or P&A Senate Chair.

2. Waiting for follow up
 - a. **update - research committee did acknowledge that leaving students out was accidental, and they will continue to have a student rep**

h. EPC

- i. New courses under review
- ii. But process was rushed so next review moved to 2024

i. Recognition, Awards, and Honors

7. Voting

- a. Update the SPHSS Constitution to include undergraduate representation and review representative distribution based on enrollment every two years.

- i. See edits to Section 4: Demographics:

1. 4. SPHSS Demographics

- a. a. The general Senate will be composed of members from each division to best represent the collective student body of the School of Public Health.
 - b. b. Each of the following divisions and **units** will have appointed Senators:
 - i. i. Biostatistics
 - ii. ii. Epidemiology and Community Health
 - iii. iii. Health Policy & Management
 - iv. iv. Environmental Health **Sciences**
 - v. v. **Undergraduate Program**
 - vi. vi. School wide
 - c. c. The number of chairs for each of the specified divisions are distinguished in the bylaws. These numbers will be reviewed and updated every **two** years to better reflect the student body and emerging programs.
 - d. d. There shall be an Executive Board of Officers elected by the SPH Student body each spring term which will be comprised of: President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Director of Communications, & Secretary;
 - e. e. Senators shall be appointed by the Executive Board and sitting Senators during the beginning weeks of each academic year, according to procedures in the bylaws regarding appointment of program representatives;
 - f. f. Vacancies in the general Senate shall be appointed by the incoming Executive Board;
 - g. g. Vacancies in the President of the Senate office shall be filled

- by the Vice President for the remainder of that term;
 - h. h. As available and necessary, other Senators shall be appointed and serve according to duties outlined in the voluntary contract;
 - ii. See edits to Bylaw 2: Appointment Procedures
 - 1. 2. Appointment procedures for program representatives:
 - a. a. Program representatives will nominate him or herself at the start of the fall academic semester.
 - b. b. The Executive Board and sitting Senators will appoint, by simple majority vote, representatives from the pool of nominees.
 - c. c. These divisions and the number of Senate chairs are based on the proportion of students in each division to the total of SPH students. The breakdown is as follows:
 - i. i. Biostatistics Chairs (1)- PhD, MS, MPH
 - ii. ii. Epidemiology and Community Health Chairs (5)-PhD, MS, MPH
 - iii. iii. Health Policy & Management Chairs (5)-PhD, MS, MPH, **MHA**
 - iv. iv. Environmental Health **Sciences** Chairs (2)-PhD, MS, MPH
 - v. v. **Undergraduate Program (1) - BA**
 - vi. vi. School Wide Chairs (2)- any program that is not included in one of the above,
 - vii. formal divisions of the school. PhD, MS, MPH, **BA**, Certificates, 4+1
 - d. The allocation of Senate chairs is to be reviewed every **two years** starting in the Fall of 2020 semester by the incoming Executive Board.
 - e. If a program seat is vacant, notifications will be sent to the larger student body to fill in the seat under the discretion of the current Executive Board.
 - f. If a seat remains vacant after all prior efforts have been conducted, the seat shall be filled, at the discretion of the current Executive Board, by an available candidate without regard to program
 - iii. Gregory Motions
 - iv. Caylin seconds
 - v. Passes
 - b. Stipend Voting for Executive Board: \$625 each Eboard member per semester
 - i. Please read the [EBoard Duties/Role descriptions](#)
 - ii. Voting yes means you feel like the Executive Board has fulfilled these duties for Spring semester 2023. Voting no means you feel like the Executive Board has not fulfilled these duties for Spring semester 2023

- iii. Jenny Porter has designated Cailynn Aumock to preside over the vote per the resolution attached
- iv. Executive Board Members
 - 1. Cailynn
 - a. Motion: Caylin
 - b. Second: Quin
 - c. Passes
 - 2. Katelyn
 - a. Motion: Emma McGrew
 - b. Second: Quin
 - c. Passes
 - 3. Gregory
 - a. Motion: Quin
 - b. Second: Caylin
 - c. Passes
 - 4. Meghan
 - a. Motion: Katelyn Maddox
 - b. Second: Emma McGrew
 - c. Passes
 - 5. Erin
 - a. Motion: Gregory Goodwine
 - b. Second: Meghan Ford
 - c. Passes

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Announcements

- a. EnHS curriculum discussions go to...Elea
- b. Transparency for which students are the reps for which committees
 - i. Having contact information somewhere?
- c. Senate committee info on SPH website - new comms directors
 - i. Erin can do this by submitting a request to the website. Do we have a list with the heads of committees somewhere?
 - ii. Or should I wait to do it for next year's E board?
- d. Awesome 😊

11. Adjournment