

School of Public Health Student Council Meeting
SPH Lounge
Tuesday June 27th, 2017
4:00pm – 4:56pm

Attendance: *see sheet*

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

At the last meeting we prepared for the new council. We also debriefed on the various events we had in the last month: LinkedIn webinar and National Public Health Events. Both events went well and garnered positive feedback from faculty and students. We finalized our community service project, which took place the first 2 weeks of June. We addressed the various student council requests, in response to Dr. Landsbergis' efforts at addressing the needs of SPH students.

Eleonora motioned to approve minutes. Kirsten seconds the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

II. Approval of 2017-2018 budget

After reviewing the proposed budget for the new academic year, Kirsten invites us to approve the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 student council.

Kirsten motions to approve the budget. Eleonora seconds the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Introductions and Explanation of Roles and Events

Each current member described the roles and duties of their position. This information was also provided as a handout to all incoming members. Caroline described the role of President and Vice President, seeing as Diana could not attend this meeting. Kirsten described the role of Treasurer, Eleonora described the role of Secretary, and Nicole described the role of Events Coordinator.

New members were given a chance to ask questions and clarify any points. Eleonora made sure nobody had any questions left and the meeting continued as planned.

IV. Prospective Members State Interest

The current council asked interested members to state which position they would like to take on, how they plan on fulfilling those roles, and how much time they are able to commit each week given the demands of the council.

Justin explained that although he initially expressed the desire to be VP, he understands that his availability is not sufficient. He therefore would like to be a member at large and will support the council to the most of his ability with the understanding that he will be going abroad in March-May.

Daniela expressed interested in the Vice President role. She has enjoyed being a member at large of the council over the last year. She has ideas for National Public Health Week, bringing together various schools within Downstate. She will no longer be taking classes on campus in the fall, just working on her FE and CE. She plans on working full time which may limit her availability at meetings.

Michelle would like to be President or Vice President, although she prefers VP. She has been involved in clubs throughout the school, namely BFC, and feels that being a part of those clubs, she has the in to bridge the current gap. She is finishing up with her CE in the fall and will have time to come to campus as needed.

Kirsten is interested in the President role. She has been on the council as Treasurer for the past year. She has experience with the council, understands the demands and is ready to take it on. She will be on campus taking the remainder of her classes and has time to commit to the council.

Nathalie is interested in the Events coordinator position. She has experience setting up events and is familiar with the neighborhood. She has ideas for events and is eager to organize fun activities for SPH Students.

Lousette, although unable to attend the meeting, emailed her preferences – she would like to be Secretary of the council. She has experience in that role through prior work and will be of great assistance to the council. She is available to attend meetings on campus.

Margot was also unable to attend the meeting and emailed us her preferences – she would like to be Treasurer on the council. She enjoys detail oriented tasks such as preparing budgets and keeping track of expenses when the Council hosts events. She regularly communicates professionally through e-mail, and would feel very comfortable staying in contact with Mr. Bentley and other Downstate staff as necessary. She also hopes to use her experience in the MPH program to contribute thoughtful and fun ideas for making SPH a better place and is comfortable promoting events and activities to encourage students to participate.

Based on this information, Eleonora motions to everyone present that the current council step out and discuss who should receive which role.

Nikki seconds the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

V. Discussion among former student council

Based on the information each new member shared, Eleonora, Caroline, Nikki, and Dr Dill discussed how best to distribute the roles. Kirsten was not part of this conversation, seeing as she is running for the President's role.

After careful discussion, we felt that the executive roles should be distributed as follows:

- President: Kirsten Weisbeck

- 1st VP: Michelle
- 2nd VP: Daniela Mackembe
- Treasury: Margot Swift
- Secretary: Lousette Saint Vincent
- Events Coordinator: Nathalie
- Member at large: Justin

The role of Vice President has taken on a much larger task, therefore we feel it best to have two VPs who can divide up the work accordingly.

Eleonora motions to approve these roles and share them with the new members. Nikki seconds the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

These roles were shared and accepted.

VI. Next Meeting Date

Kirsten, the new president, proposes to send out a doodle poll for the next meeting date. Motion approved unanimously.

Eleonora motions to adjourn the meeting. Kirsten seconds the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 4.56pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



**Eleonora F. d'Amore
SPH Council Secretary**

