

SOHP Student Council Meeting #8

Date: April 28th, 2020

Attendance- Augustine Gnalian, Soraya Deshommes, Terry Kim, Robin Lippet, Alynn Azoulay, Rachel Jorgensen

Meeting time- 2:00pm-3:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting called to order-2:00pm
Motion to open by Augustine Gnalian
2. On May 20th, 2020 at 3:00Pm there will be a virtual graduation ceremony for all programs including College of Medicine, College of Nursing, and SOHP.
 - Graduates will be able to take their oath via zoom or Microsoft team.
 - Names will be scrolled on screen
 - Diplomas will be sent by mail
3. Dr. Howard Zucker- Commissioner of Health is supposed to deliver the 2020 commencement address, but confirmation is pending.
4. Caps and gowns are on campus but 3 things are needed:
 - Current addresses of graduates for delivery
 - Staff on campus for packaging
 - Shipping company
 - Graduates graduating on May 1st will not receive their caps and gowns on time.
5. Please check email from Assistant Dean Bones as he is requesting nominations for 2 awards. The deadline to submit nominations is on May 8th, 2020 via email.
6. As per Dean, 2020 graduates will be able to walk in 2021 graduation ceremony at Carnegie Hall- more details will be given as the date approaches.
7. 2020 graduates will receive a partial refund (\$160) since the other portion of money has already been used to book Carnegie Hall for next year's ceremony.
8. SOHP student council members have decided to rollover funds specifically for yearbook and convocation. As of now, members (President and Treasurer) are in the process of redistributing and budgeting funds for the next fiscal year.
9. Graduation gifts are still being considered for the class of 2020, therefore funds will be allocated as reserved for the purchase of these items.
10. Election for the next SOHP student council officers is being discussed as to how to conduct the voting process and transition smoothly. Current officers will keep their position until the fall.
11. Assistant Dean Bones and a representative of each program have been having weekly meetings in regards to face to face events but given all the regulations of social distancing, face to face events will be postponed until further notice.
12. Spring Fling tickets are in the process of being refunded.
13. Federal Cares Act has granted SUNY Downstate a sum of money for "covid" related expenses- No fixed amount has been finalized. Covid related expense example given was a student who had to pay to rebook a testing date because the testing site was closed secondary to covid.
14. Activities:
 - Please check Adam's emails
 - There are 12 active volunteering projects on campus- Check email and if anyone is interested, please sign up.
 - Volunteering credits are program dependent-Please contact faculty for more details.

- Virtual high school career fair, need a representative from each program; email Assistant Dean Bones.
- Dr. Stanley Tam is no longer at SUNY Downstate, student counseling services is offering counseling support via phone, video-based (telemedicine) to Downstate students in need.
- No questions were raised.

We thanked everyone for participating in this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00pm

Submitted and signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Soraya Deshommes', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Soraya Deshommes –04/28/2020

Physician Assistant Class of 2020

SOHP Council Secretary Class of 2020

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