

SUNY Downstate School of Public Health
Student Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 18th, 2017
5:00pm – 6:30pm

I. Introductions/ Attendance

Justin Tien
LeConte Dill
Kirsten Weisbeck
Natalie Charles
Samantha Lawrence
Maggie Swift

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes/Secretary report

At the last meeting, we went through the university proposal that Andrew had been working on. We approved the email voting officially, a couple of the students went to the leadership seminar, the activity fair and we received a ton of people who were interested. Regarding the dean search committee, it would be announced in the presidential bulletin. We talked about our committee appointees. Justin is going to be our curriculum liaison, Lousette in the community committee, Kirsten in tech fee, Maggie in SASAFRAS. We agreed on slack being our primary mode of communication. We talked about the student faculty mixer. We talked about the budget in that we wanted to give more conference support and cutting back on certain professional development. Our off-campus mixer will be on Friday December 15th

Kirsten motion to approve the meeting minutes

Justin second the motion

Motion approve unanimously

III. Student Faculty Mixer

Kirsten mentioned that we have flyers and email invitations were sent out to remind students. Kirsten encouraged members of the student council to make announcements in class about the mixer. Kirsten want to make a hand out with social media links which she will get from Dr. Helzner.

Kirsten asked if anyone knows of drives or efforts that are being done toward relief for Puerto Rico. She encouraged student council to share information regarding such matter so that it could be disseminate at the student faculty mixer.

Kirsten considered hosting a drive by the SPH council but there have been mixed feelings about it.

Food order has been placed for the student faculty mixer and Natalie will be taking care of icebreakers.

IV. Budget

Kirsten mentioned that a couple of quotes were given to us for the student faculty mixer in December and the both were very steep and over the budget even if we rearrange some items on that list. One of the reasons for this is because it is a Friday night. Kirsten will be working with Natalie to assess all our options, we can potentially save money on tax because we are technically a non-profit.

As a follow up, once the prices are adjusted an email vote will be sent out for the final quote. By mid-October a list of options for potential places will be sent out for an email voting. Samantha suggested Piquant as an alternative place to host the event. Dr. Dill mentioned she has a contact for that venue.

Kirsten would like to have the budget squared away for the mixer by the end of October. Kirsten mentioned because of budget we should do a lighter scale career fair because we are not sure of the recruiters will be coming.

V. Updates from the SASAFRAS Marketing Task Force Sub-committee Meeting

Maggie went over the action items discussed at the Marketing Task Force committee to relay our responsibilities. The document has been uploaded to Slack for all to follow along. Maggie defined SASAFRAS as a group of faculty members and other student representatives. She explained that the subcommittee was created under SASAFRAS that comes together to address certain issues.

Career development

Maggie mention she was asked what is the SPH students biggest priority to which she answered career development opportunities. She also mentioned having alumni relationships. The consensus in that meeting was that the faculty members were willing to help with that matter. In some cases, with the change of leadership some faculty members are not entirely certain of what they can do in that matter.

Maggie mentioned that Dr. Afable wants to get a centralized location on the website to have job posting. Dr. Afable is not sure on how often it could be updated but is open to posting jobs that are available on the website for SPH students.

Maggie mentioned that Dr. Helzner and Dr. Ehlke will be working on the linked in and social media.

Maggie stated it seems like they might be going in different directions when it comes to increasing relations with alums.

Kirsten mentioned that LinkedIn does have close groups that only people within them can see and it seems that it would be a great place to have students and alumni and therefore we can post job opportunities.

Samantha mentioned it would be great if we could send an email to students telling them about these social media pages that are available to them

Career Fair

Maggie mentioned the next action item which is the career fair. She believes that all the faculty are behind the career fair idea. Dr Hoepner said she like planning events so she would like to be the faculty point person for the career fair. She will get connected with Natalie to further talk about the events.

Maggie emphasized the need to make sure the faculty members are invited to the student faculty mixer because last year there we some confusions within the faculty member on whether they were invited or not.

Marketing committee

Maggie stated that Ehlke and Helzner would like to start a blog. They offered to do a regular tumbler type of blog. They have a post that is ready to be posted but they are waiting for approval. They also mentioned that if someone has work study they can get paid to do this work. It is just to write blog posts and keeping the page updated.

Advertisement for our social media pages will begin soon.

Curriculum

Maggie mentioned they did not get to talk about this topic as much except for the interdisciplinary courses. The professors were asking how the credit works or how is payment for these courses processed.

Kirsten asked if someone could reach out to Dr. Helzner about the work study idea mentioned above. Samantha volunteered to find out exactly what they are looking for and which social media platform they would like to promote.

VI. Slack Updates

Kirsten wants to make sure that everyone like using slack for communication. In the general announcements, Kirsten mention she will list all the important topics that needs to be discussed with all the hashtags.

Kirsten mentioned that Khaleel brought to her attention the epischolars program in addition to H RTP and only a select few universities are part of it. Kirsten would like to follow up on that and see what the process looks like.

VII. Student Council next meeting

Kirsten asked if Wednesdays usually work for most. Kirsten suggested November 7th, 8th or 9th. Members decided upon Wednesday November 8th, 2017 at 5pm.

Kirsten motions to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lousette Saint Victor

SPH Council Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lousette Saint Victor', written over the typed name.