

**SUNY Downstate School of Public Health
Student Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 8th, 2017
5:00pm**

I. Introductions/ Attendance

Melanie Peters (President of the Sex and Medicine Club)
Michelle Davis
Dr. LeConte Dill
Kirsten Weisbeck
Samantha Lawrence
Maggie Swift
Natalie Charles

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes/Secretary report

Everyone individually went over the last meeting minutes

Kirsten motion to approve the last meeting minutes

Motion Seconded by Maggie

Motion approve unanimously

III. Sex in Medicine

Melanie explained that Sex in Medicine Week is something that a Public Health student started 10 years ago. It consists of a week of different events related to different topics on sexual health. There will be five Lunch events and three dinner events. She mentioned a panel called "The real deal with your queer peers" for downstate student who identify themselves part of the LGBTQ population. American Medical Women's Association is a group here on campus who will be doing a film screening. Melanie expressed her reason for being here is to ask for funds that will help purchase food for the events, small speaker gifts from the student gift store, and other incentives. The request is for the amount of \$400, which is the amount that they usually get from council in the past.

Kirsten expressed that the council would discuss amongst members and have a vote on the decision of the amount.

Melanie mentioned that they are always open to suggestions and that each event is supposed to be sponsored by different student groups on campus however none of them are the Schools themselves.

Dr. Dill brought to the council's attention that the event is next week and the issue with the short notice. Kirsten mentioned the issue with the timing due to the fact that MPH students are on campus in the evenings and not at lunch time. Furthermore, the idea of asking for funding three years in row without prior invitation for involvement is not ideal.

After a long discussion on the previous statement;

Kirsten Motions to contribute \$200 to support Sex in Medicine Week (SIMW) and help to fund a meal for one of the SIMW events. \$200 will be transferred from the SPH Student

Student/Sex in Medicine Week Account (#40-70287-012-30001). Motion Seconded by Maggie
Motion was approved unanimously

IV. Student Faculty Mixer

Kirsten mentioned that the mixer was a success. Approximately 35 people were present. However, half of the meet authorization forms were filled out so that is something to keep in mind for our next event.

Dr. Dill suggested to have a simpler way of obtaining consent for pictures that we take during events. Everyone agreed

V. Student Alumni Mixer updates

We have received many different quotes from different places.

1. Woodland. (last year host site)- Natalie has been in contact with Ksenia Lozano. At this site, Fridays are really expensive therefore Kirsten would like for us to look into Thursday as a possible day, for which the fee is a \$1700 minimum spend, without tax because we are considered a nonprofit, plus 20% service fee which brings us to \$2040. The suggested time is 6pm to 9pm but Kirsten would like to ask if that time can be pushed to 7-10pm for the same price to accommodate students attending Thursday classes. Last year it was about \$2300 total once the bill was wrapped up
2. Amorachi- \$4000 for food and open bar for 3hrs.
3. Piquant- Kirsten mentioned that their rates were based on the amount of people which would be hard to estimate. They were offering 3 hours and the price was \$2200 for 35 people excluding the tip. This place has Fridays available for the same prices.

Base on everyone's recommendations the council agreed on a Thursday event at Woodland because it would be most likely easier for students to attend, and the fee is the best value to accommodate the estimated 40-50 attendees.

Kirsten Motioned to approve the planned Student Alumni Mixer at Woodland on 12/14/2017 from 7pm – 10pm at the total cost of \$2040 funded from the Events Account (#40-70097-013-30001) .

Motion Seconded by Samantha

Motion approved unanimously

VI. Community service

Kirsten encouraged the council to think of community service options like Toy for Tots, where a donation can act as a 'ticket at the door', although nobody would be denied entry if they didn't bring a donation. .

Kirsten ask if anyone can volunteer to look into other possible ideas for community service. Maggie agreed to look into finding different options. Kirsten would like to settle on an organization by the end of next week.

VII. Budget

Kirsten proposed to rearrange funds in the budget that Maggie had made to come up to \$2400 for the student alumni mixer. We are under budget by about \$600 therefore it is ok if we go a little over the \$2400 for the mixer.

Kirsten motioned to approve the updated budget, requiring the transfer of \$140 from the Student Council Club Account (#40-70044-013-30001) to the Events Account (#40-70097-013-30001), the transfer of \$600 from the Conference Support Account (#40-70055-013-30001) to the Events Account (#40-70097-013-30001), the transfer of \$200 from the Meeting Expenses Account (#40-70135-013-30001) to the Events Account (#40-70097-013-30001), and the transfer of \$4601 from the Programs and Projects Account (#40-70174-013-30001) to the Events Account (#40-70097-013-30001).

Maggie seconded the motion

Motion Approved Unanimously

VIII. Career Development

Career Fair

Kirsten met with Dr. LaRosa and Amy on Monday 11/6 to discuss the career fair space. They agreed to let us use the Gym for March 23rd 2018. We will start the preliminary planning process in December to make sure that the people in our organization list are confirmed for that day.

Dr. Dill Mentioned that the faculty at NY task Force are excited and have some suggestions of alums that might want to represent. At the fair Kirsten will upload the list of organization on slack.

Resume workshop

Tentative date would be January or February. We would like to invite Healthier Badger and Carol Pope back again this year. Kirsten will reach out and see if they are available for any dates in those months.

We are off on National Public Health Week for spring break, therefore we might have to host out events the following week. Dr. Dill suggested that we might want to look at what the other schools are doing.

Student Council new business

Kirsten suggested that we do a letter from the council to be distributed similar to the Presidents bulletin just once to inform students of resources that are available to students and also highlight events that are happening for the semester. Michelle suggested doing so at the beginning of the Spring Semester.

Kirsten also mention Keisha who teaches people how to start their own podcast. Kirsten thought it would be a great idea to convey our public health thoughts. Kirsten also suggested a student alumni survey. More information to come in December

Maggie mention the taskforce update where Dr. Afable said that our website already had a career resources option. The private linked in group is up and ready to go. Tumblr is up and running.

Next meeting date

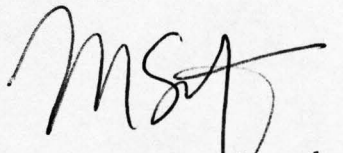
December meeting date: Tuesday December 12th 5:30pm

Kirsten motions to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously 6.30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lousette Saint Victor

SPH Council Secretary


Margot Swift
2/22/18