

SUNY Downstate School of Public Health
Student Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday July 18, 2018 at 6:00pm
SPH Lounge

Attendance:

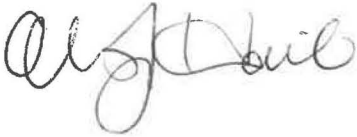
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Dr. Megan Hall
Maya Lloyd
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1. We had brief introductions with Dr. Hall as new co-liason, an overview of agenda topics, and review of past minutes.
 - a. **Rachel motions to approve previous minutes, seconded by Olivia. The motion is passed unanimously.**
2. Communications: Rachel wanted to double check that all board members are receiving emails
 - a. We confirmed all of us are receiving emails
 - b. **Rachel motions to use GroupMe for board communication, seconded by Maya. The motion is passed unanimously, Rachel will create a GroupMe for the board.**
3. Student Survey:
 - a. We want to narrow the questions of our student survey to program, concentration, biggest pro/con, and potential for growth. Rachel is building a draft of the new survey to present and vote on next meeting.
 - i. We will contact the admissions office to see their student experience and interests data to supplement our survey and avoid repetition of questions.
4. Event Ideas:
 - a. Career Fair: Collaborating with School of Public Health administration to send our invitation to the students (Dr. Hall contacting Dr. LaRosa). Location will depend on the number of organizations participating, potentially in gym or in the new public health building. Student incentives include: field experience, and employment opportunity. Our tentative Date is the end of January, in the first or second week of spring semester.
 - b. Everyone is looking into National Public Health Week ideas to share next meeting. That event week will be in April.
 - c. Mixers: General consensus to invite current faculty as well as students. The first date will be in October, and all board members are searching for tentative locations on-campus.
 - d. Community Service Ideas:
 - i. Our goal is 1 event per semester, as well finding group-oriented volunteer or other service opportunities in Downstate/Brooklyn community
 - ii. Ideas: walk-a-thon or 5K, prospect park cleanup, research local organizations we could work with or support and bring those ideas to the next meeting. For a walk/run team event, we will consider a T-shirt incentive to increase student participation.
5. Other Questions and Suggestions:
 - a. Textbook drive idea: Invest in textbooks and/or have people donate old textbooks for Public Health classes to be kept in the public health lounge for students to sign out and use in the lounge.
 - b. Social Media: Talk to Dr. Helzner about making our own student council social media for our events.
 - c. Memberships: Look into NYSPHA and poll student interest in membership on our survey.
 - d. We will make a google calendar to share with the board to keep deadlines, accountability, and planning in order.

- e. Should we open second half of meetings to all SPH students? Our plan is to invite students to visit student council meetings and share any ideas or suggestions they might have.
 - f. How do we show students what our alumni are doing? Potentially add an alumni panel to National Public Health Week.
6. Rachel will send a survey to the board with potential dates for the august meeting.

Rachel motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Olivia seconds the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by:
Olivia Haile
SPH Council Secretary**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Olivia Haile".