

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University School of Public Health

Student Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5pm

PHAB 5-006

*Members in Attendance:*

*Alyson Clarke*

*Alexander Barna*

*Estefania Gonzales*

*Non-voting Members in Attendance:*

*Olivia Haile*

*Srishty Amarnani*

*Serekie Smith*

*Suwaskie Smith*

*Prachee Keni*

*Mamta Kaani*

*Dr. Hall—on phone*

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Alyson called meeting to order at 5:10 PM
- II. Review of last meeting minutes
  - a. There were no questions regarding the minutes from the last student council meeting
- III. Introductions
  - a. Alyson asked the incoming members of the student council to introduce themselves
- IV. Student Research Survey Announcement
  - a. Dr. Geer's student researcher, Srishty, came to announce a beta version of a survey for the Downstate Community. Wanted members of student council to take the survey and provide feedback. Alyson to send out srishty's email so that students can follow-up with her.
- V. Elections
  - a. Alyson described the general responsibilities of being an officer with the student council
  - b. Review of open positions
    - i. Secretary is the only position currently open
- VI. Statements of Interest
  - a. New members, Mamta and Prachee gave a small explanation about why they would like to be secretary
  - b. Two new members volunteered to join as members at large
    - i. Suwaskie Smith

ii. Serekie Smith

VII. Decision

- a. Voting members from the current council voted on new members. Each new e-board member was unanimously decided on
  - 1. Mamta—Secretary
- b. Prachee was voted in to act as an assistance secretary

VIII. Communications

IX. Review of Constitution

- a. The current student council decided to review the old constitution to determine if change is necessary to update the constitution. Alyson to send everyone the current constitution and to find out the proper channels to go through for editing.

X. Student Survey

- a. Discussed releasing an advisement survey on behalf of the student council to current SPH students. Alyson to contact Yamina regarding advisement survey
- b. Also discussed current student council survey. Currently only questions on courses, the physical building, and feelings toward faculty/staff. Extracurricular activities as an option as well.
- c. Recommendations:
  - i. Add questions about if SPH students specifically would like access to rooms on campus for studying, group projects, etc.
    - 1. Unsure if this would be a feasible option. Dr. Hall thinks that this is something worth pursuing and discussing with administration. Catherine would probably be the best contact for this; Dr. Hall offered to reach out to her for first contact.
  - ii. Add event specific questions
  - iii. Add question about times for when events should be held
  - iv. Add questions about websites/other social media platforms to reach out to students
  - v. Alyson suggested maybe removing certain questions. Dr. Hall suggested that it would be best to keep questions on it to see if there is change over time. Student Council agreed.
- d. Think of a way to organize information from faculty, community service, jobs, etc.
  - i. Creation of a Blackboard page for the student council to use. Alyson to follow-up with Adam to inquire about progress.

XI. Event Ideas

- a. Mixers
  - i. Decided Fall Mixer will be on campus with a plan to have it on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM. Setup will start at 3 PM and break down will be until 7:30 PM.

- ii. Will talk to Café 101 to see what items they have available for a BBQ event.
    - iii. RSVP sent in August to get a head count.
      - 1. Suwaskie to do Room Reservation
        - a. Tennis Court or Student Center Main Lounge
      - 2. Alyson to inquire about wine
      - 3. Serekie to inquire about food from Café 101
      - 4. Alyson to create flyer
    - iv. Alyson to touch base in two weeks regarding progress
  - b. Career Fair
    - i. Alyson pitched the idea of a virtual career fair.
    - ii. Contact with employers to participate in the career fair
  - c. NPHW
    - i. Alyson made suggestion to hold 3 events during the week
  - d. Community Service
    - i. Estefania will look into community service events that we could participate in
    - ii. Possible do something with NYC Cares
  - e. Other
    - i. Sex and Medicine Week
      - 1. Olivia will send list of clubs who have participated before
- XII. Urban and Immigrant Health Blog
  - a. Alex, Serekie, and Suwaskie will help with the creation and implementation of the blog. Alyson to contact Dr. Ehlke regarding this.
- XIII. Other Suggestions
  - a. Dr. Hall mentioned that new members of leadership for the Student Council need to do leadership training in the fall semester. Announcement to be made
  - b. Suggestion for Public Health to have a larger presence on campus
    - i. Spring mixer
    - ii. Planned Office Hours to address this
- XIV. Adjournment
  - a. Alyson adjourned meeting at 6:11pm

**Official meeting minutes respectfully submitted by  
Alyson Clarke, SPH Student Council President (2019-2020)**





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**STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING  
ATTENDANCE COVER SHEET**

Student Council Name:

SPI Student Council

Date Meeting Was Held:

07/18/19

Time Meeting was Held:

5 PM

Place Meeting Was Held:

5-006

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2 <u>Alexander Barba</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>	<u>Abel Barba</u>
3 <u>Olivia Hauke</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Olivia Hauke</u>
4 <u>PRAHEE KENI</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Prahee</u>
5 <u>Srishty Amarnani</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Srishty</u>
6 <u>Mamta Karani</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Mamta</u>
7 <u>Serekie Smith</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>NO</u>	<u>S. Smith</u>
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