

SUNY Downstate School of Public Health Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Friday February 19, 2021

Subject: SPH Student Council Meeting

Time & Location: 1:00 – 1:50 PM held via Zoom platform

Attendance

- Voting- Members in Attendance (officers)
 - o Kristelle Pierre
 - o Reekarl Pierre
 - o Samiha Hussain
 - o Janille Williams
 - o Megan Hall
- Voting Members in Attendance
 - o Camille Hazel
 - o Hector Gonzalez
 - o Kimberly Charles
 - o Amanda Eloma
 - o Ayanna Besson
- General Members
 - o Christina Kim
 - o Lydia Fu
 - o Kenneth Zhen
 - o Randy Cruz
 - o Natalie Baker

Meeting Notes:

- Meeting called to order by Samiha Hussain at 1:05 PM
- Old Business
 - o Review of January minutes from 1/15/21
 - Samiha Hussain introduced the motion to approve minutes from January 15th meeting
 - **Motion was second by Kristelle Pierre**
 - **The motion was then passed unanimously**
- New Business
 - o SPH Student Council 2019 constitution
 - Samiha Hussain introduced the motion to approve the following changes made to the SPH Student Council 2019 constitution:
 - Article III Section 2 **Voting Representatives** (clarification): *“The number of voting representatives may be increased or decreased through the applicable amendment process, provided that the number of voting representatives shall always be an odd number to prevent ties on voting matters.”*

- Article VI. Finances Section D **Fundraising** (clarification): “The SPH Council may conduct fundraising activities only if and when any fundraising activities have been *reviewed with the SUNY Downstate Philanthropy department to avoid conflict with equivalent fundraising efforts, be pre-approved by the FSA*, and deposited in accordance with Article VI.B.2”
 - **Motion was second by Kristelle Pierre**
 - **The motion passed unanimously**
 - SPH Social Hour
 - Will occur monthly
 - Supposed to be a chill event to just connect with other students
 - Upcoming event is February 25th, 2021 at 8pm
- Upcoming Events
 - SPH gift bags with the bookstore
 - Free t-shirts and water bottle from student activities office
 - From Adam Burgman
 - Received pricing for lots of individual items and for custom apparel
 - General goods
 - School of public health t-shirts are \$5
 - Downstate totes \$5
 - Umbrellas are \$14.99
 - Metal water bottles \$14.99
 - Mug \$4.99
 - Branded apparel
 - Crew neck sweatshirt=> \$24.00
 - Pull-over hoodie=> \$29.00
 - Quarter zip=> \$39.00
 - Student feedback/ questions:
 - Is it possible to get a downstate planner?
 - Will look into it
 - Is it possible to include small Purell Hand sanitizers??
 - Will look into it
 - Quarter zip is a great look, may be a bit expensive
 - It is currently cold and many students live the hoodie lifestyle
 - Majority of students opted for the custom pull-over hoodie, so hoodie it is!
 - Royal blue color for Downstate
 - In-person socially distant social on the student patio
 - In-person social to meet other students and faculty
 - We will need to adhere to social distancing guidelines!!
 - Date
 - 3-4 weeks to customize and send to book-store

- Students come in, to pick-up gift bag during the week of National Public Health Week
 - A specific date will have to be set for the social however
 - Budget
 - Current budget is \$7,000
 - Reserve \$1,000 for other expenditures
- Healthcare Week/ Panel
 - Provide SPH student opportunity to learn about the application process for health-related professions
 - Keep it to downstate students/ faculty
 - Want to reach out PA, Nursing, MD, and college of health professions
 - Nursing students
 - Samiha Hussain will reach out
 - PA students
 - Hector, will reach out to faculty to have student speak on panel
 - College of health professions
 - Students studying for the MCAT
 - Kenneth Zhen
 - Jacob Hernandez
 - Dates to schedule the panel sessions
 - Choose the week of April 12th, 2021
 - Give time to reach out to faculty and students
- National Public Health Week
 - Potentially do the gift bag during the week of national public health week (which is the following week)
 - Can do the in person social on April 5th
 - Faculty lead event
 - Dr. Helzner and Dr. Afable will coordinate the event
 - Student lead event/ activity
 - Will do a gap analysis/need assessment
 - Public health week has a series of themes
 - Rebuilding
 - Advancing racial equity
 - Strengthening community
 - Galvanizing climate justice
 - Uplifting mental health
 - Wellness and elevating the essential and health workforce
 - At the end of activity will do an assessment
 - Currently working on survey that will be sent out students
- Additional Items
 - Career development panel

- Provide students an opportunity to know how to enter the job market/
workforce
 - Should consider reaching out to Dipesh Patel to host workshop on
how to successfully carry out a job search, probably for April
- Faculty members had interesting opportunities
 - SPH should compile the opportunities and sent it out to the students
 - Dr. C. Rivera, Dr. Afable
 - Dr. Hall will reach out to faculty and discuss this in upcoming meeting

Meeting Adjourned

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:50 PM by Samiha Hussain and it was passed
unanimously

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Secretary of the School of Public Health Student Council