

SUNY Downstate School of Public Health Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Friday September 16, 2022

Subject: SPH Student Council Meeting

Time & Location: 2:30 – 3:30 PM held via Zoom platform

Attendance

- Voting- Members in Attendance
- Janille Williams
- Asad Mannan
- Hector Gonzalez
- Briana Caldwell-Williams
- Dr. Marlene Camacho-Rivera

Meeting Notes:

- Meeting called to order by Janille Williams at 2:35 PM

Immediate Action needed

- Recruit new voting and non-voting members (Create Qualtrics survey to facilitate the process.)
- Student Activities Fair- 9/8 from 4:30-6:00pm
 - Signup sheet with QR code and link to be created
 - Giveaways with SPH branding (Dr. Camacho-Rivera will work with Raeann to provide them)
- Meeting Reminders
 - EBoard Meetings: 1st Friday of the month- 4:00-4:30pm
 - General Council Meeting: Last Friday of the month- 3:00-4:00pm
 - Monthly meetings with Dean Demissie and EBoard: 1st Friday of the month- 3:30-4:00pm

Sex in Medicine

- EBoard is planning Sex in Medicine. We welcome everyone's contribution to ideas.
- Title: Pillow Talk
- Description: Join the SPH Student Council and experts in the field as we candidly discuss common sexual and reproductive misconceptions affecting youth and young adults. This space offers participants the opportunity to address 'taboo' topics and will help develop their confidence to ask about their partners' status before sexual intercourse. Free condoms will be distributed.
- Key speaker suggested: Dr. Keosha Bond. Request will be made via her website and an honorarium will be provided upon request.

Faculty-Led Committees

- An email will be sent to the chairs of the various faculty-led committees to get a list of students on the different committees. This is important for a few reasons:
- According to Article V of the constitution, committee members should be selected from voting members of the SPH. Non-voting members who attend regular meetings can be appointed to committees if there are no more voting members to be selected.
- We need to keep records of the students on committees
- Committee members need to report to the general body
- Compile a list of members for the various committees.

The various committees are:

- Education & Evaluation
- Technology
- Outcomes
- Admissions
- Marketing Taskforce
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion

A new committee Diversity Equity and Inclusion was created to address students' concerns about microaggressions. The student representatives are Janille Williams (DrPH rep) and Hector Gonzalez (MPH rep). Other members include Drs. Camacho-Rivera, Daniels-Osaze, Mckie and Ms. Samiha Hussain.

Suggested Activities for Fall 2022:

- Townhall Meeting w/ Dean Demissie
- Resuming DrPH Coffee Break (feature alumni) & MPH Teatime. Both sessions will be virtual.
 - MPH Teatime will be led by Brianna & Hector (on Thursdays-once per month)
 - DrPH Coffee Break will be led by Janille & Asad (Address Dissertation, Qualifying Exam, and other concerns) ---Sunday evenings (first meeting— tentatively 10/23)
 - Invite Dr. Reynolds to do a quick check-in on QE
- Community Service Event (Breast cancer walk – collaborate with Ms. Paula Spann and a community group who are organizing a breast cancer awareness walk/event)
- Workshops
 - Qualtrics
 - LinkedIn
 - Time management workshop/developing study habits- 10/4 4:30-5:30 (Virtual) Will be led by Seth Langley and his team. An email will be sent to all SPH students DS email.
 - Relaxation/test anxiety event: Dr. Camacho-Rivera will follow-up with Dr. Deutscher
- APHA Boston- SPH alumni, students, faculty networking event (Nov 5-9)
 - Find out students and alumni attending and the dates

- Hispanic Heritage/Latino History month- Dr. Camacho-Rivera will keep us posted on any activities organized.
- National Public Health Week April 3rd-9th
 - We should start planning early.
- Social Mixer
- Paint Night
- Games Night
 - **Halloween Themed Games Night**
 - Event Budget: \$1500
 - Date: Friday, October 28, 2022
 - Location: Hybrid (Virtual via Zoom; In-person- Classroom 2E preferred)
 - Food: pizza, finger food (Check with Adam and
 - Games, trivia, treasure hunt
 - Costume competition
 - Giveaways/prizes (Amazon gift cards, etc.)

Meeting adjourned

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Secretary of the School of Public Health Student Council