

Friday, 2/24/23, from 5:00-5:45 pm. Agenda

Meeting Attendees-

Janille Williams (President), Hector Gonzalez (Treasurer), Brianna Caldwell-Williams (Secretary), Asad Mannan, Paula Spann, Jacob Daniel, Dienta Rochani, Kadeen Waldron, Lena-Marie, Moyouri Bhattacharjee, Malika Abrams

Meeting called to order by Janille Williams at 5:10pm.

- Welcome
- Feedback from eBoard's Meeting with Dean Demissie

-Dean Demissie reviewed the end of semester evaluations along with the department chairs and stressed that they will be taking actions to deal with the concerns of the students.

-School of Public Health is working on more scholarship opportunities and opportunities for students of color to work in the corporate world. Student council is collaborating with the Dean to have a job fair where students will have the opportunity to speak with recruiters.

-Dean Demissie requested for more social events with students and faculty.

-Uploading abstract for 3 upcoming conferences (Annual Research Day, Epidemiology forum at Mount Sinai, APHA etc.) The deadline has passed for annual research day, but students who are interested are urged to still send a requested about submitting abstracts for approval.

Ocme@downstate.edu -students should submit

- **Student Technology Fee committee report**

-Janille Williams and Hector Gonzales are on the technology committee and the committee had a meeting on February 21, 2023. Being that requests were made for software for specific courses or other needs, students can submit a request for funding for voicethreads and other software. Different software and material (I.e. cameras and microphones) that we use are covered under the student technology fee!

- **Events for Spring 2023**

-Career week (virtual) and career fairs will be coming up!

-Public health week- ideas have been expressed to administration

-Stress relief activity where students will have a space to be active and reduce stress.

- **Games Night Debrief**

Games Night was on February 17th. Those in attendance will receive a Downstate Hoodie and a \$25 gift card. Student council has a roster of attendees and will submit the list to Dr. Camacho-Rivera for students to pick up their hoodies!

- **Updates on Black History Month**

-Happy BHM! We have been featuring different faculty and staff via email and on facebook and instagram!

-Due to a recent death in the family, our paint night and panel discussion that were scheduled to happen in February are postponed until further notice. Asad has reached out to the painter and is waiting for a request and are aiming to host the sip and paint at the end of the semester as a graduation celebration for students.

- **Request for funding for conference support from Dienta Rochani & Patrick Maseo**

-Dienta and Patrick will be presenting at the Emory Global Health Case Competitions-SUNY Downstate has been presenting at this competition since 2012. In 2022, SUNY Downstate for the first time as an honorable mentions. Competitions for participants are requesting \$200 to close the gaps regarding travel fees as their registration fees are already paid. Students have received funding from the University Council (\$600) SOHP Student Council (\$225.27), and is requesting \$200 from the School of Public Health to close their gap.

-Motion to pass the vote on conference support given by Janille Williams and has been seconded by Hector Gonzalez and Brianna Caldwell-Williams. A unanimous vote to provide funding for competition in the amount of \$150!

-Will follow up with Dean Demissie and Dr. Camacho-Rivera regarding funding for the competition.

- **AOB**

-Students have expressed wanting professional graduation pictures taken for Spring graduates. Student council will discuss these concerns with Dr. Camacho-Rivera and Dean Demissie at our next scheduled meeting.

-Students are urged to use spaces in the PHAB for their studying and collaborative meeting purposes!

Meeting adjourned by Janille Williams at 6:15pm.

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