

SUNY Downstate School of Public Health Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Friday, November 17th, 2023

Subject: SPH Student Council Meeting

Time & Location: 6:00PM – 7:30 PM held via Zoom platform

Attendance:

Janille Williams
Moyouri Bhattacharjee
Brianna Caldwell-Williams
Breanna Watson
Michelle Williams
Paula Spann

Meeting Notes:

- Meeting called to order by Janille Williams at 6:15PM
- Third General Council Meeting of the semester.

Agenda:

- **Updates**

The computer request has been approved. Dorine Cooper is working with IT to set up the computers. Students have expressed concerns about medical students using the computer, but we will ensure that the space is prioritized for School of Public Health students.

- **International Students Concern**

International students have expressed interest in working on campus outside of work-study opportunities. Discussions have taken place regarding ways for international students to receive on campus working positions for students to possibly do APEX in a way that they will qualify to be paid for working on/off campus.

- **University Council Updates**

Multicultural fair and Spring Fling coming in April!

- Spring Fling is happening on April 1st. The venue has changed and will be announced soon. Only 300 tickets will be sold.
- The Multicultural fair will be on April 4th. Since it will take place during Ramadan, food boxes will be given to who will be fasting during that time.
- SPH students are encouraged to participate and be more involved with university events.
- SA representatives will be attending the SUNY meeting in Syracuse. They were asked to follow up on research funding and mental health days for students.

- **Clubs**

There is currently a long waitlist for clubs. The clubs' ideas being proposed are similar to clubs that already exist on campus. Students are advised to try and join clubs that fit into their best interests first.

- **Holiday Party/Social**

Theme: “Let Peace and Love Reign”

Date: December 14th.

Activities:

Musical Bingo

Best wrapped present

Ugly Sweater

Gift Exchange: \$25 limit per person

Budget:

- Food: \$2000
- Drinks: \$200
- Activities: \$150 (Creating Stress Relieve Sprays)
- Prizes: \$300

Motioning to pass budget of \$2,650 for event for School of Public Health by Janille Williams. Motion seconded by Moyouri Bhattacharjee. All meeting attendants have agreed to have the School of Public Health student council host the Holiday Party and pass the budget with no opposed votes.

- **Community Service**

Event: Food Drive

Date: Start November 13th, End December 14th

Activity: Collect canned goods from SPH students, staff and faculty. The collected canned goods will be donated to a food pantry in the neighborhood.

- **Network and Chill**

Students will partake in journalling or creating a vision board centered around anything they want to share and discuss with other event attendees.

- **Date:** January 25th, 2024
- **Budget:**
 - Journals: \$150
 - Food: Mediterranean \$1000
 - Drinks: \$200
 - Vision Board Supplies: \$150

Motioning to pass the budget of \$1500 for “Netflix and Chill” by Janille Williams. Motion seconded by Paula Spann. All meeting attendants have agreed to have the School of Public Health student council host the “Netflix and Chill” and pass the budget with no opposed votes.

- **Movie Night**

Black Maternal Health Week: Screening of the movie Aftershock

- **Date:** April 17th, 2024
- **Venue:** TBD
- **Budget**
 - Food: \$500

Motioning to pass the budget of \$500 for “Black Maternal Health Week” by Janille Williams. Motion seconded by Michelle Williams. All meeting attendants have agreed to have the School of Public Health student council host the “Black Maternal Health Week”” and pass the budget with no opposed votes.

- **AOB**

- Academic Surgical Conference funding requested for Moyouri Bhattacharjee. Moyouri is requesting \$770 to cover the registration fees. She will cover expenses for travel and hotel. Moyouri will be presenting on February 7, 2024, at the conference.

Motion to cover conference funding for Moyouri Bhattacharjee in the amount of \$770 passed by Janille Williams. Motion seconded by Michelle Williams. All meeting attendants have agreed to pass funding for Academic Surgical Conference attendance for Moyouri Bhattacharjee with no opposing votes.

Motion to adjourn – adjourned by Janille Williams at 7:49pm

Brianna Caldwell-Williams

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