

School of Public Health Student Council  
Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/25/2025

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendance

Officers present: Breanna Watson, Asha Griffith, Onyekachi Okeke, and Leisha Andall

Members present: Mary Yanza, Moyouri Bhattacharjee, Miranda de Leon, Kiesha Boykins-John, Michelle Williams, Jenique Reid, Mohammed Adnan Sheerazi, Tyiesha Dorsett

Quorum met: Yes

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes:

- Introductions and Welcome
- Purpose of the SPH Council
  - Advocating for student interest and promoting program visibility
  - Represented by Shaquille James
  - Supporting professional development
  - Events
- If you are SPH student, you are automatically a member of SPH Student Council
- Meetings held virtually
- Future collaborations with SOHP
- WhatsApp Student chat
- Event planning
  - Welcome back student mixer Friday Sept 12, 2025
- Meeting with the Dean
  - Student town hall
- Participation
- Future community-based initiative
- Motion to form committee for community service and motion passed.
- Community Service Committee created.
- Social Media content at events
- Motion to create a communications committee and motion passed.
- Goals: Boost student body engagement and robust attendance
- Motion to form Events planning committee and motion passed.
- Question on the APHA
- Inquire more about grants, scholarships, and internships.
- Connect with faculty for research opportunities and experiences.
- Interest groups meet at the Student Organization Fair
- Note from Orientation 2025: reach out to staff of academic services for learning type assessment and get time from academic services team
- Send the flyer for the welcome back mixer
- Information session for qualifying exam for DrPH students

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

Asha Griffith

Secretary

SPH Student Council

Date: 10/3/2025

Time: 4:30 p.m.

#### Attendance

Officers Present: Breanna Watson, Asha Griffith, Leisha Andall, Onyekachi Okeke

Members Present: Moyouri Bhattacharjee, Denice Ochola, Difaa Majrud, Joseph Farhangian, Kaliesh Ambris, Maddy Lazar, Mohammed Adnan Sheerazi, Jonathan Acosta Morales, Elissa Hawker, Tyiesha Dorsett, Mashal Butt

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#### Minutes

- Town hall meeting with the dean
- Bidets
- Halloween-themed event ideas
- Friday events
- Update email list
- Email Adam for community service activity
- Ideas for community service activity
  - Coat Drive
  - Food Drive
  - Clothing Drive
- Recent Events
  - Welcome Back Mixer
    - ♣ 20+ attendees
  - Budget Numbers need to be finalized
  - DrPH qualifying exam info session
    - ♣ 38 attendees
    - ♣ Feedback:
      - More helpful if there was an info session only for individuals taking the exam this semester to ask specific questions
      - Professors from different concentrations
      - Professors should be more forthcoming
      - Meeting should take place after learning about qualification
      - Standardized lesson recordings to study for the exam (at the discretion of the professors)
      - Panopto slides are not separate. Electronic copies are preferred for studying.
        - Students just want the content and not the conversation between professor and students.
      - DrPH students need more support
      - QE Material and study material should be consistent
      - Class cohort size concerns from 6 to 31
  - ♣ Events Committee Proposals
    - **Event Proposal:** CPH Certification Exam Prep Lunch Trainings
    - **Event Proposal:** Pickleball/Volleyball/Tennis SPH Group hangouts
    - **Event Proposal:** Pre- APHA Prep Coffee Social , or Pre-APHA Prep & Pair Social (+ Practice Round) - Name to workshop

- ♣ Research Day  
-EpiForum (Hofstra University)  
Opportunities to present research
- ♣ Better design for cap and gowns
- ♣ SPH graduation celebration
- ♣ Create resource guide
- ♣ Learning style questionnaire

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Asha Griffith

Secretary

SPH Student Council

School of Public Health Student Council  
Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/7/2025

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendance

Officers present: Breanna Watson, Asha Griffith, Onyekachi Okeke, and Leisha Andall

Members present: Jefferson Garcia, Moyouri Bhattecharjee, Kaliesh McDonald, Joseph Farhangian, Dominique, Jonathan Acosta Morales, Denise Ochola, Michelle Williams, Vanessa Zacharia, Melissa Hope, Mashal Butt, Mohammed Adnan Sheerazi

Minutes

- APHA Conference
  - Downstate announce the conference ahead of time and encourage students to go to APHA
  - More support and promotion from the University and not just students
  - Mentorship from the university on how to submit abstracts
  - More advisors
  - How to network effectively seminars
    - ♣ Create a networking primer
    - ♣ Sharing LinkedIn profiles
- SPHSC Holiday Party Ideas
  - Easily move to a second location
  - Game night
  - Movie night
  - Paint and sip
  - Stuff a plush
- November EAP Coat Drive
  - Gently used
- Toy Drive for community service

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Asha Griffith

Secretary

SPH Student Council