

SPH Student Council Meeting

Date: 2/06/2026

Time Started: 4:30 p.m.

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

Members: Kaliesh, Micah Riley-Bethea, Hilda Awour, Dominique Gay, Mashal Butt, Denice Ochola, Mohammed Adnan Sheerazi, Jephane Toussaint, Melissa Hope, Vikki Small, Kurt Joseph, Tyiesha Dorsett, Elissa Hawker

Minutes

- travel/hand-held bidets
- Curriculum committee for SPH needs one MPH student
- Discuss changing in commencement protocol
- Address the robes for DrPH commencement w/ the Dean
- SPH Event committees recruitment
 - Event Planning, Social Media Upkeep, Photography
- Reminders for the Valentine's Day Event on February 11, 2026
- Dean's committee
- Budget status update
- Downstate Sails Spring boat ride event
 - email Council if they cannot purchase their ticket in person)
 - Student representatives available to purchase tickets
- Student center closures due to boiler and no heat
 - Not open today
 - Food pantry still open
- Info session for DrPH dissertation
 - Thursday, Feb 26 at 8 p.m.
- Student awards and survey to solicit nominees for SPH student and faculty awards/voting system
 - Google survey TBD
 - Ideas: outstanding student leader award, award for each program
- Sprit Store is available, with SPH specific hoodies, hats, apparel, etc.
- Annual Joel S. Levine, MD Memorial Lectureship
 - Thursday March 26 – lunch time
- Students want more career advice from faculty and programs from career counseling
- Q and A from professors to see what they are working on so that students can see if they would be interested in working with them

- Annual Research Day
- Action item: QE seminars for spring and poll for availability for students
- Action item: more ethics courses and information for Annual Research Day
- Scholarship opportunity: [Outside Scholarships & Fellowships | Assistance | Financial Aid | SUNY Downstate](https://winstonfellowship.org/our-programs/scholarship/)

Time Adjourned: 5:53 p.m.

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Breanna Watson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Breanna Watson
SPH Student Council President