

SPH Student Council Student Body Meeting

3/13/2026

Time Started: 4:30 p.m.

Officers: Breanna Watson, Asha Griffith, Onyekachi Okeke

Members: Moyouri Bhattacharjee, Louie Cao, Kaliesh, Vikki Small, Jon, Jimmy Eazor, Mashal Butt, Denice Ochola, Ashanti, Joseph Farhangian, Gloria, Dominique Gay, Hilda Awuor, Jody-Ann McLeggon, Jefferson Garcia, Manfred Magloire

Minutes

- Success of the Love & Letters Event
- Success of DrPH Information Session
- National Public Health Week Planning
- Library Project Update
- New Commencement Protocol
- Request for Doctoral Speaker
- March 27 Online Trivia Event
- Spring Event Planning
- Committee solicitation
- Dean's committees
- Downstate Sails Spring boat ride event
- Annual Joel S. Levine, MD Memorial Lectureship
- Help for Research Acumen/Opportunities
 - How to kickstart research for formulating a research thesis and also dissertation writing?
 - Data visualization workshops
 - Learning about the IRB process
 - Faculty FAQs: How far ahead of time do you try to start making questions/analyses for abstract submissions
 - All the steps: from grant writing
 - Thesis writing for dummies
 - Prepping for dissertation
 - Power BI workshop
 - Tableau workshops
 - Research collaborations

- How to create a research question and how to go about it
- More accessible database/directory of faculty currently conducting research
- A standard of conduct for mentors and advisors
- Funding barriers and sponsorship avenues
- Need for faculty to be more involved in students IRB process and not to ignore students just beginning DrPH research
- How to make an abstract
- Or make it a student lead teaching event for how to make abstracts and write research questions
- More electives for community health sciences classes
- Need for structural support for dissertation phase
- Create course where students can go to conferences and tuition would pay for it

Motion to Adjourn

Time Adjourned: 5:30 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