

1. GSA President Jessy Coley calls the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Senate Meeting
 - Motion: Microbiology
 - Second: Biological Sciences
 - In Favor: 65, Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes

3. Announcements

- Sandy Flash from the Graduate School presents on the Network for Enriched Academic Relationships (UB NEAR), a resource that allows graduate students to locate faculty who are willing to have personal conversations about a range of topics that may be difficult for a student to have with their advisor. It can be found, along with other graduate student professional development resources, at <http://grad.buffalo.edu/beyond/professional-development.html>.
- Jessy reads an announcement on behalf of the Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) announcing the new Chief Stewards on campus (Hakan Doga (hakandog@buffalo.edu) and Adewale Fadugba (afadugba@buffalo.edu)) and notifying students to expect an email to their departments and clubs regarding workshops, Contract negotiations, union membership details and the end of semester get-together.
- GSA Assistant Office Manager, Stephanie George, briefly reviews the GSA events planned through the end of February.
 - Discount AMC Movie Tickets Available
 - \$6 each at the SBI Ticket Offices. 1 per UB ID
 - February 15th- South Campus Siesta, 12:30 – 2:30pm in 105 Harriman Hall
 - Free food and beverages for graduate students at South Campus
 - February 27th- Distinguished Speaker Series presents Angela Davis, 7:30pm at Alumni Arena
 - Free tickets available at the SBI Ticket Offices starting February 18th. 1 per UB ID.
 - March 2nd- Mardi Gras Party, 7:30 – 11:30pm at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery
 - \$20 each at the SBI Ticket Offices (\$25 at the door if tickets remain). 2 per UB ID.
 - March 30th- Rent, 8:00pm at Shea's Performing Arts
 - \$20 each at the SBI Ticket Offices starting on February 25th.

4. Report of the President

- Jessy states that Student Life is looking for students to serve on the Bookstore Task Force, and that interested students should contact her.
- Jessy states that the Office of Inclusive Excellence and the University Libraries have teamed up on an exhibition entitled REVOLUTION: Civil Rights at UB, 1960-1975, and that it is located on the third floor of the Silverman library in Capen Hall.

5. Report of the Vice President

- GSA Vice President Connor Walters states that SBI Spring programming grants are available through the GSA website and newsletter. These are opportunities for clubs to receive up to \$3,000 for hosting events on campus. SBI's deadline is Tuesday, February 12th at 4:30pm, and so students should turn the forms into the GSA office by Monday, February 11th to obtain the GSA Treasurer's signature.
- Connor adds that a Broad-Based Fee Consultation meeting is happening on February 13th and that this is an important opportunity for students to have a voice in decisions on student fees.
- Connor announces an opening for the position of GSA Webmaster, reviews the criteria for the position, and states that applications are due on Friday, February 8th.
- Connor states that a SUNY Student Assembly representative will be visiting campus on February 22nd and that students are encouraged to contact Connor with any issues they wish to have communicated.

6. Report of the Treasurer

- Funding Account Balances:
 - Special Activity: \$15,000 to start, \$3,600.00 allocated this month, \$6,650.00 remaining
 - Interdepartmental Activity: \$2,000.00 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$1,350.00 remaining
 - Symposia: \$15,000.00 to start, \$2,535.00 allocated this month, \$8,290.00 remaining
 - Scholarly Publication: \$5,575.00, modified from \$5,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$0.00 remaining
 - Community Outreach: \$2,000 to start, \$0.00 allocated this month, \$1,500.00 remaining
 - Conferences:
 - 25 requests totaling \$6,975.00 requested for January, 23 applications approved for \$6,075.00
 - 28 requests totaling \$8,876.56 requested for February, 28 applications approved for \$8,876.56
 - Beginning Balance: \$140,000.00, raised from \$132,000.00; Remaining Balance \$57,917.38
- Special Interest Club Budget Allocations
 - As the funding period for new clubs has ended, currently recognized Special Interest Clubs existing prior to the current academic year will receive a \$300 increase to their club budget. This affects Computational Science, Graduate Poetics

Group, MSTP, and UB-EERI. Clubs recognized for the first time in the Fall of 2018 will remain at their initial \$300 budget allocation, and are eligible for this increase next year.

7. Old Business

- No old business.

8. New Business

- Funding Requests
 - A representative from Biological Sciences presents on their Career Workshop Special Activity proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
 - A representative from CSSA presents on their Spring Festival Gala Special Activity proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
 - A representative from Iranian GSA presents on their Comedian Max Amini Special Activity proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,200.00
 - A representative from History presents on their Milton Plesur Conference Symposium proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,235.00
 - A representative from CSEE presents on their Poster Competition Symposium proposal.
 - Requested/Recommended: \$1,300.00
 - Motion to approve all funding requests as a block at the recommended amounts
 - Motion: Linguistics
 - Second: Speech
 - In Favor: 54, Oppose: 7, Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes
- Election Committee Update
 - Election Committee Chair, Taylor Glausen, states that candidate petition packets are now available for sign-out in the GSA Office at 310 Student Union. The deadline for returning them is March 4th at 4:30pm. Eligible candidates will have attended at least two Senate meetings in the last twelve months and will be present and available to serve a full one-year term from June 1st, 2019 to May 31st 2019.

9. Roll Call and Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn at 7:11pm
 - Motion: Speech
 - Second: Sociology
 - In Favor: 48, Oppose: 1, Abstain: 1
 - Motion passes