



April GSA Meeting 04.17.2024

1. Approval of March Minutes

2. Sheena Brown-Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity

- Council. Sheena Brown oversees diversity, inclusion, and health equity initiatives across the entire health system and the School of Medicine.
- Responsibilities include managing all aspects of diversity and inclusion, along with ensuring health equity in patient care.
- She leads a steering committee and various diversity councils consisting of deans, faculty, students (including affinity groups and School of Medicine students), staff, DPAC, and house staff.
- Key personnel include Maria Trent, Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and Andrea Young, Assistant Dean for Graduate Biomedical Education and Graduate Student Diversity.
- Vision and Mission:
 - Reviewing current and future policies, processes, and practices related to recruitment, admission, and education.
 - Providing a platform for SOM students to voice concerns and questions, facilitating their academic journey.
- Leadership and Subcommittees:
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Education and Training
 - Institutional Support and Climate
- Past Diversity Council efforts:
 - Initiatives led by student affinity leaders to provide recommendations to SOM/JHMI leadership.
 - Activities include hosting panel discussions, sponsoring affinity events, volunteering outreach, and policy reviews.
- Several upcoming events are planned in the upcoming months
- Seeking thoughts and feedback on how the Student Diversity Council can best support affinity groups; contact Sheena at dbrow159@jh.edu.
- Interested individuals are encouraged to fill out a form to join the Student Diversity

3. Executive Officer Announcements:

- a. President (Rodney Eric Williams) & President-Elect (Scarlett Ge)
 - i. By June student groups need to compete form by student affairs to remain a student group and to be renewed
 - ii. Cooley center is going to remain open until august there will be a future session about the new buildings and will be an information center open to all Hopkins affiliates
 - iii. Moonflower gala spring formal is next week (April 26th)
 1. The assembly room and dress code. Is formal ad the assembly room
 2. If guests not Hopkins affiliated, need to be with them at the time of entry
 3. Information about the Moonflower Gala Spring Formal, including venue and dress code will be emailed
 - iv. E-board elections details to be provided in early May; nominations expected by the end of May
 1. Will hear more about them in early may
 2. Nominations or going to be in the end of May
 3. Position responsibilities can be found in the GSA cons
- b. Changes in dental insurance are anticipated, aimed at reducing out-of-pocket costs for dental care next year.
 - i. Increase in costs the copay is 80% and will change and working on chaining how the policy is derived and likely to see lower out of pocket dental costs next year
- c. Director of Administration (Nirvani Jairam)
 - i. April Student Spotlight Winners
 - ii. Congratulations to Martin Yepes, and Milad Razavi-Mohseni!
- d. Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Outreach (Ashley Chen)
- e. Director of Finance (Estefan Santi)
 - i. Next Travel Awards is July 1st
 - ii. Taxes were due on Monday
 - iii. For any and all finance questions, don't be afraid to reach out
 - iv. Final travel awards of the year are over
 - v. All receipts must be reported before by June 30th

- vi. Deadline for student group funding applications is May 31st
- vii. Taxes are due but the online resources are still available on the GSA website.
- f. Director of Social and Community Affairs (Mark Jacob)
- g. Director of Media and Public Relations (Juliane Liberto)
- h. Director of Student Involvement and Student Groups (Edna Ferreira)
 - i. Funding request
 - 1. BSA-milestones Event
 - a. Request submitted April 1st and event date is May 31st
 - b. Estimated attendance of 70 people and requesting \$1000 and E board has approved
 - c. The motion was passed for student groups funding
 - ii. All the student programs need to reelect the new representative and alternative
 - iii. Elections occur within each group and they each devise their own fair election methods
 - iv. Discussion of methods for the election process transitioning into the new year and new GSA E-board
 - v. See Edna if have any issues or questions regarding the election or would like help with the election process
 - vi. There is a 2-year limit for all representatives
- 4. Program Representative Announcements
- 5. Student Group Announcements
- 6. University Committee Announcements
- 7. Misc. Announcements

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