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**Public Health Graduate Student Organization**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2009**  
*5:45, Allied Health Building, Room 1335*

**Attendees:** Elizabeth Baker, David Blackley, Neil Gilbird, Chris Green, Tandra Hilliard, Ambria Jenkins, Travis Kauffman, Marissa Kleffman, Ruth Little, Britany Locher, Brian Loveland, Kimberly Matthews, Becky Merrick, Dr. Justin Moore, Ross Pendley, Eddie Reynolds, Dana Weikart, Adam Kyle Wilson

- I. Call to Order (President Elizabeth Baker)
- II. Special Orders
  - a. Welcome Dr. Lloyd Novick, Department of Public Health Chair
    - i. Dr. Novick was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.
  - b. Welcome DPH Faculty Attendees
    - i. Elizabeth recognized the faculty and staff that were in attendance ( Dr. Moore and Ms. Little) and asked them if they had any new announcements to share.
      1. Ms. Little:
        - a. Ms. Little reminded everyone that there have been 5 internship sessions thus far. Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC is currently in the process of completing their project profiles. They are offering 3 internships in the areas of provider relations, health informatics and aging. Further details will be provided in the near future. There are also several new agencies interested in offering internships this year. Please contact Rachel Ward if you are interested in securing an internship.
        - b. Due to budget cuts, the Brody School of Medicine has decided not to have a reception following the graduation ceremony this year. It is uncertain whether other programs will be having receptions as well. The Department of Public Health has tentatively planned a reception. However, if plans change, everyone will be notified immediately.
        - c. Ms. Little encouraged students to take advantage of and register for summer courses. A variety of courses will be offered this year and the Department needs students to enroll in them. Dr. Bethel will be teaching Research Methods with the aid of Dr. Mansfield and it will be a blend of online and in-person classes. Several classes will last 11 weeks, while others will only last for 1 session. Health Behavior will be an 11-week course and Epidemiology will be a 5-week course. The Department is also working on a new long-term care concentration.
      - ii. Elizabeth reminded students to complete all core courses prior to seeking an internship. She also recommended taking Professional Paper I during the summer. This allows a “grace” period if you do not complete the work in two semesters.

III. Officer Reports

a. President Elizabeth Baker

i. Welcome

ii. Mills Symposium Student Comments

1. Kimberly Matthews, a first-year student, attended the Mills Symposium and she commented that the keynote speaker, Dr. Camara Jones, was awesome. Dr. Jones talked about racism and its relationship to health disparities. Ms. Little also had a wonderful presentation that was fun and interesting.
2. Travis Kauffman, a first-year student, also attended the Symposium. He agreed with Kim's comments and added that the conference helped him realize the true effects of racism on health outcomes. It still has a huge impact and we should all be aware of that.

iii. Minority Health Conference

1. The Minority Health Conference will be held at UNC-Chapel Hill this Friday, February 27, 2009. The Department sponsored students to attend this event. Lynette has received registration confirmations, which will be dispersed this week.

iv. Relay 4 Life

1. Disperse packets

- a. All students who would like a Relay 4 Life packet, please contact Elizabeth Baker. All students who have taken a packet and/or would like to participate please visit [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY09SA/1349079458?pg=team&fr\\_id=12657&team\\_id=370209](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY09SA/1349079458?pg=team&fr_id=12657&team_id=370209) to join the PHO team.

v. Graduation

1. Marshals

- a. There has been considerable interest in our marshal opportunity. Quite a few students have signed up. We have decided to have marshals and greeters so that all who signed up may still participate. Those students selected to be marshals will be announced in the near future.

vi. Officer Nominations (except Parliamentarian)

1. A nomination sheet was distributed for students to nominate one another for officer positions via sign-up. The official election of officers will take place at the March meeting. All of those nominated for a position will be sent an email confirmation. Please contact Tandra Hilliard if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for an officer position.
2. Parliamentarian nominations and election will be held at the beginning of the Fall semester. This officer is primarily responsible for attending Senate meetings each month, so he or she must be available to do so the last Thursday night of every month.

vii. Senate Officer Positions

1. This year, Rachel and Elizabeth are officers in the Graduate Student Senate. These positions will become available very soon. Any student interested in holding an office may sign-up. The Senate is in charge of all of the funding that student organizations receive. Officers are paid \$125-150 per month and \$50 per semester for food on their One Card. Those interested should contact Rachel Ward ASAP. All GPSS executive candidates will attend an all-expenses paid trip to the NAGPS conference in Alabama.

- b. Vice President Eddie Reynolds
    - i. Intramurals
      - 1. Tuesdays at 9:00 pm, Christenbury Gym (Main Campus)
        - a. The intramural basketball team has won one game thus far. Eddie encouraged students to come and support the team. If you would like to play any upcoming sport (indoor soccer, kickball, flag football, soccer, etc.), please contact Eddie Reynolds.
  - c. Treasurer Ross Pendley
    - i. Dues\_\$10/semester
    - ii. Honor Cords
      - 1. Cords are available for purchase. They are \$12 each. Please contact Ross Pendley if you would like to purchase one. These cords signify that the student participated in PHO.
  - d. Parliamentarian Marissa Kleffman
    - i. Sign up for t-shirts/long sleeves/sweatshirts
      - 1. The final t-shirt design was determined at the last meeting. For design details, please see January 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.
      - 2. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt (short or long sleeve) or sweatshirt, please submit your order to Tandra Hilliard. Please provide the appropriate sizes and quantities needed. We must order at least 30 shirts in order to print a shirt, so please submit your orders ASAP if interested.
  - e. Secretary Tandra Hilliard
    - i. Roll Call
- IV. Special Reports
- a. Volunteering, R. “Becky” Merrick
    - i. FROGS
      - 1. An upcoming volunteer opportunity will be with the environmentalist group FROGS. This organization needs volunteers to help distribute flyers for a children’s event that they are sponsoring near the end of the semester. The President of the group will present at our March meeting. More details will be provided later.
    - ii. Spring Arbor, BINGO
      - 1. February 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, 3 pm
  - b. Social, Travis Kauffman
    - i. Beach Party
      - 1. Travis Kauffman is planning to host a Beach Party at his home in the near future. It should be a fun and exciting event. If interested in assisting Travis in planning this event, please contact him.
    - ii. Bowling (Sign-up)
      - 1. Saturday, March 28, 4-6 pm
      - 2. Mendenhall Student Center
        - a. The Graduate Student Senate has allotted the PHO funds specifically for bowling. Therefore, we will be hosting a bowling event on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm in Mendenhall. Everything will be free. Guests are welcome. We have 4 lanes for 2 hours and plan to have dinner afterwards. The following students have already signed up: Travis Kauffman, Marissa Kleffman, Ross Pendley, Elizabeth Baker, Tandra Hilliard, Ambria Jenkins, Becky Merrick, Kyle Wilson, Britany Locher, Chris Green, Kim Matthews and Neil Gilbird.

iii. Baseball

1. Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm
2. Sunday, March 1, 2 pm
3. Friday, March 20 at 7 pm
4. Saturday, March 21 at 3 pm
  - a. The first two games on this list are part of the Keith LeClair Classic. The PHO would like to attend these games. If interested, please contact Travis Kauffman.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business (No Faculty Present)

- a. Open Session

VII. Announcements

- a. Semester Meetings
  - i. 5:45-6:45 pm, Room 1335
  - ii. Mar 18, & April 15
- b. Laupus Library is offering a training session on 2/26 to explain how to make posters using PowerPoint. Session is only 1 hour long and requires no pre-registration.  
<http://www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/classes.cfm>
- c. The Center for Faculty Excellence is sponsoring a workshop on JMP to be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm. Location TBA. This statistical analysis software is a good introduction to SAS. JMP lets you interactively explore your data, instantly visualize it using powerful analytics and easily share your discoveries with others. JMP 8 comes from SAS, the leader in business analytics, so it also integrates beautifully with other SAS® products.
  - i. Dr. Moore: All students should take advantage of this opportunity. It is important to first think about what you want to be/do. If you're going to be working with CDC datasets, etc. then you'll have to know SAS. If undecided, expose yourself to as many different things as possible.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Elizabeth Baker.

*Prepared by Secretary Tandra Hilliard*