



PHO
Masters of Public Health
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Public Health Graduate Student Organization

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009

Allied Health Sciences Building, Room 1345, 6:30pm

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Becky Merrick, Fred Wright, Chelsea Stowe, Amber Foreman, Christen Gillis, Rachel Williams, Anna Szamosi, Alex Jiamachello, Lacy Dean, Nadya Majette, Amber More, Audrey Holland, Dr. Bethel, Travis Kauffmann, Cameron Lloyd.

III. Officer Reports

a. President, Becky Merrick

- i. Welcome
- ii. APHA

1. If you are interested in going, please let Becky know because PHO can help with funding. PHO can likely fund registration fees and other fees for meetings that you may be interested in, however, we need to know 6 to 8 weeks in advance. The APHA conference is occurring in Philadelphia. PHO also possible fund other opportunities on the back of agenda.

b. Vice President, Brian Loveland (NCPHA)

- i. Intramurals - http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/crw/programs/intramurals/calendar_fall09.cfm

This link provides information on sports that are offer along with dates and times. If you cannot play, we ask you to come cheer the team on.

c. Treasurer, Chris Green (NCPHA)

- i. Dues

PHO dues are \$10 per semester. Students may pay for the fall only or \$20 for the year. Cash or checks may be submitted to Chris. Please make checks payable to **PHO**.

We still have plenty of t-shirts available for sale.

- ii. Travel Fund Update

d. Secretary, Trey Wright

- i. Roster and Sign-up Sheets

Homecoming:

Mrs. Novick heads up homecoming and reunion weekend. You can possible help set up for registration, welcome booths. Events will start at 3 pm on that Friday of homecoming. The BBQ is Saturday at 12:30 and the football

game begins at 3:30. Please send in the registration form (the tear-card attached to the flyer) or you may give your registration to Becky.

- e. Parliamentarian, Chelsea Stowe
 - i. GPSS update
 - 1. Nontraditional jobs that are offered after graduation event October 16. Please contact Chelsea for more information.
 - 2. Open forum on OCT. 5 at 12 pm about money that is used for graduate school. Looking to form a committee of graduate students to form opinions
- IV. Special Reports
 - a. Committee Meeting and Brainstorming
 - i. Social Committee
 - 1. Possible Halloween party at Trey's house.
 - ii. Volunteer Committee
 - 1. Oct 24th (Saturday after homecoming), 1st born community center is asking for help with serving food and greeting residents.
 - iii. Fundraising Committee
- V. Old Business
 - a. Homecoming, Oct. 17, 12:30 BSOM BBQ and tailgate (3:30 game vs. Rice)
 - i. Volunteers needed for set up/tear down/registration/welcoming in exchange for lunch
 - b. Internship Information
 - i. Oct. 14 at 3:00 –OR–Nov. 5 at 3:30 in Hardy Bldg
 - ii. Mandatory attendance for spring semester internships
 - 1. This year internship will be two semesters:
 - a. 1st semester- get resume ready and find what you are interested in
 - b. 2nd semester – actually doing internship.
 - c. Start thinking about it now.
 - d. RSVP to Ginni Sutton (suttonvi@ecu.edu)
- VI. New Business (No Faculty Present)
OPEN STUDENT DISCUSSION-NO FACULTY
Becky began the open student discussion by encouraging all students to bring up any issues of importance to them. This time is not, for obvious reasons, recorded in official minutes.
 - a. Update on Previous Session
 - b. Open Session
- VII. Announcements
 - a. Blood Drive, Old Laupus Library, Thursday, Oct. 8, 10am-4pm
 - b. Global Public Health Interest Group, Healthcare Reform Debate, Thursday, Oct. 15, 8pm
 - c. 2009 State of Preventive Health Summit, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9am – noon, via satellite conference East Carolina Heart Institute
 - d. NC Agromedicine Institute Training Opportunity
 - i. *Agricultural Medicine: Occupational & Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals*, November 30-December 4, 2009, Holiday Inn, Greenville

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or any Public Health related events, let PHO know and we can possible fund it.

Dr. Bethel announced there are many fellowship opportunities open. Information will be sent through e-mail and possibly a link on Department of Public Health's website. Our Nov 9, meeting he will talk more about fellowship opportunities.

- VIII. Adjournment