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**Public Health Graduate Student Organization**  
**Monday, October 03, 2011**  
*Allied Health Sciences Building, Room 1335, 6:00 pm*

- I. Call to Order – 6:06 pm
- II. Officer Reports
  - a. President, Thomas Schwartz
    - i. New Service Projects
      1. Food Literacy, Lauren Hendricks – Free health education program with Prof. Little to increase awareness of proper nutrition; benefits students in the health education and promotion concentration ~ community interaction, good networking opportunity; if interested email [FLPP@ecu.edu](mailto:FLPP@ecu.edu) or contact Lauren Hendricks
      2. Picasso Project, Veronica Burr – Pitt County AIDS Service Program; Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> PHO will work concession stand at football game. If interested email Veronica Burr
      3. Other service projects proposed:
        - a. “Think Smart Program” – crime prevention/gang prevention program through partnership with DOC; speak to kids about importance of staying away from drugs, alcohol, gangs, crime; PHO’s job is to identify schools/after school programs (could target high risk areas)
        - b. “Health Olympics” – teach interesting health facts & lesson plans to students for 30 min – 1 hr.
      4. Wall Street Journal Article
        - a. Health Literacy – “Designing a Smarter Patient,” Tom gave brief summary of article; posted on Facebook page; article shows how statistics can be misinterpreted by patients
        - b.
    - ii. Fundraisers
      1. Car Wash – Rapid Lube at Fire Tower Rd has a policy in which student groups can wash cars and take a percentage of profits; the busiest months are Oct. & Nov; would consist of 1 hr. time commitment from members

2. Other Ideas – Cleaning sports stadium after games; Adding a raffle to Christmas party (need business donations); Bake sale in Health Science/Laupus; any other ideas please email or contact via Facebook group
- b. Vice-President, Veronica Burr
    - i. New Grading System MPH 6991 – 6992: new policy is on Dept. of Public Health Webpage; Starting this semester (Fall 2011) students that do not finish MPH 6991 will receive “Q” (no more incompletes will be given). If you receive “Q” the student will have to re-register for the course during spring semester and financial aid **WILL NOT PAY** for the course. However, “Q” does not factor into the students GPA. Once student completes the course an “R” will be given, this does not factor into the GPA either.
  - c. Treasurer, Kelly Lawton
    - i. Membership Dues – \$10/semester; \$20/yr.
    - ii. Parliamentarian Introductions – Shamaree & Anne were elected 2011-2012 Parliamentarians and will attend GPSS meetings and give brief report of activities
    - iii. APHA Conference attendees – 4 ppl were selected to attend APHA; conference & registration was paid for by PHO;
      1. Anne discussed GPSS Treasurer’s new policy – there will be penalties & bonuses starting next year. Any club that raises money on their own (i.e. \$500) will receive more money in their yearly budget; clubs in which members that go to at least 50% of GPSS events will receive more funding from GPSS (this policy is not set in stone; will be voted on next GPSS meeting).
  - d. Secretary, Christina Tyler
    - i. Roll Call – all members signed attendance sheet
- III. Speaker: Trooper Collins
    - a. Distracted while driving
  - IV. New Business (No faculty present) – Dr. Lea asked to leave
    - a. Open Session
  - V. Announcements
    - a. Next Meeting – November 7, 2011~ no speaker is scheduled for this meeting, any ideas please contact Thomas Schwartz
  - VI. Adjournment – 7:25 pm