

## Role Call of Board Members

- **Board Members Present:** *Christopher Anderson, Dana Sedlik, Nathan Roby, Ama Nyame-Mensah, Tya Pope, Timothy O'Boyle, and Jeralynn Miller.*
- **Board Members Absent:** *Kathryn Lonczewski.*

## Agenda

1. *Who we are (now)*
2. *Who do we want to be / What types of things should the SAPA Board be promoting*
3. *The Semester Ahead*
4. *The SAPA Board role in the future of the SPPA*
  - a. *What role should the SAPA Board play as a student association in the larger community / University*
5. *What's next on the agenda*

### I. Who are we?

- An organization that mostly sanctions social events.
- An organization that used to be more involved in the community.

### II. Who do we want to be / What types of things should the SAPA Board be promoting?

- We should be a facilitator between students and the administration.
- We need to focus more on promoting public policy and service.
  - Become more social in the community and university at large.
- Promote Graduate mentorship and Undergraduate involvement.
  - We should extend an olive branch to undergraduate students to include them in our events etc...
- Partner with other schools / departments
  - Advertise available courses to students, in the college of Arts and Sciences and any other schools on campus.
- The SAPA Board should try to do a better job of accommodating ELI and international students.
  - ELI/International student transition
    - Create a system/program to help international students transition to life in the U.S. (ie: Someone to meet them at airport).

### III. The Semester ahead

- Allow for the creation of committees / interest groups.
  - Stipulations:
    - Need three / four people to form a committee, and members
    - MUST take minutes at each meeting.
- Arrange activities where NO alcohol is served
  - ie: Bowling night (shoes: 1\$, bowling: 1\$)
- Get students involved in intermural Sports.
- Create and design a calendar of events to come
  - Include school-wide, university-wide and community events that students might be interested in attending.
- Make sure students are aware of:
  - Career Fair on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and the
  - NASPA accreditation team arrival, in Mid February.

#### IV. The SAPA Board role & the future of the SPPA

- SAPA Board should make students aware of the courses that are available to them (or those that could be available to them) and of what the administration can do to help aid in their process of education.
  - ie: experimental learning/ independent study courses
    - Fieldwork (1,2 credits), and
    - Project work / Capstone seminars.
- SAPA Board should be dedicated to creating a more transparent and organized SAPA organization, by doing the following:
  - Creating continuity with folders/binders that will designate what role each of the board members and representatives should play in the organization, and include:
    - Passwords to Facebook/Gmail/Twitter, and a
    - Full schedule of faculty meetings MPA/Faculty/MA.
  - Creating a Budget/ Fundraising initiative for each calendar school year.
  - Being more proactive in promoting the SPPA using social networking methods and media tools, through creating:
    - A SAPA organization page, and
    - Keeping the school's webpage and Wordpress website updated.

#### V. Agenda for next meeting: **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 6:30PM. ROOM 187 GRAHAM HALL**

- Finish write up of bylaws
  - General Statement / Mission statement.
  - Include clause about the creation of committees / interest groups.
- Set Board Meeting schedule for Spring Semester.