

## **SAPA GENERAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

### **Attendance:**

1. Todd O'Boyle
2. Jeralynn Miller
3. Rafig Gurbanzada
4. Natasha Nau
5. Allison Rice
6. Jennifer Lazo
7. Helen Arega
8. Mary Kuna
9. Matt Parkhurst
10. Dionna J. Sargent
11. Steven Thorp
12. Rachel Linstead Goldsmith
13. Arthur F. Wicks
14. Steve Ottinger
15. Ama Nyame-Mensah
16. Kathryn Lonczewski
17. Nathan Roby
18. Chris Anderson

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome Back
2. What the SAPA Board has been up to...
  - a. New Board Members!
  - b. Amended Bylaws
  - c. MPA
  - d. MA
  - e. PhD
  - f. Student Resource Room
  - g. Bulletin Board
  - h. Technology
  - i. Scholarship/Job Postings
3. Review/Adoption of Bylaw amendments
4. Fundraising
5. Committees
6. Upcoming Events

## **Meeting called to order**

### **1. Welcome Back**

### **2. What the SAPA Board has been up to...**

#### **a. New Board Members!**

- i. Christopher Anderson: President
- ii. Nathan Roby: Treasurer
- iii. Kathryn Lonczewski: MA UAPP Representative
- iv. Ama Nyame-Mensah: Secretary

#### **b. Amended Bylaws**

- i. New Bylaws were read to and discussed with those in attendance, and were amended as seen fit.

#### **c. New Officer Positions**

- i. After input from students in the SPPA, the SAPA Board has created two new officer positions: The MA Historical Preservation Representative (MA-HP), and the Disaster Management Representative (DISA).
- ii. The SAPA Board has also decided to combine the two officer positions of SAPA Representative and Graduate Student Senate Representative, for 4 of the program-specific, officer positions (MA-UAPP, MA-HP, MPA, and DISA programs).

#### **d. Student Resource Room**

- i. The SAPA Board has been given office space. We will be able to store our materials in the Student Resource Room, which is located in Graham Room 189.

#### **e. Bulletin Board**

- i. SAPA has been designated a bulletin board in the main hall of Graham. We will be sprucing it up with decorations and valuable information regarding student, faculty, and school affairs in the coming weeks. The Bulletin Board is located south of the main entrance (toward IPA from the front door), directly across from the study abroad display.
- ii. The SAPA Board will be posting relevant information on this bulletin board, including the weekly email, job/fellowship/grant opportunities and information pertaining to the SPPA.

**f. Technology**

i. SAPA is in the process of revamping its social media outreach methods, in order to connect with SPPA students and alumni.

1. Please email [SAPAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SAPAssociation@gmail.com) to be added to our new linked in page, and
2. Check out our Facebook Organization page by clicking on the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAPA-at-University-of-Delaware/350141545006283> .

**g. Scholarship/Job Postings**

i. SAPA is placing a call for students who have previously been awarded scholarships, awards, and fellowships, or have participated in any other type of job or internship opportunity. It can be difficult tracking down information regarding outside opportunities, and so we ask that those students who have already taken advantage of such opportunities to please pass along the information. Send an email to [SAPAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SAPAssociation@gmail.com) with the name of the opportunity and the process for which others can apply. This information will then be disseminated to incoming students.

ii. It was brought to the Board's attention during the meeting that a "job board" on a website should be created to house all of the new opportunities available to students.

**3. Review/Adoption of Bylaw amendments**

a. We reviewed the Bylaws as a group, and adopted a number of amendments. (Please note that an updated version of the new Bylaws will be available for review in the next couple of weeks).

**4. Fundraising**

a. The SAPA Board has decided to undertake fundraising endeavors for the upcoming semester. Our first fundraising initiative will be a bake sale. The bake sale is being held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, in Graham Room 183 (The Faculty Lounge). The bake sale will run from 9AM to 3PM.

**5. Committees**

a. Any SAPA member may voluntarily form a committee with the approval of the SAPA executive board. A committee must consist of a minimum of three (3) or more SAPA members. (SAPA members are any students who are currently enrolled at the SPPA).

b. All committees are required to take minutes and attendance during any official meeting. Minutes and attendance must be emailed to the SAPA

Secretary, at [SAPAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SAPAssociation@gmail.com), by the end of each calendar month.

- c. At least one member of each standing committee is required to attend the monthly scheduled SAPA General Meetings in order to report on the business of the committee.
- d. Once created, a committee may carry over into the proceeding academic year provided it has maintained the above membership and record keeping requirements.

## **6. Upcoming Events**

- a. M.A. UAPP students: The M.A. program has undergone a number of changes in the past year. Our program director, Dr. Danilo Yanich, has agreed to meet with M.A. students, on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 PM in Graham Room 187, to answer any questions we have about the program. This is your chance to voice any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. There will be food at this meeting so please RSVP to Diana, at [dwalls@udel.edu](mailto:dwalls@udel.edu), so we can get an accurate food order.
- b. Ph.D students: A Ph.D proposal info session, with Dr. Danilo Yanich, will be held on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30AM, in Graham Room 187.
- c. The 2012 Messick Fellow Lecture will be given by Dr. Marc Holzer. Marc Holzer is dean and Board of Governors Professor in the School of Public Affairs & Administration at Rutgers-Newark. He is also one of the most prolific and recognized scholars in the field of public administration. Dr. Holzer will give two public presentations during his March visit. One is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5PM, in Kirkbride Room 004. The second public presentation will be given on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, at the University Courtyard Marriot. His presentation on March 14<sup>th</sup> will be followed by a reception. If you plan to attend the March 14<sup>th</sup> lecture, please RSVP to Diana Simmons at [dwalls@udel.edu](mailto:dwalls@udel.edu).
- d. The SPPA is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by hosting a “Strategies for Success” event, on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Clayton Hall. This is a great opportunity for students to explore career opportunities and professional development in government, public policy, management, and nonprofit organizations. This is an all day event, and classes will be canceled that day. The event is followed by a reception, which will run from 5:00PM – 7:00PM in Clayton Hall. We strongly encourage everyone in the SPPA to come out and show their support by attending the event.

**Meeting Adjourned**