

## **SAPA General Meeting: September 21<sup>st</sup> 2012**

### **Attendance:**

1. Mengjia Shi
2. Drumlin Brooke
3. Allison Rice
4. Jenn Nichols
5. William D.
6. Rachel Linstead Goldsmith
7. Kelly Smith
8. Steve Ottinger
9. Rachel Matos
10. Dionna Sargent
11. Chanel Gaither
12. Asiah Lemon
13. Kathryn Lonczewski
14. Nathan Roby
15. Ama Nyame-Mensah
16. Yi Wang
17. Lauren B.
18. Matt Parkhurst
19. David Barnes
20. Natasha Nau
21. Amanda Brown
22. Bill Morett
23. Alexandra Leach
24. Chris Kelly
25. Jennifer Lazo
26. Jessica Graham

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome Back/ Introduction to the Board Members
2. How to connect with SAPA
3. Being Present
4. DAPA Award
5. Committees
6. Upcoming Events
7. SPPA Open House
8. Graduate School Government (GSG) Updates
9. Faculty Senate Updates
10. Student Resources Room
11. President's Diversity Initiative
12. Community Service
13. Upcoming Events

## Meeting called to order

### 1. Welcome Back/ Introduction to the Board Members

- a. SAPA Board Members
  - President: Nathan Roby
  - Vice-President: Kathryn Lonczewski
  - Treasurer: Cimone Philpotts
  - Secretary: Ama Nyame-Mensah
  - MPA Representative: Rachel Linstead-Goldsmith
  - MA-UAPP Representative: Allison Rice
  - MA-HP Representative: Jennifer Nichols:
  - DISA Representative: Jennifer Lazo
  - Career Enhancement Representative: Matthew Parkhurst
  - Ph.D. Representative: David Barnes

### 2. How to connect with SAPA

- a. Email: [sapassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sapassociation@gmail.com)
- b. Website: <http://sites.udel.edu/sapa/> (does not start with www)
- c. LinkedIn: [SAPA - UDel Students of Public Policy and Administration](#)
- d. Facebook: [SAPA at University of Delaware](#)
- e. Diana Simmons: [dwalls@udel.edu](mailto:dwalls@udel.edu)

### 3. Awards

- a. DAPA Award
  - i. Each year DAPA presents a \$500 award to a graduate student who best exemplifies the caliber of achievement necessary for a successful public service career. The competition is open to any graduate student attending a Delaware higher education institution. **All application materials are due by September 30th.** To learn more about the award, please visit <http://www.dapanet.org/studentaward.html>.
- b. SAPA Award
  - i. SAPA is creating its own award. The award will be presented to SPPA student(s) who are committed to:
    1. Serving SAPA,
    2. Community Service, and
    3. Raising the Status of SPPA
  - ii. More information about the award will be available shortly.
- c. SPPA Awards
  - i. Every year, SPPA presents undergraduate and graduate students with awards. The current list of available SPPA awards will be available shortly.

### 4. Committees

- a. Committees are a fantastic way for students in SPPA to strengthen SAPA, increase SPPA's standing, and give back to the community. If

you would like to see what committees are currently in operation, please click [here](#). If you would like to join an existing committee, please click [here](#) and fill in your name and email address in an available row. If you are interested in starting your own committee, send us an email at [Sapassociation@gmail.com](mailto:Sapassociation@gmail.com), and we'll guide you through the process.

#### 5. **SPPA Open House**

- a. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 SPPA will be hosting its Fall Open House. Leland Ware, SPPA's acting Director, has asked for students to please identify professors or advisors at schools within a 100-mile radius of UD who have made a profound impact on their development or success. Professors or advisors who have been referred will be invited to attend SPPA's Open House and will be honored during the Open House program.
- b. To recognize a professor or advisor and view a list of the feeder schools that are within a 100-mile radius, please click [here](#).
- c. **\*\*If the professor or advisor you want to recognize is from a school that is more than 100-miles away, please submit their name anyway and they will be recognized at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> event or they will be invited to an event at SPPA in the future.**
- d. **\*\*\*Teachers and advisors from the UD community can also be recognized.**

#### 6. **Graduate School Government (GSG) Updates**

- a. **GSG meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 5:30PM. For a full description of meeting dates and times, please click [here](#).**
- b. Updates
  - i. UD is searching for a new Provost. If you would like to nominate a candidate, please click [here](#). Details about the position are available on the site. Please be advised, the search will be kept confidential.
  - ii. The GSG offers a number of opportunities for student advocacy and programming through the use of committees. Each committee is unique and specific to attaining student advocacy goals. Please take a look at our list of committees and if you are interesting in joining, please contact the designated chairperson or GSG President, Emily Bonistall ([ejb@udel.edu](mailto:ejb@udel.edu)).
    1. **Check out some of the GSG's Committees: [GSG Committees](#) and [External Committees](#).**

#### 7. **Faculty Senate Updates**

- a. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for revising curriculum proposals and dealing with course scheduling conflicts. They have created a new system where students will be able to view what courses will be offered in future semesters. **\*\*The new system will not be operational until Fall 2013.**

- b. The Faculty Senate will be reviewing SPPA's PhD program.
- c. At the last Faculty Senate meeting, talks began about discussing online education for SPPA students.

8. **Student Resources Room**

- a. The student resources room (Graham Hall Room 189) is open and available for use by students in SPPA! If anyone has journals or books that they would like to donate to the room should feel free to do so.

9. **President's Diversity Initiative**

- a. At the September 21<sup>st</sup> SAPA meeting, students discussed submitting a proposal to the President's Diversity Initiative. Suggestions include:
  - i. An international day event proposal, and
  - ii. A proposal that involves ensuring that international students have a ride from the airport.
- b. FYI: The President's Diversity Initiative invites proposals for student-inspired projects that help build and support a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming campus climate for all. We are especially interested in projects that create community and connection across diverse groups. The idea is to support projects that engage students in conversation and activities that connect people from seemingly different backgrounds.
  - i. Priority will be given to projects that involve collaboration and have the potential for a longer-term impact toward making the campus climate welcoming and supportive for all.
  - ii. The President's Diversity Initiative expects to fund five projects, each to a maximum of \$500. Any student (undergraduate or graduate), student organization, or student group (including clubs, residence halls, sororities/fraternities, honor societies, etc.) is welcome to apply. Maximum funding is \$500. The deadline for proposals to be received is October 12, 2012.

10. **Community Service**

- a. Community Service is at the heart of public service. At the meeting students and board members discussed community service events. Below you will find a list of tentative community service events that SAPA will be participating in:
  - i. Newark Fall Clean Up: October 6<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 11AM at the Newark Municipal Building (220 Elkton Road Newark, DE 19711).
  - ii. Habitat for Humanity: Tentative date October 13<sup>th</sup> 8AM-3:30PM – We will be helping families move in.
  - iii. Donations to Board Member Matt Parkhurst's friend. Boxes will be set up in Graham.
- b. \*\*There is a fantastic opportunity with the Graduate Student Government for a Graduate Student to be a representative on the Newark City Council. To learn more about the opportunity, please contact Emily Bonistall at [ejb@udel.edu](mailto:ejb@udel.edu).

## 11. Upcoming Events

- a. **Ice Cream Social:** Graduate Students, come join your fellow students and Program Directors this Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:45AM - 12:45PM for the SPPA Graduate Student Ice Cream Social! The event will take place outside behind Graham Hall at the picnic tables, weather permitting (If the weather does not permit, we will set up in Room 183 Graham Hall.)
- b. **"Why You Should Vote":** Michael Eric Dyson- a renowned professor of Sociology at Georgetown University- will speak at UD on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. His talk will center on "Why You Should Vote." The talk, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Rooms of the Trabant University Center; doors will open at 6:30 p.m.
- c. **Newark Fall Clean Up:** Grab your family and friends and come make Newark beautiful! On October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, from 9AM to 11AM, Newark will host its annual Fall Clean Up Day. The event will begin at 9AM in front of the Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE. Gloves and trash bags will be provided for individuals and groups.
- d. **Presidential Debate Watching Party:** On October 16<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Lonczewski will be hosting a Presidential Debate watching party at her apartment. The event will begin at 8:30PM. Feel free to contribute a snack or beverage. Please RSVP by emailing [klon@udel.edu](mailto:klon@udel.edu). When you RSVP, you will receive a response with directions to her apartment.
- e. **Homecoming Kick-Off Alumni Social:** The School of Public Policy and Administration and the Alumni of Public Policy and Administration invite you to attend the Homecoming Kick-Off Alumni Social on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 6PM to 8:30PM at Catherine Rooney's, 102 E. Main Street, Newark, DE. Come out and join in the festivities, or stop by to meet new students and returning alumni! To register for the event, please click [here](#).

12. **Next Meeting: SAPA's next General Meeting will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Graham Hall Room 187 at 5:45 PM.**

**Meeting Adjourned**