

## **SAPA GENERAL MEETING: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### **Attendance:**

1. Hannah Blad
2. Allison Rice
3. Nikita Mutter
4. Shannon Myre
5. Rachel Linstead-Goldsmith
6. Kelly Smith
7. Cimone Philpotts
8. Matt Parkhurst
9. David Barnes
10. Jennifer Lazo
11. David Carter
12. Stephen Ottinger
13. William D.
14. Kathryn Lonczewski
15. Ama Nyame-Mensah

### **Agenda**

1. **Update on Committees**
2. **SPPA Awards & Scholarships**
3. **MPA Faculty Meeting Update**
4. **SAPA October Fundraiser**
5. **Alumni Association Homecoming Social**
6. **Upcoming Events**

### **Meeting called to order**

#### **I. Update on Committees:**

- a. To view information on the creation of committees, please refer to Article 5 our [Bylaws](#).
- b. **\*\*Please note:** Students who are interested in starting/joining a committee should have received an email that outlined what steps need to be taken before your committee can be considered operational. If you, or your committee, have not received an email, please send us an email at [sapassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sapassociation@gmail.com).
- c. **\*\*\*Lastly,** the period to sign up to a committee via the SAPA googledoc weblink has passed. If you would like to join a committee and/or learn more about existing committees, please send us an email at [sapassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sapassociation@gmail.com).

d. **New Committees**

- i. Diversity Committee: This committee should focus on the creation of a brief / proposal for UD's student diversity initiative.

**\*\*Please note:** The deadline for proposals that are to be submitted to President Harker's Student Diversity Initiative is Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

- ii. Policy brief Committee: There was some interest in starting this committee, however no formal steps were taken to officially start this committee.

- iii. Undergraduate Committee: There was a lot of interest in starting an undergraduate committee. Both Allison Rosenberg and Rachel Matos have expressed an interest in chairing this committee. An email, from SAPA, will be sent to both students.

**II. SPPA Awards & Scholarships**

- a. Information on SPPA awards and scholarships will soon be available on SAPA's website. Students will be able to view the names of and eligibility requirements for SPPA awards and scholarships.

**III. MPA Faculty Meeting Update**

- a. During the MPA Faculty meeting, attendees were able to review the Exit Survey taken by students who graduated last May. Many students expressed that they would like for MPA program courses to focus more on technology.
- b. During the SAPA General meeting, students discussed that the technology problem is not one that is limited to the MPA Program. Students from all programs would like to be able to take courses that make use of technology.
- c. Some programs that students would like to use in the classroom include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Excel
  - ii. SPPS
  - iii. Autocad
  - iv. SketchUp
- d. Students would also like to increase the frequency with which qualitative and quantitative method courses are taught. A suggestion that was proposed to remedy this problem was to allow

qualified SPPA students to teach (qualitative and quantitative) seminar courses throughout the academic year.

- e. **\*\*Students should also be aware that Management Information Systems (MISY) courses are offered at UD. These courses are heavily focused on using and applying information technology in the workplace.**

#### **IV. SAPA October Fundraiser**

- a. For the month of October, SAPA will be hosting a “Guess how many peanut M&M’s are in the Jar” Fundraiser! The fundraiser will kick off on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The jar full of peanut M&M’s will be located in Graham Hall’s front office (Graham 184). To enter for chance to win the entire jar, stop by Graham 184 anytime this month during office hours to fill out a “guess card” and drop it in the donation box along with your donation of \$1 or more.  
**\*\*All funds raised will be used to support SAPA’s Scholarship Fund. General donations to SAPA are always encouraged!**

#### **V. Alumni Association Homecoming Social**

- a. Don’t forget to register to attend the [Homecoming Kick-Off Alumni Social!](#) The event is being held on Thursday, October 18th, 2012 from 6PM to 8:30PM at Catherine Rooney’s, 102 E. Main Street, Newark, DE. Tickets are only \$10!
- b. This event is a great way to connect with new people and expand you professional network!
- c. To register for the event, please click [here](#).

#### **VI. Upcoming Events**

- a. **The Graduate Student Government will be hosting a meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Memorial Hall Room 127.**
- b. **International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM):** IAEM at UD will have its second meeting, and first speaker, on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:15PM in Graham Hall Room 166 (the DRC Conference Room). The speaker at the meeting will be Marcia Nickle, the University of Delaware’s Emergency Manager. Nickle will give a presentation on campus emergency management.
- c. **Relay for Life Country BBQ:** On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 David Carter, a SPPA PhD candidate, will be hosting a BBQ fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The event will begin at 4PM at 818 Union Church Road, Townsend DE. For

tickets, please contact David Carter at [davidctr@udel.edu](mailto:davidctr@udel.edu). To view more information about the event, please click [here](#).

- d. **Presidential Debate Watching Party:** On October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Kathryn Lonczewski (SAPA Vice President) 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 follow up email with directions to her apartment.
- e. **Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Event:** Matt Parkhurst, Continuing Ed Representative, has put together a Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Event! The event will be held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Wilmington, Delaware. The event is unfortunately limited to nine people, so if you would like to be a part of the Habitat Volunteer Team on November 10<sup>th</sup>, please email Matt at [mpark@udel.edu](mailto:mpark@udel.edu) as soon as possible! For more information about the event, please click [here](#).
- f. **NDEHS Annual Holiday Toy Drive:** Jessica Schulz, the Graduate Assistant at New Directions Early Head Start (NDEHS), has reached out to invite us to participate in NDEHS' Annual Toy Drive for the holidays. Sponsors of children in the program give a gift or donate money. Once you sign up, NDEHS will provide you with information about the child you will sponsor for the drive. To sign up, click [here](#) and enter your information. If you have any questions regarding this project, feel free to contact Jessica by email at [jschulz@udel.edu](mailto:jschulz@udel.edu) or by phone: 831-0602. To learn more about NDEHS, please click [here](#).  
\*\*The toy drive registration deadline is Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

- i. **Next Meeting: SAPA's Third General Meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 in Graham Hall Room 187 at 5:45 PM.**

**Meeting Adjourned**