

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
MINUTES
October 11, 2011**

I. ROLL CALL

President Stieber called the meeting of October 11, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Jentleson, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Committee Chairs for Academic Affairs, Allocations, Elections, Environmental, Judicial, and Webmaster were present. Committee Chairs for Governmental Relations, Public Relations, and Transportation and Safety were all excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 4, 2011 were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stieber reserved her report for president's remarks.

IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Ryan Gayman

Board member Gayman reported that the newly painted panthers for the Paint the Panthers program are now up in the Union. He encouraged everyone to come and check them out. He reported that after the laser and fireworks show, which will end around 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2011, the organizations which painted the panthers, will be there to promote their panther and talk about why they painted it the way they did.

He also reported that he is still working with Board member Landreneau to gain student support with club sports. If you are with a club sport and you are interested in being part of a discussion to have your events and competitions here on campus, please come speak to him.

B. John Hasley

Board member Hasley reported that he is still waiting on word back from the Parking and Transportation department regarding his Shuttle Signs project. He is hoping to get word back in the latter part of the week. He also reported that he will have open office hours this Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in Towers Lobby.

C. Emily Hoover

Board member Hoover reported that they met with the Alcohol Task Force on Friday, which she was unable to attend. She was able to work on collecting some stories which they will be able to use for one of their upcoming campaigns for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

She also reported that she has been keeping the Green Team updated with different things that they can get involved in on campus while they try to get it off the ground and into the Eco Reps program they hope it to be in. She sent an email to them about a tour of the composter in Market Central, which everyone is invited to attend, on Thursday at 5:00 pm. If you would like to attend you will need to meet by the Market Central cash registers at 5:00 pm on Thursday. She also reported that they will be having their third meeting of the Food Committee this Friday, October 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

D. Lauren Jentleson

Board member Jentleson reported that she is waiting to hear about the bike show details from Student Affairs.

E. James Landreneau

Board member Landreneau reported that the third Food Committee meeting will be held Friday, October 14 at 1 pm. The agenda will include the possible food course taught by Chef Matt, who is the new chef on campus in Market Central. The course would be set up as a club, and would encompass a history of food.

Board member Landreneau also encouraged everyone to get involved with the OCC program. The first OCC Honorary Society set their colors as blue and white, and also finalized plans for their clothing.

F. Matthew Riehle

Board member Riehle had no report.

G. Zach Weber

Board member Weber reported that he spoke with Candice, from The New York Times, on Monday about some possible guest speakers coming to campus. He is

looking to schedule the speaker either during the last week of November, or the first week of December.

H. Alex Zimmerman

Board member Zimmerman reported that the Undergraduate Council approved the course, “A History of Sports,” to be able to fulfill the Historical Change General Education requirement. He also asked for any student that had any recommendations for classes that they would like to see be able to fulfill a General Education requirement to let him know.

Board member Zimmerman also reported that he is looking forward to tabling with Board members Hoover and Landreneau next week for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week in Towers lobby.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, reported that she is still waiting to hear back from John Zang, the head of Penn State’s Academic Affairs office, to work together for starting a coalition of P.A.S.S. schools. Times News ranked the University of Pittsburgh as 59th in the country, ahead of Georgetown, Vanderbilt, and Rice. Finally, the library will now be closing at 12:00 p.m. on the weekends for the month of October. The library will be taking a headcount during the weekends this month, and if there is enough interest, they will keep the library open until midnight permanently.

B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported that the fall budgets will be due Thursday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. The budget hearings will begin on November 3rd. It is important that if any clubs wish to submit a request by mid-November, then the requests should be submitted before the November 3rd meeting. Also, Allocations committee applications will be ready for pick up by the end of the week. Finally, there are going to be some changes to the Allocations Manual, which will be emailed to all the student organizations soon. There will be no regular Allocations Committee meeting on November 3 due to budget hearings.

C. ELECTIONS

Elections chair Kari Rosenkaimer, reported that elections packets are now out in the SGB office. Make sure to put your name on the sign-out sheet when you are taking a packet so she can talk to you if you don’t hand one in. She encouraged everyone to run for a Board or Presidential spot. If anyone wants to talk to the

Board members about running, they are more than welcome to do so. Important dates to remember: Packets are due October 17th, slate forms are due October 21st, mandatory “How to Run a Successful Campaign” is October 23rd, and the campaign begins October 28th.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, encouraged everyone to go to Market Central to see the behind the scenes efforts they are undertaking to help reduce waste. She reported that the Students’ Sustainable Projects Committee deadline will be October 14th, but they are going to be doing a rolling deadline so anyone can propose ideas at any time.

E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

There was no report.

F. JUDICIAL

There was no report.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

There was no report.

H. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

There was no report.

I. WEBMASTER

There was no report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allocations Recommendations:

#6851 Panther Judo - \$2,115.40

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,897.05 and deny \$218.35.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6852 Panther Judo - \$4,256.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$2,628.00 and to deny \$1,628.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve \$2,382.00 and to deny \$1,874.00.
The motion was seconded.
The motion carried.

#6854 Open Books - \$933.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.
The motion was seconded.
The motion carried.

#6855 Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club - \$1,234.42 Budget Modification

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.
The motion was seconded.
The motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President Stieber opened introduction to some new election rules amendments. The first amendment read "that those students wishing to seek candidacy for any position in Student Government Board must disclose any and/or all judiciary infractions to the Elections chair and SGB advisor before being deemed eligible for candidacy." Also, the second amendment read "that those students wishing to seek candidacy must adhere to the new slate and campaigning procedures." The amendment was tabled and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Stieber opened the floor by announcing the amendments to the Bylaws from the previous week. A vote was submitted on Article 3, Section 4 of the bylaws. The motion carried. The next vote was submitted to make the Governmental Relations and Environmental committees standing committees in SGB. The motion did not receive a two-thirds majority vote and, therefore, did not pass.

IX. OPEN FLOOR

Board member Landreneau reported that the Students for Nuclear Energy group are hosting an event October 19th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and he encouraged anyone who wants to learn about nuclear energy to attend the meeting.

Board member Gayman announced that "Occupy Pittsburgh" will be hosted Saturday, October 15, 2011. He asked that all students in attendance from the University who were planning on attending the event to be responsible, respectful, and considerate of the city and the people.

Board member Hasley announced that Saturday, October 15, 2011 would be Homecoming. He reminded everyone that voting would occur between 12 pm Thursday, October 13, 2011 and 12 pm Friday, October 14, 2011.

The Campus Women's Organization will be hosting "Take Back the Night" on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Kurtzman room in the WUP. This event brings awareness to end domestic and sexual violence. After the rally at 8:30 pm., there will be free pizza and a Bystander Training Session in the Kurtzman room.

Trisha, the president of the Rainbow Alliance, wished everyone a "Happy Coming Out" day. She also announced that Thursday, October 13, the club would be having tea and listening to music in the sixth floor lounge.

Krystal Orr spoke about her Homecoming platform, which is the Homewood Children's Village. The organization works in the homeless section of the city, and works to improve the life of the children in the community, as well as the community itself.

Board member Zimmerman announced that anyone interested in politics or political writings and who would be interested in reading about them or writing them, should contact Tom Visco, a senior editor of the Pitt Political Review.

X. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Stieber commented that, despite the vote about the Governmental Relations and Environmental Committees, both committees did tremendous work for the 2011 SGB, and she is very passionate to see them continue their work and efforts.

She also reminded everyone about the "Sleep-In for the Homeless" event, which will be held on October 21, 2011 in the Schenley Plaza. For more information, students could visit the SGB office.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

cc: Student Government Board Members, Student Government Board Committee Chairs, K. Bonner, K. Humphrey, T. Milani

