**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**October 12, 2010**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Shull called the meeting of October 12, 2010 to order at 8:45 p.m. Board members Bombatch, Gau, Hasley, O’Leary, Paiewonsky, Petrone, and Stieber were present. Board member Rezaeian was excused. Committee Chairs: Academic Affairs-Zimmerman, Allocations-Grau, Elections-Wickenden, Environmental-Schroeder, Governmental Relations Chair-Jennings, Judicial-Krzywonos, Public Relations-O’Leary.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of October 5, 2010 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Shull reported that there was popcorn and soda available for free during the meeting. He stated that he had a couple meetings this week. One was with Matt at the Sports Club Network, which is an outlet for university club teams to talk about their issues and concerns. There are concerns over funding, and they discussed how they can use fundraising as a way to gain money and looked to the Crew Team as an example. Student Government Board wants to further enable student organizations that compete when it comes to budgets.

President Shull also confirmed a conference with a representative from Lock Haven University and the Penn State governmental relations chair and SGB president at University Park. Penn State wants to create a Pennsylvania state-wide student association. He offered University of Pittsburgh’s support to start this association. Shull also met with City Council regarding Councilman Kraus’ post agenda meeting dealing with excessive drinking and issues on East Carson Street. He also read what he read to City Council at their meeting. Councilwoman Theresa Smith spoke after him at the meeting and said that they should work with University’s transportation systems on this issue. Shull doesn’t believe it is the University of Pittsburgh’s responsibility to provide transportation and stated that the city doesn’t have any money for this either.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

1. **BOARD REPORTS**
2. **Zachary Bombatch**

Board member Bombatch reported that the *Paint the Panther* campaign has selected the Malaysian Cultural Camaraderie, Engineers for a Sustainable World, Amnesty International, Rainbow Alliance, Student Dietetic Association and the Blue and Gold Society. The “work-in-progress” has been delayed and will be occurring next week, Monday October 18th to Wednesday October 20th. Bombatch thanked the three fraternities hosting the painting at their houses; Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Panthers will be unveiled Wednesday, October 27th during Homecoming. It will be an all-day event where the student groups will be able to showcase their panthers.

1. **David Gau**

Board member Gau reported that he met with Institutional Advancement with President Shull and his intern last week to discuss the possibilities of creating a Student Government Board leadership scholarship. We are currently working on the application right now. They want to create a scholarship to fund one to two seniors and provide major tuition support for their last year. This will be open to all students. All expectations will be labeled on the application.

1. **John Hasley**

There was no report.

1. **Kieran O’Leary**

There was no report.

1. **Laura Paiewonsky**

Board member Paiewonsky announced she has been in touch with Christine Chergi from the Union about alternative reservation programs for student groups, and she will be meeting with her in the upcoming weeks. Laura will be going to student groups’ meetings, eg. the Community Outreach Program this week, and to the Fencing Club meeting on Thursday. Shull added that students may have had issues with the Reservation system which is now called the R25 system which is used for academic space and not for the purpose of student organization space.

1. **David Petrone**

Board member Petrone reported that last Thursday he met with Board member Kieran O’Leary and Kyle Murphy from Telefact and briefly discussed details for the Pitt Digital Compass.

1. **Sam Rezaeian**

There was no report.

1. **Molly Stieber**

Board member Stieber reported that last Friday, President Shull, Allocations Chair Matt Grau, Environmental Committee chair Becky Schroeder and herself met to discuss the Green Fund which is under way. There is a public meeting coming up once all the proposals are submitted and Chair Schroeder will talk about that. She has also been working with Academic Affairs Chair Zimmerman since last year. He is working really hard on his proposal for his general education requirements and she recognized him for that.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chair Zimmerman reported he met with the dean of the Honors College this past weekend. He stated that it looked like he was going to support his proposal and with that, he would be headed to the Undergrad Arts and Sciences Council. Zimmerman explained his proposal to try and get more upper level classes to count for general education requirements, so that students can explore different majors.

Chair Zimmerman also reported that he is working with Board member Gau on the *SGB Scholarship Program* and that he is excited to see where that goes.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair Grau reported that budgets for the spring semester is due on Friday, October 29th, 2010 by 5:00 pm and that budget hearings will begin on Thursday, November 4th, 2010 and will continue over the weekend. He stated that the last meeting for supplemental requests before budget hearings will be on Thursday October 28th, 2010. Requests to be reviewed at that meeting must be submitted by Wednesday, October 27th 2010 at 5:00p.m. Grau explained that because they will be in moratorium at that time, they will no longer be looking at budgets from October 28th, 2010 to November 10th, 2010 so that any request that needs to be submitted must be done by Wednesday October 27th, 2010 or you will not have an opportunity to secure funding.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Amanda Hohenberger of the Elections Committee reported that election packets are available in the SGB Office and they are due no later than October 20th, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. Late candidacy is an option but it requires twice the number of signatures. If there are any questions of concerns about completing the packets, campaigning, etc., Students can email Chair Wickenden at the elections email, which is sgb.elections.gmail.com. She also reported that the *How to Run a Successful Campaign* workshop is being planned and will be discussed in the future.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Chair Schroeder started her report by taking a poll of how many people knew what the Green Fund was. She then went on to explain that the Green Fund was created last year and is a fund to finance sustainable projects and initiatives on campus and that this year was a pilot program. Any project ideas to make Pitt a more sustainable institution must be submitted before the deadline on Friday, October 15th, 2010. Chair Schroeder also offered her help and the help of the members of the Students Sustainable Project Committee to any one that needed it to meet the deadline. Anyone with ideas was encouraged to speak to Schroeder after the meeting and also to come to the first public Students Sustainable Project Committee, meeting even if they don’t have a project. It will be on Saturday, October 22nd at a time that is unknown at this time.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Chair Jennings reported that they were able to register over 2,700 voters at Pitt, but that they were now switching their focus to educating as many people as they can about the upcoming election on November 2nd, 2010. Chair Jennings reported that she was going to be working on this very closely with Board member Hasley. Jennings also mentioned that the Candidates Fair, which is part of task to educate the voters, is going on currently at Posvar Hall and is hosted by both the College Republicans and the College Democrats. Also, Jennings mentioned that on Wednesday, October 13th, 2010 the Student Vote Coalition will be hosting their first meeting which will focus on educating the voters. Anyone that is interested in joining the Student Vote Coalition is encouraged to attend. The meeting is Wednesday, October 13th, 2010 at 9:30 p.m. in Dining Room B in the WPU. On Saturday, October 16th, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. a Governor’s debate will be hosted in Nordy’s Place with free pizza. This event is hosted by SGB and GPSA.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Chair Krzywonos had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Chair O’Leary had no report.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Allocations Recommendations:**

**#6430 Women’s Club Gymnastics-$583.08**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6431 Dance Ensemble-$3,396.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.   
The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommended to approve $800.00 and deny $2,596.60.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6432 Pitt Women Club Volleyball-$553.92**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6433 Pitt Club Baseball-$779.38**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6435 STAND-$904.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6440 SOGC-$2,168.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,368.00 and deny $800.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6441 NSBE-$4,030.24**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $922.34 and to deny $3,107.90.  
 The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

A motion was made to postpone the vote.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6443 Lady Panther Club Soccer-$787.80**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6444 Lady Panther Club Soccer-$707.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **New Business**

There was no New Business.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#Request 6425 Society of Women Engineers-$3,956.00

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was amended.

The Board approved the amended motion for $1,547.52.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

There were not remarks during Open Floor.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Shull will ask all homecoming candidates to come to the next Board meeting to look for an endorsement from SGB.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

cc: Student Government Board Members, Student Government Board Committee Chairs, K. Bonner, K. Humphrey, J. Giangarlo, T. Milani, L. Williams-Moore