**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**October 2, 2012**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Landreneau called the meeting of October 2, 2012 to order at 8:45 pm. Board members Genus, Hallinan, Louderback, McGrath, Murdoch, Rothenberger, and Samudzi were present. Chair members Nites, Stavrakos, Mallampalli, Brown, Meyer, Beecher, Crawford, Held, and White were present. Board member Armstrong was late.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 25, 2012 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Landreneau reported that he will be meeting with the OCC Coordinator, Scott Hoffman, and the Programming Chair of OCC Honorary, Megan Elliot, on Thursday, October 4th to discuss initiating a student club networking conference among all SORC organizations. The idea is to promote new programs and encourage collaboration among clubs. He then announced that the first SGB Town Hall Meeting will be Sunday, October 28th at 7:00 pm in Sutherland Lobby. There will be pizza, activities, and an opportunity for students to talk to any of the Board members or Committee chairs about a particular project they would like to see be done on campus. He also mentioned that SGB is discussing bringing a gift to campus, and he asked for student support behind a unified gift.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

1. **BOARD REPORTS**
2. **Halim Genus**

Board member Genus reported that he has been working with the University’s Director of Transportation and Transportation and Safety chair White on making progress with marking the Pitt shuttle bus stops. Also, he, Board member Hallinan and Governmental Relations chair Beecher recently got the polling locations moved to the William Pitt Union and they expect to have finalized details as to the exact polling locations, which will be somewhere on the first floor, by next week. Students living in Litchfield Towers and Schenley Quad will be voting there. By moving the polling locations they hope to get a high student voter turnout. He thanked Governmental Relations chair Beecher, Board member Hallinan, Director Kenyon Bonner, Vice Provost and Dean of Students Dr. Humphrey, Dr. Brooks, Dr. Jim Earle, and Deborah Walker, the Chief Conduct Officer for the University for all their work and support in accomplishing this task.

1. **Julie Hallinan**

Board member Hallinan began by asking for a show of hands for who is registered to vote at their current address, and then stated that she had registration forms on hand if they would like to register. She then thanked committee member Nick Anuzis for doing all the information on the absentee ballots.

She announced that for the Readership Program will be holding a panel discussion featuring New York Times reporter John Broder on November 14th at 6:00 pm in Nordy’s Place. The discussion topic will be on deep water horizon and the future of oil drilling in America. She also stated that she had flyers in hand about the online seats for the readership program, and mentioned that the first 300 students to sign on to the program every day will have full access for 24 hours to the New York Times website.

She reported that on October 26th at 2:00 pm, she will be leading a group run for Talk About It’s “Pitt Cares” week. She stated that any student who is interested in helping with this run, or getting involved with Talk About It or Pitt Cares week, should come speak to her.

1. **Gordon Louderback**

Board member Louderback reported that he and Board member McGrath have been working closely with the Athletics Department for Homecoming this year, which will be the weekend of October 12th. He stated that the events for that weekend will be as follows; Friday October 12th starting at 9:15 pm Pitt’s Program Council will be holding the Laser and Fireworks Show on Bigelow Boulevard and the Basketball Extravaganza “Midnight Madness”, which will be covered by ESPN, will be held at the Peterson Event Center, on Saturday October 13th the Homecoming football game will be taking place at Heinz Field, and on Sunday October 14th starting at noon the Maggie Dixon Heart Health Fair and the Men’s Basketball Blue and Gold Scrimmage will be taking place at the Peterson Event Center. He encouraged all students to attend these events.

He then mentioned that he and Board member Rothenberger will be holding a Food Committee meeting this Friday October at 1:00 pm in the Lower Lounge of the William Pitt Union.

He added that the new EMS software is up for reservations for student organizations, and that students must attend training before using the software.

1. **Megan McGrath**

Board member McGrath began by thanking the Pitt Police and the Pittsburgh City Police for all that they do on a daily basis. She then reported that she will be working with some people to create a transportation guide, specifically for entertainment areas in Pittsburgh, in order to reach her goal of making it easier for students to access shopping areas around Pittsburgh.

1. **Alex Murdoch**

Board member Murdoch discussed the storage units for student organizations in the O’Hara Student Center, and stated that he had applications with him for students who still need storage. He then reported that he is working on getting a live panther, as the SGB gift this year, for Pitt’s football games, and encouraged anyone who is interested in helping him to let him know.

1. **Natalie Rothenberger**

Board member Rothenberger announced that she has a meeting with Debra Fiack of the Book Center this Friday, October 12th to discuss text book buy back. They will be making a video to help better explain text book buy backs, which will be finished soon. She will also be meeting with Sean Ahern on Wednesday, in the Marketing Department to discuss the logo that will be going around campus on National Election Day to unify campus wide voting. She is also meeting with Board member McGrath to discuss future improvements in advertising for students. She reported that she is continuing her work with Transportation and Safety chair White to develop the Safe Walker program, as their well as work on safety throughout Oakland.

1. **Zoe Samudzi**

Board member Samudzi announced that two projects she has been working on are currently on hold at the moment, as she is waiting to receive responses. In the mean while she has been working with AIDemocracy on trying to get Administration to sign on to the workers’ rights resolution they have created. The resolution will be announced later in the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations chair Nites announced that budgets are due Friday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m. and the hearings will be Sunday, November 4th.

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs chair Stavrakos announced that he will be meeting with Dean Humphrey next week to talk about the possibility of creating more study spaces within the Union that students can utilize. He reported that the committee continuing their work on auditing classes to see which ones fall under the General Education requirements category, as well as working with the course catalog to get syllabi added to course descriptions.

1. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Community Outreach chair Mallampalli announced that PMADD is less than three weeks away. She also announced other community volunteer ideas that are available for students who were not able to sign up for PMADD.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Elections chair Brown announced that packets went out on Monday, and if any one has any questions they should talk to her.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONS**

Environmental Relations chair Meyer reported that her committee is continuing their work with recycling initiatives around South Oakland and that they will not be holding a meeting next week.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Governmental Relations chair Beecher followed up on moving the polling locations to the William Pitt Union, which what Board member Genus had mentioned earlier and also announced that the voter ID bill will not be going into effect this election. He reminded everyone that the Governmental Relations Committee blog is now up and running. He announced that the College Republicans and Democrats have scheduled a student debate on October 24th at 9:00 p.m. He also reminded everyone that his committee meets every Wednesday at 8:30 pm and anyone who is interested in joining are encouraged to come by.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Judicial chair Crawford had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Public Relations chair Held reported that they will be finalizing the newsletter within the next couple of weeks. She also reported that she will be working with Elections chair Brown to create a centralized social media campaign marketing initiative to engage underclassmen students and to increase voter turnout for the SGB election.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

Transportation and Safety chair White reminded everyone that if this is your first time voting you are required to show ID. He also announced that the crime in Oakland has decreased between 2010 and 2011. Finally he announced that Port Authority has made a change to the 71C route.

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

**#7252 Club Golf Team - $1,586.20**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7254 Russian Student Association - $1,532.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,400.00 and to deny $132.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7255 Musical Theater Club - $638.60**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $638.60.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7256 The African Music & Dance Club - $1,307.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,307.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7259 Pitt Mock Trial - $1,181.71**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $947.44 and to deny $234.27.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7260 Engineers for Sustainable Medical Development - $1,884.23**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,884.13 and to deny $0.10.

The request was postponed.

**#7261 Hindu Students Council - $4,319.73**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $3,740.73 and to deny $579.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7262 Engineers without Borders - $705.65**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7263 Session: Middle East - $4,261.20**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7265 CLASA - $12,792.61**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $2,961.79 and to deny $9,830.82.

 The motion was seconded.

 The motion did not carry.

 The Board recommendation was to approve $4,276.99 and to deny $8,515.62.

 The motion was seconded.

 The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

Board Member Samudzi introduced Resolution 0018, which endorses the movement of improving workers’ rights and their conditions. The resolution will be tabled for one week.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was a motion to accept Resolution 0017.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Mary, a volunteer with Boys and Girls Club of Shadyside which provides after school care to the children of low income families, announced that they are having a race to benefit their organization this Saturday and they are in need of volunteers. If anyone is interested they should speak to her after the meeting.

Trisha, the president of Rainbow Alliance, invited everyone to the Safer Sex workshop with Allen Jones which the will be having on Thursday October 4th. They will also be holding Free HIV testing during the workshop. She also announced that they are holding their Coming Out Week next week, where they will be holding different events.

Nina, the president of Model UN, announced that they have an in house conference on October 15th, and anyone is welcome to come by and join the debate.

Maria, an intern from PennPerg, thanked everyone for the continuous support of their organization.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Landreneau spoke on behalf of Sean Zajdel, who is starting his Butterfly Project to honor his sister who passed away four years ago. They are trying to raise $10,000 for a scholarship fund at the university.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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