

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
MINUTES
October 25, 2011**

I. ROLL CALL

President Stieber called the meeting of October 25, 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, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, Transportation and Safety, and Webmaster were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 18, 2011 were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stieber hoped that anyone who participated in PMADD on Saturday had a really good time. It was the largest registration that they have had and there was a very large turnout also. She stated how proud she was of the student body as a whole.

She also reported that if you went to the Sleep In for the Homeless to get some community service hours, she is really sorry that it didn't end up being an actual sleep-in overnight. On Wednesday, the Mayor's Office contacted Community Human Services and told them that the event couldn't occur overnight because it is illegal to sleep in city parks. She is hoping that they will be able to get it worked out for next year. She also encouraged anyone who is looking for ways to get involved with the community, Community Human Services is a really wonderful non-profit organization in Pittsburgh.

She also reported that on Friday, October 28, 2011, there will be a march at 11:30 a.m. The schools involved so far are Pitt, CCAC, and the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. It is part of Occupy Pittsburgh.

IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Ryan Gayman

Board member Gayman thanked everyone for filling the audience and showing support at tonight's meeting. He reported that PMADD was on October 22, 2011

and they are slowly receiving not only everyone's feedback from the day, but also photos which they will be uploading on the website www.pitt.edu/~pmadd very soon. He thanked everyone for attending this event.

He also reported that he wanted to do a little of a clarification for an article that was in The Pitt News today regarding a meeting that Board member Landreneau, Board member Zimmerman, President Steiber, and he had last night with 12 different club sports. The meeting was to talk about the use of various facilities on campus. He does not want people to get the image that they are going directly to Athletics, or trying to pick a fight with Athletics. They are not who the audience is in this discussion, as perceived in The Pitt News article. He stated that what it is about is going through Intramurals, which is now under the division of Student Affairs and Student Life under Dean Humphrey. This is an issue of Intramurals and not an issue of Athletics.

B. John Hasley

Board member Hasley reported that he is still waiting on final confirmation from the city's Traffic Department which is part of the Public Works Department regarding one of the projects he has been working on this semester. It entails getting all or some of the Pitt Shuttle stops marked with signs. Once they do get final approval, they will be moving forward on this through the Transportation Department. They have about 5 stops at this point that are marked where they can put signs. Hopefully, once they implement those they will be able to find other locations of stops where they can put signs that would advise students where the buses pick up and drop off students.

C. Emily Hoover

Board member Hoover reported that they will be having their next Food Committee meeting this Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Perch at noon. If you are interested in coming, please bring suggestions about how to make your eating experience better.

She also reported that this Thursday, October 27, 2011, she will be having a meeting with Dr. Brooks about the Eco-Rep program and the possibility of having one of those here at the University of Pittsburgh. If you are interested in that or have any questions, feel free to come and talk to her.

She congratulated Matt Oger from Pitt Program Council, as well as Board member Landreneau, for putting on a really good event yesterday. It was a very good chance for student leaders across campus from different organizations to get together and talk about different ways they can all work together to make our experience better here at the University of Pittsburgh. She stated that she was sitting at a table with different cultural organizations, including the African Student Organizations and the Indian Sub-continent Association. They discussed

trying to have a campus- wide cultural week where different cultural organizations come together. She stated she is going to try working on that in the upcoming weeks. If you are interested or you have an organization that you think would be interested in participating, please come speak to her. She is hoping to have a meeting about that soon.

She also reported that Alcohol Awareness Week was a success.

D. Lauren Jentleson

Board member Jentleson reported that this week she sat down with Kenyan Bonner of Student Life and they talked about the Bike Share program and kind of revamping it and bringing it down to lower campus. However, she will be meeting with him again next week along with Board member Landreneau, Facilities, and Intramurals. They are really looking for support from the student body. Tomorrow she will be posting on Facebook and also Twitter, the link to the Bike Share survey with a few quick questions about it like how you will feel about having it, what you will be willing to pay to rent the bikes for the day, etc. She would really appreciate it if you can fill it out so that they can get support and be able to get this program moving.

E. James Landreneau

Board member Landreneau reported that today at 5:00 he had a meeting with Dean Humphrey, Dr. Brooks, and the OCC coordinator Scott Hoffman, along with two members of the OCC committee. They talked about finalizing a day for the first induction to the OCC Honorary Society. If anyone has any questions about the OCC and how to complete it, you can talk to him after the meeting. He stated that the set date for the first induction is going to be Friday, December 2, 2011.

He also reported that at last night's event, six Board members came along with fifty-one leaders from different organizations. If your student organization was not there and you would like to be part of this event later, he is hoping that this will be a continuing thing on a semester basis. He stated that he is in the process of making a Facebook page for student groups to collaborate with one another on different events. If you would like to be a part of that, you can come and speak to him after the meeting.

He reported that he was approached about having a Tobacco Awareness Week the third week in November, since it is Lung Cancer Awareness month. If anyone is interested in helping out with that, please come see him.

F. Matthew Riehle

Board member Riehle reported that November 17th is when the SGB election will be held, and he reminded everyone to talk to their organizations and get their

members to vote. He asked groups to allow slates to come and speak at their meetings as well.

G. Zach Weber

Board member Weber had no report.

H. Alex Zimmerman

Board member Zimmerman reported that last week was National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. There was tabling in Towers Lobby as well as people walking around campus in Red Solo cups to advertise the event. One of the focuses of Alcohol Awareness Week this year is the responsible action protocol which is new policy at Pitt that was motivated by the state legislature. This allows students to call for medical help if their friend is experiencing an alcohol related problem, without allowing the university to pursue judicial action against them. Police cannot pursue legal action against students as long as they cooperate.

He also reminded students that he has been working on the Graduate Exam Resource Center in the library, which will provide practice test materials to students for free. He has been with Fern Brody, one of the librarians to set up a website so that it is easier to access the materials. This website, which tells you where the books are is pitt.libguides.com/examprep.

He also thanked Kate Malekoff, the PMADD chair this year, for all her hard work in organizing everything this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, reported that the library now has extended hours on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. She reminded students that this is last week for extended library hours. She encouraged people to stop by between these hours so the library can continue to stay open this late.

B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported that the spring budgets will be due Thursday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. The budget hearings will begin on November 3rd. Groups that did not receive emails from their liaisons regarding budget hearings should speak with him after the meeting. There will be no regular Allocations Committee meeting on November 3 due to budget hearings, so any group submitting supplemental requests should do so before this meeting so that they will be reviewed in time. Also, Allocations Committee applications are now

available. They are located in the SGB office. These applications are due Monday, November 21st.

C. ELECTIONS

Elections chair Kari Rosenkaimer, reported that on Sunday, October 23rd, she held the “How to Run a Successful Campaign,” which went very well. Campaigning will begin on Friday, October 28th, they will be emailing organizations to see if they are allowed to come in and talk to them about their slates. She asks organizations to allow slates to come and speak to organizations. She also asked everyone to vote on November 17th.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that the Students’ Sustainable Projects Committee has received many applications, and they will be having a public meeting this Thursday at 8 p.m.

E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Governmental chair, Kyle Miller, had no report.

F. JUDICIAL

Judicial chair, John Cole, reminded everyone that when an organization is given an opportunity to speak, they are limited to three minutes of open floor time, and John will be giving groups a warning at 30 seconds and 10 seconds.

He also reported that there will be a referendum this election to change the Constitution so students can vote for the entire Board at once instead of only being allowed to vote for five.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations chair, Zach Scheiner, reminded everyone to follow SGB on twitter at twitter.com/pittsgb.

H. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

There was no report.

I. WEBMASTER

There was no report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allocations Recommendations:

#6873 Pitt Men's Volleyball Club - \$800.00

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

#6878 Panther Paintball Club - \$900.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$450.00 and to deny \$450.00.
The motion was seconded.
The motion carried.

#6879 Panther Paintball Club - \$4,500.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$2,250.00 and to deny \$2,250.00.
The motion was seconded.
The motion carried.

#6881 Panther Paintball Club - \$5,400.00

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

#6882 Model United Nations - \$1,431.64

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$979.64 and to deny \$452.00.
The motion was seconded.
The motion did not carry.
The Board recommendation was to approve \$1,205.64 and to deny \$225.00
The motion was seconded.
The motion carried.

#6891 National Society of Black Engineers - \$3,580.00

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full
The motion was seconded.
The motion did not carry.
The Board recommendation was to approve \$1,563.57 and to deny \$2,016.43.
The motion was seconded.
The motion carried.

#6892 Habitat for Humanity - \$943.20

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Board member Gayman introduced Verna, a fellow at Global Solutions who is working with the issue of conflict minerals, specifically in the Congo. This will be Resolution 0015*, introduced by Board member Gayman and co-sponsored by Board member Zimmerman, and is attached to this document. This will be tabled for a week, and voted on by the Board at the meeting next week. If anyone is interested in showing their support for the resolution, Verna will discuss ways in which you can get involved.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Stieber announced that they will be voting on the amendments on the Elections Code. They will be voting on the changes individually; each amendment will be read and voted on.

Section 202 Candidate Qualifications:

202.01 Student status: All students must be a registered full-time, non-CGS student at the Oakland campus, and must be able to fulfill all duties as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws. The change to this section will be that the students must also be in good standing.

The motion carried.

202.04 Judicial Infractions: Candidates must disclose any university judicial infractions, as well as any outstanding legal proceedings to the Elections Committee chair and the SGB advisors, If anyone fails to do so, they will be excluded from the ballot. A candidate with any violation deemed unacceptable must meet with the Elections chair and SGB advisor before he/she can be placed on the ballot.

The motion carried.

Section 210 Slates:

210.04 Campaign Restrictions: Any candidates running as a slate may campaign together, but candidates running as a slate are not obligated to campaign together. However, they can support each other through verbal and electronic means. Slates cannot run with similar campaigns. Similar campaign materials include but are not limited to posters, tee-shirts, and flyers.

The motion did not carry.

Section 212 Posted Campaign Material:

212.03 Posting Restrictions: The use of sidewalk chalk used for campaigning are to only be used where they can be washed away by the environment and can't be used on areas walls, under cover areas or any of the paved areas around the Cathedral.

The motion carried.

Section 403 Adjudication:

403.03 Possible Sanction: They will be eliminating the wording that the invalidation of ballots at a number to be determined by the Elections committee as a possible sanction.

The motion did not carry.

IX. OPEN FLOOR

At 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 28, 2011, three Pittsburgh colleges, the University of Pittsburgh, CCAC, and the Art Institute, will be staging campus-wide walk outs. These will be in observation of the tuition hikes at post-secondary schools and for the high student loan rates. This event is in conjunction with the “Occupy Pittsburgh” movement. After the walk-out, students will be meeting at Schenley Plaza.

Trisha, from Rainbow Alliance, is working on a draft to make the room assignments for organizations much easier and efficient. All those students wishing to help, should contact her to do so.

Gordon Louderback announced a “Fright Night” event that will be held in Nordy’s Place, this Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Events scheduled will include: haunted hallways, bobbing for apples, costume contests, and more. This will be a free event.

Gina, a Pitt student, announced that they will be sponsoring “Adopt a Block.” They will be meeting on Forbes Avenue and McKee Place. This event will be held for those who would like to volunteer and clean the block.

Dr. Humphries congratulated Kate Malekoff and the rest of the PMADD committee on a job well done with this year’s event. Also, she reminded everyone that her office is open for anyone to stop in and talk about suggestions and any other concerns on campus.

Board member Landreneau announced that all students interested in starting a Food Club on campus should contact him, or attend the open food committee meetings.

Kate Malekoff thanked all those students involved with PMADD this day. She also announced that this year’s event was one of the best ever.

X. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Stieber thanked everyone for their involvement with PMADD this year.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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

*Resolution 0015 attached

RESOLUTION 0015

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
University of Pittsburgh

25 October 2011

Introduced by Board Member Ryan Gayman
Co-Sponsored by Board Member Alex Zimmerman

Whereas, the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo has claimed the lives of over six million people over the past decade;

Whereas, the aforementioned conflict is directly funded by the sale of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold-mineral, which are used in consumer products manufactured by electronics companies in the United States;

Whereas, Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act requires companies using these minerals to submit a “report describing, among other matters, the measures taken to exercise due diligence on the source and chain of custody of those minerals”;

Whereas, over sixty public and private universities nationwide have joined the movement to urge their electronics providers to ensure that their supply chains are “conflict-free,” with seven schools passing resolutions on the matter to date;

Whereas, the University of Pittsburgh holds substantive contracts with said electronics companies, including Apple, Dell, and Microsoft, which provide their products and services in significant quantities for the use of faculty and students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, On this 25 October 2011 that the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh recognizes the connection between electronics companies and the atrocities being committed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and implores the administration to support the conflict-free movement by advocating to their electronics providers the importance of adhering to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, and to formulate a strategy that will commit to purchasing verifiably conflict-free products where available for the University.

Ryan Gayman

Alex Zimmerman