

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
MINUTES
October 4, 2011**

I. ROLL CALL

President Stieber called the meeting of October 4, 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 September 27, 2011 were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stieber greeted everyone. She reported that Board and Presidential packets are now out. She encouraged people to come and check them out. She explained that for Board you will need to get 200 signatures and for President you will need to get 250 signatures. The rest of the information is in the packets and they are self-explanatory. She stated that if you are interested in running you should really sign one of the packets out soon. Kari Rosenkaimer, the Elections chair, will remind you when the due dates are at every meeting.

She also reported that PMADD registration is full; they have had 4,000 people register. If you are still interested in community service and giving back, the Community Human Service Office is holding their annual Sleep in for the Homeless on Friday, October 21, 2011. Events for that program will start at 6:30 p.m. She stated that Pitt is actually the largest sponsor of the event. Chief of Staff and Vice Chancellor for Community and Governmental Relations Renny Clark is co-hosting the event. She stated that if anyone is interested please let her know and she will be able to get you the information for that event. She is hoping to get someone from the CHS to come to meeting and give more information about the event. The event will be in Schenley Plaza, so it will still be on Pitt's campus. She really encouraged everyone to participate in this event.

President Stieber reported that SGB hosted the P.A.S.S. Conference this past weekend. The conference was a phenomenal experience. Pitt and SGB did a wonderful job of showing the other state-related schools what Pitt has to offer and why we are the amazing university that we are. She stated that they were able to get a lot accomplished, discussed a lot of house bills going through and things going on in Harrisburg, and discussed the state appropriations. They also discussed how they are going to plan on addressing that next semester. She stated that the conference was

very productive and she looks forward to seeing what this organization will be able to do in the future.

IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Ryan Gayman

Board member Gayman reported that if you have signed up for PMADD, remember that October 22 is quickly approaching. He also reported that he was at the Board of Trustees Committee for Facilities and Property Management meeting. He stated that the meeting dealt with a lot of lease agreements and such, but one thing he wanted to tell everyone about was the demolition that was going on at 121 University Place. This is now going to be the site for a new freshman dorm. This site will also have vendor space, but it will also have all facilities for Student Health. It is going to be LLD certified making it a green space. He stated that he is very excited to see it actually begin construction. He also reported that Board member Landreneau and he have been meeting with various sports organizations about using fields and spaces. He stated that if you are a Pitt Club sports team and you are interested in joining these conversations, please contact either one of them.

B. John Hasley

Board member Hasley reported that he has made progress on his Pitt Shuttle signs project. The man that he is working with at the Department of Public Works has approved 5 shuttle stops for the installation of signs. Those are located at Ruskin and Bayard, Dithridge and Bayard, North Craig St., Trees Hall, and Forbes and Oakland. This man has the authority to approve them for implementation as far as jurisdiction goes, but he is also helping with getting the approval of the Traffic Department, who must also sign off on this project. He reported that once the Traffic Department is on board he will be working with the Transportation Department as far as the actual installation of this project goes.

C. Emily Hoover

Board member Hoover reported on the Eco Reps and the Green Team. She stated that Gordon Louderback, a member of the Green Committee, who has been working with her, was able to go to an Eco Reps training session at Carnegie Mellon. It is the program that they are trying to get here on our campus. She stated that he gained a lot of good feedback to add to their research. She stated that she has a meeting with Dr. Brooks and Melissa Werthen of Residence Life to talk about the possibility of implementing the Eco Reps here at Pitt on Thursday,

October 6, 2011. She also reported that they had their second Food Committee meeting of the semester. She encouraged everyone to attend these meetings, stating that the next meeting will be next Friday, October 14, 2011. She reported that from student feedback the cheese whiz machine is back in Market Central. She also stated that there will be a Mystery Shopper program this year, and if you are interested, please speak with her after the meeting. She also reported that Board member Landreneau, Board member Zimmerman, and she will be meeting with the Alcohol Task Force on Friday. She has been collecting stories, which they will be using in terms of tragic accidents that happened to college students in regards to alcohol abuse. She stated that if you have any ideas or stories please feel free to contact her. They will be using these stories, for a campaign on campus during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

D. Lauren Jentleson

Board member Jentleson had no report.

E. James Landreneau

Board member Landreneau reported that November 6, 2011, which is Parents' Weekend, will be the first induction for what is going to be known as the OCC Honorary Society, which will be an Honor Society for completion of OCC. He also reported that he spoke with his new intern, Julie Hallinan, along with a few underclassmen, about serving with the guards, as well as the students, on the new electronic swipe-in system for guests in the residence halls. He stated that this system is now in Towers A, B, and C and also in Sutherland East and West. He is looking to get a full report for the head of Housing, Dr. Earle by the end of the month. He also reported that he is in the process of working with Board member Hoover to get a food cooking class or a history of food class offered here at Pitt. The only criterion is that it is not only time spent cooking, but that it is also educational. He stated he is looking for help with this project, so if anyone is interested please see him.

F. Matthew Riehle

Board member Riehle had no report.

G. Zach Weber

Board member Weber reported that his meeting with the director of Student Health went very well. The main thing they are working on is looking into having a University of Pittsburgh sponsored race at the end of the year. He stated that it would be something along the lines of a 5k or 10k, maybe something smaller. It would be meant to have fun and get the city to see that the campus is making efforts for HealthyU. He also reported that the New York Times/USA Today Readership Program that they are looking at the week of October 22 through the

30th to have a speaker come down to talk about some sort of pressing issue, such as social media.

H. Alex Zimmerman

Board member Zimmerman reported that they held the P.A.S.S. Conference this past weekend. He stated that he thought the conference was great and that it was great to meet their counterparts at Temple, Lincoln, and Penn State. One of the things they all agreed upon was to write a formal opposition to a House Bill that would make it more challenging for Pennsylvania students to vote. It would require students to have an ID issued by the state, but it was unclear whether this would include state-related student ID's. Kyle Miller, the Governmental Relations Chair, and he will be drafting their position on it. This will be one of the first pieces of legislation that the Pennsylvania Association of State Related Students is going to take.

He also reported that one of the things he will be working on for the rest of the year is to try and find a program that SGB can do to get student organizations to submit more requests for programming on campus. He stated that he believes this is one of the best ways that the student activities fee can be allocated, since it is available to all students and it fosters a greater sense of community. It also really drives students to be a part of an organization that they might not normally be a part of. He will be looking for input from both Board members and Allocations Committee members. He also reported that Board members Hoover and Landreneau, and he will be working with the Alcohol Task Force on a program for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which is in two weeks. If you have any ideas, such as ways to engage students but also be educational on Alcohol Abuse, please share them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, had a meeting with Dr. Gilbert from the Honors College this week to discuss expanding the courses offered to students. She also wants students to spread the news about the Brackenridge Scholarship which is for students interested in doing research projects. This scholarship is available during the school year as well as the summer, and if you receive the scholarship, the University will fund your research. She has also been talking to the head of Penn State's Academic Affairs office and they are looking to exchange ideas for future projects with all the P.A.S.S. schools. Finally, the library will now be closing at 12:00 p.m. on the weekends for the month of October.

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 be the following Thursday. If anyone is submitting an allocations request in early or mid-November, keep in mind that Allocations will not be meeting November 3rd. Allocations applications will be out next week and they will be due November 21st, which is the Monday before Thanksgiving break. There will be an interview process, but you will be receiving emails from Allocations before hearing about the interviews.

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 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, reported that the Students Sustainable Projects Committee now has a Facebook page, and a Twitter to keep you updated on what they are doing. The project proposal deadline will be October 14th, but they are going to be doing a rolling deadline so anyone can propose ideas at any time. Even if you have an idea for a proposal, let Becky Schroeder know, and possibly someone else can write up the proposal.

E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, thanked all the Board members, President Stieber and his fellow committee members with their help this past weekend. The committee will be doing a last minute push for voter registration this week. They are sending out resource packets to residents this week, because the voter registration deadline is next Tuesday. He also reminded everyone that there will be two elections in the upcoming year and the presidential primary is in April. He will be working with the Environmental Committee on a new trash pickup innovation, for everyone living in south Oakland. They will now be picking up trash on Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays.

F. JUDICIAL

Judicial chair John Cole reminded everyone that in this election they will also have the opportunity to vote on a referendum to elect eight Board members instead of five for the 2012 Board.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations chair Zach Scheiner reminded everyone to follow them on twitter.com/pittsgb.

H. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Transportation and Safety chair James Snow reported that his contact at the bike company got back to him with a price on the bike kiosk, and he will be talking to the Transportation Committee at Pitt to get it approved.

I. WEBMASTER

Webmaster Matt Schroeder had no report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allocations Recommendations:

#6834 Roller Hockey Club - \$565.38

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$519.48 and deny \$45.90.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6836 Active Minds - \$716.38

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6837 Quidditch Club of Pittsburgh - \$1,644.78

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6838 Parliamentary Debate - \$562.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6844 FeelGood - \$1,130.96

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6829 Engineers for a Sustainable World - \$689.20

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6848 PITT ASCE - \$2,785.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,915.00 and to deny \$870.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Stieber opened discussion on the Bylaws amendment from the previous week. Board member Landreneau asked if they could postpone the request so they can continue to discuss it further. The motioned was seconded. The motion carried.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR

Board member Landreneau reported that he, Becky Schroeder, and Seth Bush have been meeting since last summer and the Students for Nuclear Energy 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 Hasley spoke on behalf of Rainbow Alliance and announced that tomorrow evening they are bringing Lieutenant Dan Choy to speak about his experience in Iraq as a homosexual. The event will take place in Room 121 of David Lawrence Hall. Derek, the business manager of Rainbow Alliance, announced that this week is National Coming Out Week, and they will be holding events all week long. Aside from the event tomorrow night, they will be having a panel in the O'Hara dining room to discuss interactions in the work place. On Friday, they will be co-sponsoring a dance with WPTS.

Board member Weber let everyone know that if they wanted to get involved in Paint the Town Blue and Gold, it's not too late to help paint the businesses. They just need to stop by 140 Alumni Hall. It also looks like Pitt Program Council will be rescheduling the bonfire rally for next Wednesday.

Board member Hoover announced James Snow's birthday is this Saturday.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Stieber reminded everyone that election packets are due Monday, October 17st, slate forms are due Friday, October 21st and the mandatory information session will be Sunday.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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