

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
MINUTES
November 1, 2011**

I. ROLL CALL

President Stieber called the meeting of November 1, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hoover, Jentleson, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Board member Hasley was not present. Committee Chairs for Academic Affairs, Allocations, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, Transportation and Safety, and Webmaster were present. The Elections chair was excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 25, 2011 were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stieber announced that campaigns are now underway by SGB candidates. She urged all students who are receiving requests from the candidates to talk to their groups, to allow them to do so. Groups are eligible to endorse up to five Board member candidates and one Presidential candidate.

IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Ryan Gayman

Board member Gayman announced that two office spaces are now open at the O'Hara Student Center. Any student organizations interested in obtaining these spaces should contact him at ryanlg53@gmail.com

B. John Hasley

There was no report.

C. Emily Hoover

Board member Hoover reported that she met with Melissa Warden and Amy from ResLife about the EcoReps program. The group is looking for a time, place, and

department to coordinate the program. She has also been working with Sony Rane, from Dining Services, to help with the project. The program will engage the Green Team and residence halls on campus.

Also, next week is National “Veg Week” which celebrates and brings awareness to vegetarian lifestyles. A training session will be held this Friday, November 4 at 12 noon, across from QuickZone. The program will consist of ways of eating a diet that is full of healthy foods in sustainable ways.

The Food Committee meeting was held last Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Perch. The committee set a “Meet the Candidates” day for November 14, 2011 at Market Central.

The next Food Lover’s meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 5 p.m. The theme will encompass a vegetarian way of eating.

D. Lauren Jentleson

Board member Jentleson reported that she met with Kenyon Bonner of Student Life and they talked about the Bike Share program and revamping it and bringing it to lower campus. They plan to start it in March 2012.

E. James Landreneau

Board member Landreneau announced that he is scheduling a meeting with Dean Humphrey to talk about and coordinate a new schedule to accommodate facility management/scheduling for intramural teams.

F. Matthew Riehle

Board member Riehle reported that the Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 would be a contest between students at Pitt and West Virginia University. He also reported that short video segments would be done on Board members and Presidential candidates introducing themselves and their platforms. These videos can be seen on TV’s in Tower’s Lobby and the dorms. Voting will be on November 17, 2011.

G. Zach Weber

Board member Weber reminded everyone about the Panther Readership Program, which grants students permission to view various national news sources, such as The New York Times and USA Today, on their my.pitt account. Also, representatives from each source will be on campus November 11, 2011.

H. Alex Zimmerman

Board member Zimmerman reported that applications for the Institute of Politics can be found in the SGB office. This program gives students a chance to intern at an office of an elected official. Applications are due by November 16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, reported that the library now has extended its hours by one hour throughout the whole week, and during midterm month in the spring of 2012.

B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported that the spring budgets were due Thursday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. The budget hearings will begin on November 3, 2011. No supplemental requests will be accepted for the November 3 meeting. Also, Allocations Committee applications are now available. They are located in the SGB office. These applications are due Monday, November 21st.

C. ELECTIONS

There was no report.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that there is a "Hydration Station" located on the main floor of the William Pitt Union. Schroeder talked to Jim Earle, from the Housing Department, and they are going to work out putting other stations around campus.

Chair Schroeder also announced that an environmental podcast is being started by her and a friend with WPTS. It will be held on Wednesdays. Any students wishing to see specific topics covered in these podcasts should contact her.

E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Governmental chair, Kyle Miller, reported that November 8, 2011 is Election Day. Candidates are running for some local positions, as well as County Executive County Controller, County Council and City Council. Students eligible to vote are reminded to do so. Also, the Governmental Relations committee is working to coordinate a letter to Senator Pat Toomey, urging him to not cut funding for higher education.

F. JUDICIAL

Judicial chair, John Cole, reported that there will be a referendum in 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 vote for SGB on November 17, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Also, he urged everyone to follow SGB on twitter at twitter.com/pittsgb.

H. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow, is happy to hear about the Bike Share program being instituted on campus. He thanked Board member Jentleson for all her hard work in coordinating the efforts.

I. WEBMASTER

There was no report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allocations Recommendations:

#6863 Strong Women, Strong Girls - \$889.24

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$689.24 and to deny \$200.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6897 Women's Water Polo Club - \$640.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$640.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6904 Pitt Women's Volleyball Club - \$1,358.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$704.00 and to deny \$654.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board's recommendation was to approve \$1,358.00 in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6906 Robotics and Automation Society - \$1,302.30

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,242.30 and to deny \$60.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President Stieber opened discussion for a new resolution, which deals with the Dignity and Respect Campaign. This will be Resolution 0016*, introduced by Board member Gayman, and is attached to this document. This will be tabled for a week, and voted on by the Board at the meeting next week.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Stieber announced that there will be vote on the resolution submitted at the previous meeting by Board member Gayman, and Co-sponsored by Board member Zimmerman. Board member Gayman stated that the resolution is recognition by the University of Pittsburgh to push forward toward the university becoming a conflict-free university, which would mean that technologies and minerals bought would come from clean, stable countries, and not those where conflict is involved. The motion was seconded by the Board. The motion carried.

IX. OPEN FLOOR

Matt, the Publicity Chair for the Rainbow Alliance, announced that this week's meeting will be a showing of the documentary, "Asexual." The organization will meet Thursday, November 3, 2011 in the Public Health building in room A115 at 8:45 p.m. Members will be meeting in the Union Lobby to take interested students over to the meeting.

X. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Stieber reminded all students to go and vote in the elections on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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

*Resolution 0016 attached

RESOLUTION 0016

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
University of Pittsburgh
1 November 2011

Introduced by Board Member Ryan Gayman
Co-Sponsored by Board Members James Landreneau, Emily Hoover,
Mathew Riehle, John Hasley, Lauren Jentleson, Zach Weber, and Alex
Zimmerman and President Molly Stieber

WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh is an academic institution that promotes the free expression and equal treatment of all students, staff, and faculty.

WHEREAS, the Pitt Promise of the University of Pittsburgh Student Code of Conduct states that “the University of Pittsburgh is committed to the advancement of learning and service to society. This is best accomplished in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility, self-restraint, concern for others, and academic integrity.”

WHEREAS, the Dignity and Respect Campaign has a mission to “unify under a shared belief that everyone deserves dignity and respect by encouraging behavioral change in individuals, communities, schools, and organizations.”

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that all of the Student Government Board’s decisions, advocacy, and allocations promote programming, events, teams, etc. that actively endure the dignity and respect of the entire student body.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 1 November 2011 that the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh, as the governing body of the non College of General Studies undergraduate students of the University, do hereby endorse the Dignity and Respect Campaign and take the pledge that we will “treat everyone with dignity and respect” to ensure that all decisions made on behalf of the Student Government Board promote the inclusion of all students and their equal treatment and respect.

Ryan Gayman
Emily Hoover

James Landreneau

Matt Riehle
Lauren Jentleson

John Hasley

Zach Weber
Molly Stieber

Alex Zimmerman