**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**November 16, 2010**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Shull called the meeting of November 16, 2010 to order at 8:45 p.m. Board members, Gau, Hasley, O’Leary, Petrone, Paiewonsky, Rezaeian, and Stieber were present. Committee Chairs: Academic Affairs – Zimmerman, Allocations - Grau, Elections - Wickenden, Environmental - Schroeder, Judicial – Krzywonos, Public Relations - Wallis.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of November 9, 2010 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Shull reported that there will be no meeting on November 23rd. Additionally the Board has been charged with the responsibility of selecting a student to serve on the search committee for the Dean of the Honor’s College to replace recently deceased Dr. Alex Stewart. The Board has selected Alex Zimmerman as the student representative. Lastly the President had a meeting last night with the Pittsburgh Student Government Council at City Council offices. He read his report from that meeting.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no submitted agenda items.

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

There was no report.

1. **David Gau**

For the next few weeks, Board member Gau will be working on getting Pitt ranked higher in the Princeton Review. The Review gave Pitt the ranking of the 8th happiest students in the country. Gau is putting up flyers to attract attention and, hopefully, get students to go to survey.review.com to take a 10 to 15 minute survey. The survey is due February 1st, 2011.

1. **John Hasley**

There was no report.

1. **Kieran O’Leary**

Board member O’Leary reported that SGB mailed out 6,200 voter guides

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1. **Laura Paiewonsky**

Board member Paiewonsky reported that SGB is opening up space to allow students an area to study during the week before finals. More details will be given closer to the end of the term.

1. **David Petrone**

There was no report.

1. **Sam Rezaeian**

There was no report.

1. **Molly Stieber**

Board member Stieber reported that the textbook buy back idea is on schedule and should be submitted by the end of this semester and, hopefully will be in effect next semester.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chair Zimmerman reported that he is trying to get student organizations involved in getting more general education requirements fulfilled. The next Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council meeting will be the week after Thanksgiving.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair Grau reported that applications for the Allocations Committee are available in the SGB office and applications are due by November 19, 2010.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Wickenden thanked those who came to the debate. She added that if someone believes that something is in violation of the Elections Code, please contact her through email, lenawickenden@gmail.com. The procedure is to prepare a write up of what the violation is, and provide proof of violation (witness, picture, etc.). She also noted that Thursday is the election and 2011’s Board will be announced around 8:05-8:10pm.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Chair Schroeder asked the audience how many know of the SSPC of the Student Sustainable Project. She then briefly spoke about the nine person committee. Projects have been selected, and the deadline to turn in projects will be Friday, November 19, 2010.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

There was no report.

1. **JUDICIAL**

There was no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Chair Wallis reported that the Public Relations Committee is doing an advertising campaign about the Student Activity Fee. The second newsletter will be out this December.

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

**#6489 Delta Sigma Pi-$653.66**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

A motion was made to amend to allow two delegates.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was amended.

A motion was made to approve $326.84.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

A motion was made to approve the process for fall 2010 budget appeals.

The motion was seconded.

There was discussion surrounding the process for approving budgets for this fall.

The motion carried.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resident Student Association**

A motion was made to approve RSA’s budget.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Environmental Chair Schroeder commented that Pittsburgh City Council voted to ban the practice of natural gas drilling within the city limits.

Public Relations Chair Hyla Wallis spoke about the resources at the Career Development Office. Also, Delta Epsilon Iota will be starting open enrollment. Any questions should be directed to Hyla Wallis.

A representative from Student Organizations on Campus will be having a Day of Action. More will be discussed at their meeting tomorrow at 8:30pm.

Board member O’Leary suggested different ways to promote events.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Shull commented that he went to Harrisburg to talk about the Pennsylvania State wide Student Association.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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