

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
MINUTES
November 8, 2011**

I. ROLL CALL

President Stieber called the meeting of November 8, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hoover, Jentleson, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Board member Hasley was absent. Board member Landreneau was excused. 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 November 1, 2011 were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stieber asked that everyone really pay attention to Elections Chair Kari Rosenkaimer when she gives her report in which she will be talking about a lot of important elections information. She remarked on how great a job she has been doing with this election, along with the Public Relations chair Zack Scheiner. She also thanked Shawn Ahearn and Marketing for the Division of Student Affairs, who filmed the candidates. You will be able to see videos about the candidates for this election. She hoped that everyone went out and voted today. If you didn't get to this time, she encouraged everyone to register to vote. She also reported on Vice President Biden's visit to Pitt last Friday. She stated how amazing an experience it was and that it said a lot about Pitt.

IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Ryan Gayman

Board member Gayman announced that he wanted everyone to go to the Student Life YouTube page and look at the PMADD video. He also reported that if your student organization has not received an email from SORC about an opening in the O'Hara Student Center for office space, please contact him. His contact information is online.

B. John Hasley

Board member Hasley had no report.

C. Emily Hoover

Board member Hoover reported that today at 5:00pm they had the second meeting of the Food Club. It was from 5:00 to 6:00pm and lead by Head Chief Matt. This meeting focused on vegetarianism because it is National Veg Week. Free the Planet will be tabling throughout the week in Towers asking people to Pledge to Go Veg. If you do, you get a \$5.00 falafel sandwich from Lena's or an OTY from Red Oak. She stated that she has reached out to the Student Diabetics Association, so they have been helping out with that also.

She reported that she will be meeting with Rachel Myers later this week to talk to her about whether or not she will have some time to possibly coordinate an EcoReps programs, or at least help out with that.

She also reported that the Food Committee will be having a meeting on Friday at 1:00pm in the Union. If you are interested, just come and talk to her.

D. Lauren Jentleson

Board member Jentleson had no report.

E. James Landreneau

Board member Landreneau had no report.

F. Matthew Riehle

Board member Riehle had no report.

G. Zach Weber

Board member Weber reported that President Steiber and he will be meeting with the representatives from the Panther Readership Program on Friday at 1:00pm.

President Stieber commented stating that as soon as the new Board and President are elected, they will be finalizing what will be the fate of the Panther Readership Program. They are getting everything set up for that at the meeting this week and they plan to have them back sometime after Thanksgiving to get the new Board acquainted with the success of the program.

H. Alex Zimmerman

Board member Zimmerman reported that Board member Gayman and he met with the Dean of Students and Vice Provost Kathy Humphrey early today and one of the things they talked about was making all of the things in Nordy's, like the pool tables, ping pong tables, games, etc., free. They will be working on this with Kenyon Bonner, who oversees the budget of these activities. They are hoping to do that as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs chair, Pooja Patal, had no report.

B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported that if you did submit a spring semester budget, they will be having appeal hearings. You can pick up your budget in the Allocations Office and they will go over it with you. You can make a copy in SORC. You can also sign up for appeals. The appeals will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2011 starting at 11:00 am. You can pick a time slot, but if a certain number of groups do not sign up, you might be reassigned a time slot. If this is the case, he will send you an email.

He also reported that Allocations committee applications are available. If you know anyone who is interested or you are interested, come up to the SGB office, 848 WPU, and pick up an application. Applications are due on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 5:00pm. That is the Monday before we go on Thanksgiving break.

C. ELECTIONS

Elections chair, Kari Rosenkaimer, reported on elections week. She reported that this Friday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Perch, there will be the first Meet the Candidates event. On Monday, Pitt's radio station, WPST, will be doing their radio presidential debate. On Tuesday before public meeting at 7:30pm, SGB will be holding their presidential debate at Nordy's. On Wednesday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in Market Central, the second Meet the Candidates information session will be held. On Thursday on Elections day, there will be voting stations at three different locations throughout campus where you can vote in the Student Government Board elections. From 9:00am to 11:00am they will be in Towers Lobby, from 11:00am to 3:00pm they will be Sutherland right outside of the Perch, and from 5:00pm to 7:00pm they will be inside Market Central. She encouraged everyone to please vote on November 17, 2011.

President Stieber commented and stated that you can view all of the candidate's information on my.pitt.edu. Even though they have voting stations set up, you can still vote all day on my.pitt.edu. The polling stations will have paper copies of the

platforms and candidate information, but they will also be online. On November 15th, everyone will be able to start viewing the candidates and their profiles on my.pitt.edu.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental Chair Schroeder announced that the first environmental podcast will be recorded this Wednesday, and will be held on the WPTS website. The show will be held on Wednesdays. Any students wishing to see specific topics covered in these podcasts should contact her.

Chair Schroeder also announced that she met with Dan Marsico, the University Sustainability Coordinator, about setting up more Hydration Stations around campus.

E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Governmental chair, Kyle Miller, reported that he is now focusing his attention toward the presidential primary elections this upcoming April. He encouraged students to register to vote and learn about the candidates. Also, Chair Miller announced that a Governmental Relations blog will be started soon. Chair Miller announced that the Governmental Relations committee has started writing letters to Senator Toomey about the deficit funding.

F. JUDICIAL

There was no report.

President Stieber reminded everyone to vote for the referendum.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations chair, Zach Scheiner, urged 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:

#6908 Alpha Phi Omega - \$750.68

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6907 Panther Women's Rugby - \$5,116.14

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,426.74 and to deny \$3,689.40.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Stieber announced that there will be a vote on Resolution 0016 submitted at the previous meeting by Board member Gayman, and co-sponsored by Board members James Landreneau, Emily Hoover, Mathew Riehle, John Hasley, Lauren Jentleson, Zach Weber, and Alex Zimmerman and President Molly Stieber. Board member Gayman introduced Jesse, from UPMC, who spoke on behalf of the Dignity and Respect campaign. It is a nationwide initiative that creates a goal to treat everyone with dignity and respect. The motion was seconded by the Board. The motion carried.

IX. OPEN FLOOR

Kari Rosenkaimer, the Elections Chair, announced that there is a Student Government Board elections event on Facebook, which hosts all the information about this year's elections, procedures, candidates, etc.

Trisha, the President of Rainbow Alliance, announced that there will be a special guest speaker at this week's meeting. The speaker will be giving a presentation on what it is like to be an LGBT and Muslim. She encouraged all students to attend the meeting in the dining room of the O'Hara Student Center this Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 8:45 p.m.

Becky Schroeder, the Environmental Chair, announced that there will be a screening of the film, *Fresh*, at the Free the Planets weekly meeting at 9 p.m. on Thursday, November, 10, 2011, in 106 David Lawrence Center. This film is in observance of Veg Week.

Board member Zimmerman announced that Kyle Miller, Pooja Patel, and he met with Congressman Jason Altmire, for a few hours to chat about his Congressional record.

X. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

There were no remarks.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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