**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**November 9, 2010**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Shull called the meeting of November 2, 2010 to order at 8:45 p.m. Board members Bombatch, Gau, Hasley, O’Leary, Petrone, Paiewonsky, Rezaeian, and Stieber were present. Committee Chairs: Allocations-Grau, Elections-Wickenden, Environmental-Schroeder, Governmental Relations Chair-Jennings, Judicial-Krzywonos, Public Relations-Wallis. Academic Affairs- Zimmerman showed up at 8:53 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of November 2, 2010 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Shull reported that a representative from Chabad House had stopped in and asked him to speak about their event on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. They were funded from the Student Government Board to bring Tamir Goodman, the “Jewish Jordan” to speak outside of North Oakland. He is a professional basketball player that was drafted to play for a prestigious college team; however, he did not accept the offer because it was against his observance of Orthodox Judaism. If anyone is interested, they should talk to President Shull. President Shull will be canceling the meeting on the 23rd of November, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. President Shull completed performance reviews with Board member liaisons and their committees. This is something new that was instituted this year in which each committee chair has a Board member as a liaison and they meet bi-weekly with President Shull. They had a performance review last semester and had another this semester; it gages how the committee chairs are fulfilling their office hour’s obligation and committee chair projects to ensure we are doing the most we can for the students. We had seven out of seven chairs pass review and they have all been doing a great job.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

A spokesperson from Pen-Pirg spoke on behalf of US Pirg, which is a nationwide network of state based advocacy groups that work on a range of different issues dealing with increasing voter registration, to advocating further rights to consumers so they are not ripped off, to promoting a nationwide network of high speed rails. They will be having an information session on November 10, 2010 for job openings in campus organizing, and fellowship positions. She encouraged interested graduating seniors to talk to her after the meeting and that they will be interviewing people for the positions on Thursday, November 11, 2010.

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

There was no report.

1. **David Gau**

There was no report.

1. **John Hasley**

There was no report.

1. **Kieran O’Leary**

Board member O’Leary reported that the Elections Guide for next Thursday’s SGB election is on the SGB website. This year they will not be taking out an advertisement in *The Pitt News* for an Election Guide. Instead they will be printing their own copies, around 8,500. Seven thousand of them will be directly mailed to students on campus, and the other 1,500 will be on locations around campus not including resident halls. They are doing this because they wanted the Elections Guide to be available to students for a whole week rather than having it run for one day in *The Pitt News*. Hopefully, this will help drive informed voters and increase the voter turnout this year. President Shull reported that this tactic will also be saving $2,400.00 of student activity money.

1. **Laura Paiewonsky**

Board member Paiewonsky reported that there are no real updates as of yet with the reservations program. She met with Chris Chergi at the end of last week, but there has been no real progress yet. Board members Rezaeian and Paiewonsky had another Food Committee meeting that was very productive. They discussed the Coffee Cart in Victoria Hall, and possibly expanding it, and moving it to the front and expanding its hours of operation. This would benefit the students living in Lothrop Hall. They also discussed extending hours of the Cathedral Café that now closes at 6 o’clock to a little bit later to catch the students getting out of class at that time. There will not be another Food Committee meeting for a couple of weeks, but at the next meeting, Jim Earle has asked us to discuss how they can use social media to get news and events to students. If anyone has any suggestions, please talk either to Board members Rezaeian or Paiewonsky before their next meeting.

1. **David Petrone**

There was no report.

1. **Sam Rezaeian**

Board member Rezaeian reported that mystery shoppers are looking for volunteers to go in to Quick Zone, Market, Market-to-Go, and other on-campus facilities to check on their satisfaction level. Anybody interested should contact him. Also, November 3rd is the Helping Hand’s Food Bank all proceeds go to the Pittsburgh Community and Food Bank. Anyone can donate dining dollars or cash.

1. **Molly Stieber**

Board member Stieber reported that she and her intern, Natalie, have been working on a proposal that will deal with the textbook buyback process to improve it and possibly get greater buybacks.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chair Zimmerman reported that he is working to get more general education classes for Arts and Sciences. He is meeting with Reed Andrews who is the current chair of the Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council. He wants to get more courses to meet these general education requirements.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Budgets were completed last weekend, and appeals will be held this Sunday night. The appeal sheet is officially available in the Allocations office. Secondly, applications to join the committee next year are available now. For chair, they will be due Friday, November 19th at 5pm. For committee, they will be due Monday, November, 22nd by 5pm. If anyone is interested in joining Allocations, stop by 848 William Pitt Union to pick up an application.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Elections information is now available on the portal. Everyone is only allowed to vote for five Board candidates this semester, and one candidate for president. Banners are going to be due in the SGB office tomorrow at noon, and they will be hanging by Thursday. Monday, November 15th is going to be “Meet the Candidates” in Market Central. It’s going to start at 8:00 pm. Tuesday, November 16th is the Presidential Debate at Nordy’s and will start before meeting. All endorsement forms are due by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 17th. Thursday, November 18th is the election on my.pitt.edu from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The 2011 Board will be announced around 8:05pm after the votes are tallied.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Chair Schroeder reported that the Pitt Green Fund is looking for new ideas to help clean up the campus and make it more environmentally sound. The deadline for projects to be submitted has been extended to November 19th. Talk to her to submit ideas or go to pittgreenfund.com.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

There was no report.

1. **JUDICIAL**

There was no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

A resolution has been extended for two organizations that are using *The Pitt News* for advertisement. The money is being allocated from the Student Government Board. *The Pitt News* is on board for the resolution. A general awareness campaign is being started in the residence halls, in the Union, and some outdoor advertising of some kind. The advertising is to let students know what SGB is and how it functions.

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

There were no allocation requests due to moratorium.

1. **New Business**

There was no New Business.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**#6456 Campus Crusade for Christ - $6,870.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hayla Wallis spoke as a representative from Career Development. If anyone has questions about the Career Development office, they should speak to her after the meeting. They have extended their office hours and virtual walk-in hours. A representative from *For The Planet* said they have an event called Fair Trade Café coming up. This event will explain why fair trade is sustainable.

Clarifications were made by Allocations chair Grau on disbursement of funds to different groups/organizations.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Shull announced that he will be a teacher in Philadelphia through Teach for America next year.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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