**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**December 7, 2010**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Shull called the meeting of December 7, 2010 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Bombach, Gau, Paiewonsky, Petrone, Rezaeian, Stieber, O’Leary, and Hasley were present. Committee Chairs: Academic Affairs – Zimmerman, Allocations - Grau, Elections – Wickenden, Environmental - Schroeder, Governmental Relations – Jennings, Judicial – Krzywonos, Public Relations – Wallis were present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of November 30, 2010 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The President's Report will be reserved for President’s Remarks.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

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

There was no report.

1. **David Gau**

There was no report.

1. **Laura Paiewonsky**

Board member Paiewonsky reminded everyone that there would be Study with SGB hours held Saturday, December 11, 2010 and Sunday, December 12, 2010 from 2-4 pm.

1. **David Petrone**

Board member Petrone reported that he attended the Alcohol Task Force meeting the previous week.

Board member Petrone spoke about Black Out Day, which will be held next semester in mid-February, which will be a day of remembrance for all of those who have died in drunk driving accidents or other alcohol related accidents.

1. **Sam Rezaeian**

There was no report.

1. **Molly Stieber**

Board member Stieber also spoke about Black Out Day. She stated that it is an event that is being put on by Chatham University and occurring sometime in February. She also stated that she is hoping to work with the Pittsburgh Student Government Council in order to get all the universities to participate in the event in order to raise awareness.

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1. **Kieran O’Leary**

Board member O’Leary reported that he attended that ITEC Committee meeting, which is a committee of people from Student Affairs, CSSD, and the departments’ technology staff who get together to try to make students’ lives easier through technology. He reported that one thing they reported was that sometime this month they are going to reveal the new Student Affairs website, which is now a lot better and more accessible than before.

1. **John Hasley**

There was no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chair Zimmerman reported that he is disappointed that he is unable to announce any progress in new courses fulfilling General Education requirements, but that he is formally announcing that he will be presenting to the Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council on Friday, December 10, 2010. He looks forward to making that announcement next semester.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair Grau reported that the final Allocations Committee meeting for the year will be held on Thursday December 9, 2010 and that if you have any pressing requests to get them in before that date. He also stated that they might handle them over Christmas break via email vote, but they would most likely get pushed back until the next Allocation Committee meeting.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Wickenden reported that since she was not in attendance at the Board meeting last week she would just like to extend her thanks for a great election. If anyone is interested in becoming the Elections Chair for next year, please feel free to contact her at sgb.elections@gmail.com.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Chair Schroeder reported that she attended the University Senate Sustainability Subcommittee meeting on Friday, December 3, 2010 where she got to tour the composter in Market Central. She then explained for those who didn’t know that Market Central actually composts. She also announced that the University’s Blue, Gold, and Green fair will be happening again this spring and is expected to be bigger than it was last year.

Chair Schroeder also reported that the Students Sustainable Projects Committee first project is now underway. She stated that she proposed this project to put aerators of .5gpm (gallons per minute) instead of 2.2gpm (which they currently are) in Tower C. She also stated that a test floor of those aerators has already been done and, assuming that that goes well within 2-3 months, all of Tower C will have those aerators.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Chair Jennings reported that although this will be her last meeting as an official member of Student Government Board, she plans on working with outgoing President Shull and she will be meeting with the incoming Board regarding Pitt Day in Harrisburg. Pitt Day in Harrisburg is a huge event coming up in March. Chair Jennings stated that she will be happy to share some of the things that they did last year to make it successful and to get more students to attend.

1. **JUDICIAL**

There was no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Chair Wallis reported that by tomorrow, December 8, 2010, the second newsletter for the semester will be printed and also that the outline for further newsletters to come will be printed in hopes that this will continue in the upcoming semester.

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

**#6515 Women’s Fast Pitch Softball Club-$1,162.50**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6520 Free the Planet-$634.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6521 Ambassadors for Christ-$2,170.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $1,240.00 and deny $930.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6522 Panther Bowling Club-$2,360.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,680.00 and deny $680.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6523 Ski Team-$1,685.91**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,365.91 and deny $320.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6524 Ski Team-$2,193.50**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $913.50 and deny $1,280.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6525 Ski Team-2,318.82**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1070.82 and deny $1248.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

A motion was made to approve**:**

Maria Bruno**,** Lisa Buono, Halim Genus, Roman Harlovic, Megan Ault, Natalie Rothenberger, Mike Nites, David Clark, Bryan Marco, Waqas Malick, Matt Weiss, and Ryan Reis as the new Allocations Committee.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hyla Wallis spoke about the Career Development Office. She announced that any seniors who are graduating are asked to come and speak to the Career Development Office before going to SEPA. Also, in January they will be holding an event called *The Winter Fest* which will have a concentration on juniors. It was also mentioned that the event will result in OCC credit.

Marv Roth, who was the former director of Career Development Head, let everyone know that there is a new department in Student Affairs that is called the Parent and Family Resource Department. He explained that this department reaches out to the parents and families of students to voice any concerns that they may have. He mentioned that there is a liaison which they can contact with any questions. Also, they will be posting a newsletter electronically monthly for parents to give them information on things that are going on campus and also to keep them updated on resources available. Anyone with any questions is encouraged to stop by the office which is located in Room 130 of William Pitt Union.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Shull reported that the Board will be passing on recommendations to the incoming Board regarding SGB By-laws revisions. The two largest recommendations to be given will be, first, to include the SGB’s Code of Ethics as a permanent part of the By-laws, which are currently a voluntary agreement on behalf of the Board. Secondly, that this year’s performance reviews of Committee Chairs continue. In the past there have been complaints of Committee Chairs not fulfilling their duties. Instead of removing the Committee Chair altogether, a new approach was tried in which performance reviews took place and where the duties were discussed with each Chair and determined whether or not these duties were completed. If the President found that the Chair did not comply with these duties, they would be removed from their position.

President Shull also reported about *Pitt Day* in Harrisburg. He stated that Student Government Board travels to Harrisburg to lobby on behalf of student appropriations. University of Pittsburgh is one of four state institutions which receive some state funding. He explained that state-related funding meant that we receive partial appropriations from the Commonwealth and that about 10% of our budget comes from the Commonwealth. President Shull stated that that number has been decreasing almost every year since the 1960’s. He explained the parts of the University’s budget and how, if one part shrinks, the budget needs to be made up by the other parts. He explained that if the state appropriations shrink it usually means that tuition has to be raised in order to maintain the budget. He also explained the reasoning behind the tuition increase this year. President Shull also stated how tuition can be raised in the upcoming year. He stated that *Pitt Day* in Harrisburg is when they get a bus filled with students who travel to Harrisburg to talk to legislators to help University of Pittsburgh’s and their rising expenditures. He asked everyone to please help the Student Government Board in the upcoming year with this event.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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