**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**March 15, 2011**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of March 15, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Jentleson, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Committee Chairs for Academic Affairs, Allocations, Elections, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, Transportation and Safety and Webmaster were present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 1, 2011 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Stieber greeted everyone and reported that the meeting will be conducted differently. At 9:00 pm, the Board will be discussing Governor Corbett’s expected budget cuts.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

1. **BOARD REPORTS**
2. **Ryan Gayman**

Board member Gayman reported he met with the Director of Operations for Sodexo Todd Shonber, the General Manager for Sodexo Abdu Cole, and Corey Hawk of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. He stated that they are trying to create an initiative that will close the loop on food that is served here. He stated that every night a lot of food, e.g. from Einstein’s, is thrown away and that could be donated to food banks and battered women shelters throughout Oakland. He stated that he will be meeting with Corey Hawk to talk about how the Food Bank outside of Oakland will be able to use this food.

1. **John Hasley**

Board member Hasley had no report.

1. **Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover reported that she hoped this would encourage all students who had any ideas on more efforts for *Pitt Day in Harrisburg*. She stated that she met with Pat from PennPerg, who has an idea to create a virtual yearbook to display different people and the amount of debt they will be in after they graduate college. She said she still has to speak with him tomorrow during the letter writing campaign.

Board member Hoover also reported that she is still working on the Allocations FAQ sheet. She encouraged everyone to keep coming to her with their ideas and suggestions.

1. **Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson had no report.

1. **James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau reported that he is working on a new project that is to provide more legitimacy to the OCC website. He is in the process of trying to form an OCC Committee of students. He stated that if anyone was interested or knew anyone who was interested, to please see him after the meeting.

1. **Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle had no report.

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1. **Zach Weber**

Board member Weber reported that next, Thursday, March 24 from about 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., *USA Today* and *The New York Times* representatives will be on campus with them handing out buttons and pens. They will be doing this to advertise the fact that SGB was able to bring these papers free to students on campus, both as hardcopies and electronically through *my.pitt.edu*. They we be located most likely in Posvar Hall or the Union. He encouraged everyone to keep a look out for them next week.

1. **Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman had no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, stated that she sent emails to Academic Affairs chairs of other universities and is waiting on an open dialogue with those that responded.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Committee chair Bane thanked everyone who turned in a budget for the next fiscal semester. He reported that they will be reviewing those budgets from Thursday to Saturday, and that groups should know what their timeslots are if they signed up for one online. He stated that if you sign up for an appeal, you will receive your budget on Monday, March 21st by stopping by the SGB office and making a copy of your budget in SORC. You will be able to sign up for a time slot for appeals which will be held on Sunday, March 27th.

1. **ELECTIONS**

The Elections chair, Kari Rosenkaimer, reported that she will be having her committee meeting next week and that she has also been in contact with Mary Utter, who is in charge of Freshman Orientation week. She stated that they are trying to set up something that relates SGB to the freshmen to make them aware of the elections in the fall. She stated if anyone is interested in having anyone from the Elections Committee come out and talk about elections next fall, or if students are interested in becoming part of SGB, they can email her at [sgb.elections@gmail.com](mailto:sgb.elections@gmail.com).

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reminded everyone that Pitt is still participating in *Recycle Mania* and that it ends on Saturday, April 2nd. She encouraged students to recycle a lot before then.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, reported that *Pitt Day in Harrisburg* is April 5th and that registration is through Facebook or at [pittdayinhgb@eventbrite.com](mailto:pittdayinhgb@eventbrite.com). He reported that the College Democrats, College Republicans, and Pi Sigma Alpha will be hosting a gun panel on March 23rd in David Lawrence Hall at 8:30 p.m.

1. **JUDICIAL**

The Judicial chair, John Cole, had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Public Relations chair, Alex Amati, had no report.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

The Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow, reported that the Port Authority buses will start facing cuts Sunday, March 27th. He reported that the Committee and he will be working on a Rider’s Guide, which will keep everyone updated on where you can take new routes and what will be available. He encouraged everyone to attend *Pitt Day in Harrisburg.*

1. **WEBMASTER**

The Webmaster, Matt Schroeder, reported that the website should be completely up-to-date now, but that if anyone sees anything wrong, do not hesitate to email him at [webmaster.sgb@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.sgb@gmail.com).

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

**#6662 TOMS Shoe Club - $89.11**Allocations recommendation was to approve $89.11.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6680 Students for a Democratic Society- $2,994.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6681 Circle K International - $600.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6682 Alpha Phi Omega - $149.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $149.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6684 Session Middle East - $2,555.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,579.00 and deny $976.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6685 Active Minds - $2,900.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,834.00 and deny $1,066.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**# 6686 Parliamentary Debate - $611.28**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $611.28

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6687 Secular Alliance - $1,105.48**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6688 Panther Rugby Football -$1,485.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6689 Panther Judo -$1,531.34**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $900.32 and deny $631.02.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6690 U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology -$4,225.22**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6691 Plate to Plate -$101.58**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6692 Panther Club Field Hockey -$1,778.96**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6693 Panther Field Hockey -$1,215.84**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6695 Lady Panthers Lacrosse -$1,150.10**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,072.88 and deny $77.22

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6696 Pittsburgh Fencing Association -$1,280.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6697 Pittsburgh Fencing Association -$960.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6698 College Democrats -$623.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried

**#6700 Cotton Club -$100.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**President Steiber made the motion to suspend the meeting.**

**The motion was seconded.**

**The motion carried.**

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution 0013 – American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment**

There was a motion to vote to approve Resolution 0013.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hyla Wallis, a representative from the Career Development Office, announced that they have a new marketing intern who has been updating both their Twitter and Facebook accounts every 3 hours. You can follow them on *Twitter @ Pitt\_CDO* or on *Facebook @ PittCareers*. She announced that there are two career fairs coming up. One is the Westpack Job Fair, which is the largest Career Fair in the Pittsburgh area at the Monroeville Convention Center on Wednesday, March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are links on all of their pages about this. The second career fair is @PGH.Cafe, which is a huge Pittsburgh technology job fair, which is this Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the William Pitt Union. SEPA is heading this Career Fair so you can find more information on their website. If anyone has any questions about Career Development, you can let her know. She also announced that half of Pitt Club Softball will be attending *Pitt Day in Harrisburg*, and also that some of the city buses are beginning to swipe Pitt IDs as students board the bus. She stated that if you know anyone who gave their ID to someone who is not a Pitt student, that that person could be charged with identity fraud if caught using their card.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Stieber stated that if they did not have to suspend the meeting they would have finished well before 10:45pm.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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