

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
MINUTES
September 13, 2011**

I. ROLL CALL

President Stieber called the meeting of September 13, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Board member Jentleson was excused. Committee Chairs for Academic Affairs, Allocations, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, Transportation and Safety, and Webmaster were present. Committee Chair for Elections was excused

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 6, 2011 were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stieber greeted everyone. She thanked anyone that was able to attend the Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on Monday, September 12, 2011. She stated that it was such an honor to be able to have something like that on Pitt's Campus. She believed that everyone on the panel, as well as Chancellor Nordenburg, did an amazing job of trying to show the Committee on why Pitt is such a valuable investment to them. She expressed how much she enjoyed being on the panel and what a great experience it had been. She hopes that these discussions will continue. She stated that a lot of the Senators continued to ask them questions, and she feels that continuing these discussions will ensure everyone is on the same page. She stated that the Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee was at Penn State University last week, University of Pittsburgh this week, and next week they will be at Temple University followed by Lincoln University. She said that all the state universities will have the opportunity to host the Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee on their campus. She once again thanked everyone who attended and expressed how proud it made her to be a Pitt student and also the Pitt student body President.

IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Ryan Gayman

Board member Gayman greeted students. He reported that the purple shirts that you may have seen people wearing are a shout out to PMADD 2011. He stated that you will be seeing people wearing them every Tuesday. He stated that this year PMADD will be held on October 22, 2011 and he strongly encouraged everyone to get involved with it. If you don't know what it is, you can go to the website for more information, www.pitt.edu/~pmadd. If there are any questions, his email is on there and you can ask him. He stated that one request he had related to PMADD was that they will be doing some new, creative marketing and that there are a lot of great ideas for this within the PMADD committee; however, they will need more people to actually execute these ideas. He reported that one of the ideas is to have a flash mob with all of the people wearing the purple PMADD shirts. He stated that if you wanted to get involved in these marketing ideas you still can. He also reported that he has been talking to Kenyon Bonner and John Owen about doing a special event for the student organizations that will be moving into the O'Hara Student Center. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be coming up sometime in October. There is no set date yet. Board member Gayman also reported that he had a meeting with the Green Team, where they met with several people with green initiatives on campus. There is a Green Team through Res Life who moved in early and helped to collect all of the boxes and recyclable material as people were moving in during Arrival Survival. He stated that this is an initiative that they do not want to see die. They are, therefore, trying to work with ResLife, the students involved, Student Government, Environmental Leaders, Free the Planet, etc., to try to make this a movement on our campus to make us more sustainable. If you want to get involved or would like any more information, you can contact himself, or Becky Schroeder, the Environmental Chair.

B. John Hasley

Board member Hasley greeted everyone. He reported that he sent in his proposal on Friday, September 9, 2011 to Kevin Sheehee, who works for the Department of Transportation, in order to get more of the Pitt Shuttle stops marked with signs. He expects to be moving forward with this proposal in the next few days. He also reported that during New Business, he will be tabling a resolution for next week to vote on the establishment on Student Voting Coalition. He stated that he would get more into the language of it when he introduces the motion.

C. Emily Hoover

Board member Hoover greeted and thanked everyone for coming. She thanked all of the student organizations who e-mailed her back. Board member Landreneau and she tried to get the word out about the Pennsylvania Senate Appropriation Meeting as best as they could. She thanked everyone who came out to that. She also reported on the Green Team. She stated that if anyone is interested in getting involved and trying to see where it can go, feel free to contact her as well. She stated that they were able to sit down with Amy, who is a Residence Director in

the Quad who initially had the idea. She stated that Amy seemed really receptive to see where it could go. She said she is very excited about all of the interest people are showing and that she believes it has a lot of potential. She also reported that she finished the Allocations FAQ that they will be putting up on the SGB website. She sent it along to the Board members to get their general opinion and she also thanked the Allocations Committee for helping her out with that, and also to the Webmaster. She stated that, if possible, she was trying to set it up so that if you have a question, you can submit it on the website and it would be sent straight to the Allocations Committee's email and then your question would become an FAQ.

D. Lauren Jentleson

Board member Jentleson had no report.

E. James Landreneau

Board member Landreneau reported that next week he had a meeting with ResLife director, Dr. Brooks, to talk to him about the status of the new swipe in system for the Residence Halls. He stated that for those who did not know there is a pilot system in Towers A, B, and C and also in Sutherland East and West. This system replaces the old sign-in method with a swipe-in method with your guests Pitt ID. If this pilot is successful, it will be implemented to all of the Residence Halls starting in the spring. He also reported on some OCC updates. He stated that he is leading the OCC Student Advisory Board and that he met with them all throughout the summer for what amounted to a lot of the work that has been done with the new OCC. They are going to be having a table in Towers to show the new changes to the program. They are also going to be contacting groups to go in and actually tell them how to advertise with OCC. He also stated that they will be submitting the OCC Constitution for the new Honors Society, which will be labeled as the OCC Honorary Society. He also reported that this upcoming Friday September 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., Board member Hoover and he will be leading a discussion for the Food Committee. If anyone is interested in joining the Food Committee, please see him or Board member Hoover after meeting.

F. Matthew Riehle

Board member Riehle reported on the SGB elections. He stated that the election is not until November, but that packets will be going out in early October. If anyone wants to run or you know of anyone in your student organizations who wants to run, please come up to the office, 848 WPU, and you can talk about how to get on slates, how to put slates together, etc. He stated that they want to have an election that is as physical and open and accessible to everyone in order, to hopefully, drive up voter turnout and also increase student representation. He also reported on his proposed Mercy Week. He is trying to work with the Webmaster in order to

put that proposal online so that you can virtually sign it in order to get the signatures to get Mercy Week implemented.

President Stieber added to Board member Riehler's report by stating that packets will be available for those who wanted to run for Board or President the second week in October. She stated that you will have about a week or week and a half to get the signatures needed. You will need 200 signatures to run for Board and 250 signatures to run for President. Tentatively, they are looking at the election being held on November 17, 2011 which is the Thursday before Thanksgiving. She encouraged anyone that is in an organization here to welcome any candidates who want to come speak to you about running for the election. They would certainly like your support and it also gives you the opportunity to choose who to support.

G. Zach Weber

Board member Weber greeted everyone. He reported that tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. they have the Health U Fair going on outside of the Union. He encouraged everyone to stop by and see everything Pitt has to offer for you. He also reported that on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there are going to be a lot of health and wellness activities going on in the WPU Assembly room, such as Zumba and Yoga classes, diet plans for you, etc.

H. Alex Zimmerman

Board member Zimmerman greeted everyone. He reported that there is now a Graduate Exam Resource Center in Hillman Library. If you are studying for exams such as the LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, GRE etc., those study materials are now available for free at the Cup and Chaucer area of the library and you are able to check those out books out for 2 weeks at a time or use them in the library. He is also working with the library now on getting the FE and PE, which are engineering exams, to also be in this Graduate Exam Resource Center. He also stated that if anyone is hearing about any of the projects or proposal that SGB is working on and is interested in them, to please feel free to come and talk to the Board members. He stated that some of his projects have come from students voicing their ideas and thoughts to him, and anyone that has ideas on what SGB should be working on is strongly encouraged to let them know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, reported they had their first committee meeting last Thursday at 6:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in coming out, the meetings are held every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. on the 8th floor of the Union. People can also email Pooja at pap28@pitt.edu if they have any ideas for projects this term. Last term she worked to get extended library hours which will

be going into effect in October on Fridays and Saturdays, the library will be closing at 12:00 p.m.

B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported he will be having a date within the next two weeks for people interested in Allocations. He will also be providing a date when fall budgets are due within the next two weeks.

C. ELECTIONS

The Elections chair, Kari Rosenkaimer, had no report.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that the Students' Sustainable Projects Committee have extended their application deadlines until Friday. Either talk to Rebecca or go to pittgreenfund.com if you have any questions. If anyone ever has ideas or projects on how to make Pitt more sustainable, they should email her at sgbenvironment@gmail.com.

E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, reported that if you need to register to vote or update your voter registration, you can do so in the SGB office in room 848. They will also be tabling this week: Towers Lobby Wednesday the 21st and Tuesday the 27th, and Sutherland Lobby on Wednesday the 28th. If anyone has an organization that they wish to have voter registration at, Kyle Miller would be more than happy to come to their meetings to register students.

F. JUDICIAL

The Judicial chair, John Cole, had no report.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations chair, Zach Scheiner, reported that the committee had their first meeting September 13; however, if anyone is interesting in joining the Public Relations Committee, they can contact Chair Scheiner at zds4@pitt.edu. Also, he encouraged all those who had ideas for elections this year to email them to sgbelections@gmail.com

H. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

The Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow, encouraged everyone to download the Rider System app on their iPhone or Droid phone, to be able to track the Pitt Shuttle buses.

I. WEBMASTER

The Webmaster, Matt Schroeder, reported that all office hours, e-mail address, and names are up-to-date and current on the website for the fall semester.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allocations Recommendations:

#6797 Hindu Students Council - \$3,924.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$3,474.00 and to deny \$450.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6798 Women's Fastpitch Softball Club - \$1,241.70

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6799 The Original Magazine - \$10,818.05

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#6792 Mock Trial - \$1,686.16 Budget Modification

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

B. Motions:

Board member Hasley moved to table Resolution 0014 until next week's meeting. The Resolution states that the Student Government Board established a permanent Student Vote Coalition on campus to be led by the SGB Governmental Relations Committee. The motion carried and a vote was moved until next week.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR

Trisha Dougherty from Rainbow Alliance announced that the club will be holding a Safer Sex Workshop in room 837 in the William Pitt Union at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, September 15.

Katie from Career Services announced some events that will be occurring in the upcoming weeks. Events announced include: Student Majors Rush – Posvar Hall Tuesday, September 20, Benedum Hall Wednesday, September 21, Sennott Square Thursday, September 22, and Union Lawn Friday, September 23. The Career Fair will be held on September 28 from 11 to 4 at the Peterson Events Center; 200 companies and 50 Graduate schools will be showcased. Registration for the Career Fair is open and can be done at my.pitt.edu.

Board member Hasley congratulated President Stieber on her speech that she gave to the Senate Appropriations Committee on September 12.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Stieber commented on her hopes that the University of Pittsburgh will remain a state school in years to come. She also announced sign-ups for Pitt Make A Difference Day is underway and has gone pleasantly well due to Board member Gayman's efforts.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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