**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**September 18, 2012**

1. **ROLL CALL**

Board Member Rothenberger called the meeting of September 18, 2012 to order at 8:45 pm. Board members Genus, Hallinan, Louderback, McGrath, Murdoch, Rothenberger, and Samudzi were present. Chair members Nites, Stavrakos, Brown, Mallampalli, Meyer, Beecher, and Crawford were present. President Landreneau was excused. Chair White was excused. Board member Armstrong arrived late.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 11, 2012 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Landreneau apologized to everyone for being absent from tonight’s meeting due to illness. When he returns next week he should have dates set for next week concerning SGB Town Hall Meetings.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

1. **BOARD REPORTS**
2. **Olivia Armstrong**

Board member Armstrong had no report.

1. **Halim Genus**

Board member Genus reported that he met with Director Sheehy last Wednesday, September 12th and discussed the shuttle stops being marked. He looks forward to that happening soon. He also met with Board member Hallinan, Governmental Relations chair Beecher, and Dr. Kathy Humphrey in regards to changing the polling locations. However, it seems as if they will not be able to change the polling for this year.

1. **Julie Hallinan**

Board member Hallinan stated that she will be giving out voter registration forms and voting information at the end of the meeting to anyone who wants to be registered to vote at their current address. She also mentioned that she has been working with Governmental Relations chair Beecher to get voter registration boxes placed in resident halls, and they should be in place by the end of this week. Last Friday, September 14th, Governmental Relations chair Beecher and herself also held *Pancakes for Panther Pledges,* which was very successful. They passed out over 400 pancakes and almost 200 students pledged to vote. She also reported that they will be holding their first annual ZooZilla Race, which is a 5k race being held at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, on November 3rd. The event is sponsored through HealthyU and Student Affairs. She stated that last week she had a meeting with representatives from student payment and they are working towards having financial literacy information sessions throughout the semester. She will inform everyone of what the dates are once they have been finalized.

1. **Gordon Louderback**

Board member Louderback reported that the reservation software is going through training this week and it will be going live on September 24th. He announced that there is an “*I HEART PITT DAY*” video contest that is going on where students can film a video clip and submit it telling everyone why they heart Pitt. You will be able to submit the videos to the Student Affairs Facebook page up until September 28th. He also reported that Board member Rothenberger and himself had their first successful Food Committee meeting last Friday, September 14th, where they had a great turn out and great food.

1. **Megan McGrath**

Board member McGrath reported that she is continuing to work on the Bike Rental System in the Union. She is working on figuring out how they can get more students involved, as well as making sure it continues in the future. She also congratulated Pitt for their win against Virginia Tech and encouraged everyone to go the game this Saturday.

1. **Alex Murdoch**

Board member Murdoch reported Student Affairs is redesigning the club sports logo, so if anyone is interested they should keep an eye for that. Also, all student organizations should have received an email regarding storage space in O’Hara Student Center. If anyone did not receive this email please find him after the meeting. He also reported that this Thursday, September 20th, he will be having a meeting with Panther Central to talk about the Panther Funds initiative he ran on last year.

1. **Natalie Rothenberger**

Board member Rothenberger reported that last week she had her advertising meeting with those who were interested in discussing alternative advertising strategies around campus. She and Board Member McGrath will be meeting with Kenyon Bonner next week in order to discuss the feasibility of their ideas. The next meeting they will hold for alternative advertising will be held on Wednesday, September 26th at 8:45 p.m. in room 848 of William Pitt Union. She also stated that she met with the Academics Affairs chair Stavrakos and his committee where they discussed the concerns, interest, and ideas about text book buy backs. She also reported that she met with the software development department and they discussed changing and enhancing the MY PITT website in order to be more user friendly. Finally, she stated that they will also be holding a voter registration event in Market Central on Wednesday, September 19th, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

1. **Zoe Samudzi**

Board member Samudzi reported that she stood in for Board Member Hallinan at the Senate Anti-Discriminatory committee meeting. She also announced that on Friday, September 21st, they will be holding the Library Committee meeting. She reported that she has met with a couple humanitarian leaders about the most likely to be used means of online scheduling, and there will be more information on that to come. She stated that she is still waiting on the Calendar Committee to select a new chairperson so she can meet with them, as well as waiting on Purchasing Services to hear more about the Conflict Free Campus Initiative.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations chair Nites announced that the first Allocations 101 session will be held on September 24th from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in room 630 of the Union.

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs chair Stavrakos reported that his committee and himself discussed all of the projects that they are working on this semester. He stated that they have begun to audit courses in Art and Sciences to see if they now meet General Education Requirements, as well as discuss the textbook initiative.

1. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Community Outreach chair Mallampalli announced that PMADD is only about a month away and they have been working hard to get everything together. She stated that if you have yet to register there are still about 25% of the spots open, so do so a.s.a.p. She also reported that they have also been working with the Governmental Relations Office at Pitt to work on a Block Party initiative with Oakland Planning and Development. This initiative would allow students living in off campus housing to have a block party with long term residents in a way to bring them all together.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Elections chair Brown reported that they have set all the dates for campaigning in Market Central and the Perch for the SGB elections and that the new application process is now online. She stated that Elections Packets will be available to be checked out in the SGB office for everyone running on October 1st and that they will need to be returned to the SGB office by October 15th. The election will be held on November 15th.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONS**

Environmental Relations chair Meyer reported that her committee is working on a Plastic Bag Policy for the University. She stated that she had a meeting last night with the Environmental Leaders Council and they were able to come up with a few goals for this semester. She stated they will continue to have these meetings.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Governmental Relations chair Beecher announced that they will not be able to get the polling locations moved for the upcoming election. He stated that they will be organizing a published debate for the College Democrats and the College Republicans, as well as a post-election viewing party.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Judicial chair Crawford had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Public Relations chair Held announced that they will be having a SGB Newsletter come out on October 1st.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

Transportation and Safety chair White had no report.

1. **WEB MASTER**
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
3. **Allocations Recommendations**

**#7208 Strong Women Strong Girls - $1,926.16**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7211 Formula SAE - $25,792.32**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $10,239.50 and to deny $15,498.82.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7212 Formula SAE - $7,297.15**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $4,732.82 and to deny $2,564.33.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7213 Formula SAE - $34,058.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $4,552.20 and to deny $29,505.80.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7214 Pittsburgh Club Baseball - $1,026.42**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7215 Pittsburgh Club Baseball - $1,063.30**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7217 Strong Women Strong Girls - $2,784.51**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7222 Club Tennis - $600.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $383.60 and to deny $216.80.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7223 Club Tennis - $608.50**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $389.20 and to deny $219.60.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7225 Club Tennis - $811.68**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $617.28 and to deny $194.40.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7226 Club Tennis - $797.32**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7227 Pitt Club Cross Country - $950.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7228 Student for Justice in Palestine - $1,230.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,218.60 and to deny $11.40.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7231 The Pittiful News - $1,110.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7232 Lady Ice Panthers - $8,400.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7234 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - $2,176.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7236 Pittsburgh Club Baseball - $1,900.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7237 Pittsburgh Club Baseball - $601.92**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7238 Panther Habitat for Humanity - $1,964.40**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7239 Lady Ice Panther - $ 5,600.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

There was no Other New Business.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Kate Malekoff announced that Blue and Gold Society is trying to raise $10,000 for Homecoming this year as a present to the University for their 225th anniversary.

Trisha, from Rainbow Alliance, invited everyone to hear Robin Oaks speak in the O’Hara Student Center at 8:30 p.m.

Board member Louderback thanked everyone for staying for the whole meeting since it was long.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Board member Rothenberger thanked everyone for sticking around for the entire meeting.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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