

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD  
MINUTES  
September 27, 2011**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of September 20, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, 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. Board member Hasley was excused.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 11, 2011 were approved.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Stieber greeted everyone. She reminded everyone that packets for running for Student Government Board and President will be available soon. She encouraged all interested to run for a position that they might like. Also, she reported that this weekend the University would be hosting the Pennsylvania Association of State Related Students members, which include SGB members from Temple, Penn State, and Lincoln. Their goal is to discuss budgetary issues. Finally, she reminded everyone to register for PMADD, which is being held on October 22, 2011. She stated that there are multiple ways you can get information on it and register, with the easiest being joining the Facebook page.

**IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

**V. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Ryan Gayman**

Board member Gayman greeted students. He reported that as of 3 p.m. September 27, there were only 160 spots left to register for this year's PMADD. This year's total is 3,600 Pitt Students, and is a first in the program's history on campus. He also wanted to thank Kate Malekoff for her tremendous efforts in promoting the event this year. He reported that October 22, 2011 is PMADD, and that if you still wish to sign up for the last couple spots, you must do that before October 1, 2011 at [www.pitt.edu/~pmadd](http://www.pitt.edu/~pmadd). President Stieber interjected that all interested in volunteering for another cause should look into the event "Sleep-In for the Homeless" which will be held Friday, October 21, 2011 at Schenley Plaza

this year. Board member Gayman announced that all interested with the sleep-in, could email him, or Kate, through the PMADD site to get more information. There is also information in the SGB office located in 848 in the William Pitt Union.

**B. John Hasley**

Board member Hasley was not present. There was no report.

**C. Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover greeted and thanked everyone for coming. She reported that a Food Committee meeting will be held on Friday, September 30, 2011 at noon in Sutherland. Hoover announced that she and James Landreneau met with members from Sodexo to talk about implementing more of the Green Team around campus. Talks are underway with Administration and the company to facilitate better ways to make Pitt's campus more sustainable.

**D. Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson announced that she sits on the board of the Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Concerns, and that any female who has concerns about safety on campus could email her at [lbj3@pitt.edu](mailto:lbj3@pitt.edu) or visit her during office hours. She also announced that she is looking for an intern and anyone interested in working with her, could email her their information.

**E. James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau greeted everyone. He reported that OCC mini-grants are now being offered to clubs, which would work on the same principle as the alcohol mini-grants. The OCC mini-grants would not be restricted to the weekends and could be used for food. Board member Landreneau announced that he is also working with Sodexo to offer a cooking class elective on campus for next year. Landreneau announced that his intern is working on a project to survey the guards in Towers A,B, and C, and also in Sutherland East and West to get feedback on the new swipe-in program.

**F. Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle reported that he wants the elections to be as open and as transparent as possible, and wants to have the biggest election ever this year. He also echoed Board member Gayman, and thanked everyone for their attendance in PMADD.

**G. Zach Weber**

Board member Weber greeted everyone. He reported that on Thursday we will be meeting with the director of Student Health about the Healthy U Project, and look at how they can get student groups involved in the programs. He has also been emailing one of the representatives from the New York Times about Panther Leadership Day to see if they can have a speaker come out to promote the program and discuss a social media. If you have any topics you want to be covered by the speaker, anyone can email him at ztw4@gmail.com.

#### **H. Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman reported that he has been working on a program to institute a graduate study program in the Library. They have installed the books on the ground floor of the library and right now he is talking to them to see if they can bring in the Engineering graduates books necessary to prepare for the tests. He is excited to work with Alcohol Task Force on the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. If anyone has ideas for programs, or are interested in getting involved, just talk to anyone on the Board.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, will be meeting with Dr. Gilbert from the Honors College this week to discuss the expanding of the courses offered to students. She will also be talking with Dr. DeWalt about possibly having an International Relations major. Finally she will be meeting with someone from the Academic Resource Center to see if they can extend their hours. The library hours for the month of October have been extended on the weekend until 12:00 p.m., so she encourages students to take advantage of this.

#### **B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported that the fall budgets will be due Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All organizations will also receive an email from their liaisons with all the information that they will need. The budget requests will be reviewed the following Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This means that any request that is not a budget request will not be reviewed until the following week. Allocations applications will be coming out mid-October, and will be available in the SGB office. The applications will be due at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The interviews won't be held until the following week.

#### **C. ELECTIONS**

The Elections chair, Kari Rosenkaimer, reported that packets for elections will be going out October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The packets are due October 17<sup>th</sup>, the slate forms will be released on October 21<sup>st</sup> and there will be a mandatory meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>,

regarding how to run a successful campaign. Elections will be held November 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **D. ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that they are trying to institute a new program called the green checklist for groups requesting funds. This will be an additional piece of paper groups will be filling out, to assess how different groups are taking measures to be environmentally friendly and sustainable.

#### **E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, reiterated that this weekend the University would be hosting the Pennsylvania Association of State Related Students members, will be talking about a variety of issues. Voter registration resources will also be going out to all the dorms this Wednesday for students to register to vote before October 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **F. JUDICIAL**

The Judicial chair, John Cole, reported that the Board is looking to change the Bi-laws. They are looking to make an amendment to the Constitution this year for elections because currently voters are able to vote for a president and five Board members, but they are looking into change it so that students are able to vote for the president and all eight Board members.

#### **G. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Public Relations chair, Zach Scheiner, reported that he will be meeting with his social media committee tomorrow and they are going to try to make all the information that comes out of Student Government Board to be displayed on Twitter as well as Facebook to make sure everyone is kept in the loop.

#### **H. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

The Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow, reported that Harrison from The *Original* magazine came up to him and suggested that they do a bike repair station on campus. If anyone has a suggestion as to where they think this should be on campus, they should let him know.

#### **I. WEBMASTER**

The Webmaster, Matt Schroeder, reported that there is new stuff on the website.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Allocations Recommendations:

**#6812 Chabad House - \$1,250.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6820 Panther Grappling - \$1,948.26**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6824 Vietnamese Student Association - \$2,000.01**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$766.00 and deny \$434.01.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve \$625.00 and deny \$625.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6826 Pitt Club Tennis Team - \$1,030.80**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,026.10 and to deny \$4.70.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6828 Circle K International - \$999.60**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6829 Circle K International - \$600.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6830 One Life One World One Peace - \$1,567.20**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6831 Campus Women's Organization - \$1,624.50**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$812.25 and deny \$812.25.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

## **B. Bylaw Amendment**

Committee Chairs Kyle Miller of the Governmental Relations Committee and Rebecca Schroeder of the Environmental Committee want to write bylaws so that the Governmental Relations Committee and Environmental committee should become standing committees in SGB. This item will be tabled until next week to allow students to look over the information before it is voted on.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

## **VIII. OPEN FLOOR**

Pooja Patel congratulated Kate and Ryan on signing up 4,000 students for PMADD. Board Member Zimmerman congratulated Becky Schroeder and Kyle Miller on the possible amendments to the bylaws.

Gordon announced they PALS will be holding a Field Day on the Cathedral lawns on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is not too late to sign up for it yet, and all the money raised will be donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Board member Hoover announced that the Food Committee will be meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Friday at Sutherland.

Julie, from the Panther Rowing Club announced that this Saturday they will be having their only local regatta of the season, Head of the Ohio. She encouraged everyone to come to Washingtons Landing to watch the races from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jim, accounted that they will be hosting a new event called Tic-Tac-Toe this Saturday; it will be something similar to the show Hollywood Squares. They will be building a huge set to hold this event and it will take place at 5:00 p.m.

## **IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Stieber congratulated Kate and Ryan, as well as everyone who helped them achieve getting 4,000 students to register for PMADD.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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