

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 6, 2011**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of September 6, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Jentleson, Landreneau, Riehle, and Zimmerman were present. Board member Weber was excused. Committee Chairs for Allocations, Elections, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, Transportation and Safety, and Webmaster were present. Committee Chair for Academic Affairs was not present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 19, 2011 were approved.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Stieber greeted everyone and thanked everyone for coming to the first public meeting of the new semester. She stated that they held their second annual Panther Gold Retreat, which went extremely well. She told the organizations in the room who were in attendance that the retreat was wonderful. She hoped that in the future any organizations that were not in attendance would be able to attain the status needed to be invited to the retreat.

She reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 is approaching and that there will be many things going on around campus that the University is doing. President Stieber reported on one thing in particular. She stated that she has been in meetings with Athletics and something they have been using the division of Student Affairs for is a military tribute during the Pitt vs. Maine football game this Saturday September 10, 2011. She stated that they want it to be more of a tribute to the troops who are currently serving and to the veterans who have served. She also stated that Athletics asked her to find about 90 volunteers who were willing to hand out yellow leis to everyone who is attending outside of each of the gates. She stated that participants would come to the game at 10:00 am and that your responsibility would only go until kickoff. She stated that if anyone is interested in volunteering to send her an email at [sgb@pitt.edu](mailto:sgb@pitt.edu). President Stieber also reported that on the following day, Sunday September 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a 9/11 Tribute at Soliders and Sailors. You will be able to register on EventBrite. She also stated that groups should have received an e-mail from SORC with more information. She stated that if you are interested in being a part of that to once again e-mail her at [sgb@pitt.edu](mailto:sgb@pitt.edu). She stated that she thought it would be great to be able to have as many Pitt students there as possible.

President Stieber also reported that on that Monday, September 12, 2011, the Senate of the state of Pennsylvania is having a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on the University of Pittsburgh Campus at 1:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of Alumni Hall. She reported that the hearing is open to the public and that she has been asked to be on a panel during the meeting. She stated that it would be great to be able to have student support at this hearing to really let them see the students at the University of Pittsburgh and why they need to restore our funding.

#### **IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

#### **V. BOARD REPORTS**

##### **A. Ryan Gayman**

Board member Gayman greeted students. He reported on his club for PMADD. He stated that he would be giving information on it from now until October 22, 2011 which is the day of PMADD. He encouraged everyone to go onto their website, [www.pitt.edu/~PMADD](http://www.pitt.edu/~PMADD), to register online. He stated that there is no paper registration and said everything is now online. Any questions you may have can be found in the FAQ on the website and, if there is a question that is not there, all of their contact information is also on the website. He then reported on the O'Hara Student Center and the office spaces that they were able to give to 9 student organizations last semester. He stated that those office spaces are just now becoming complete and that the contracts are in finalization. He was happy to report that he believes all 9 organizations have moved into the space, as of this evening. He stated that any organization without office space can still apply for one. He stated that the organizations only have the space for one year and that they must reapply. He stated that the applications will be out around late February. He stated he would have more information on that later on. Board member Gayman also reported that he is trying to recruit people to work on a food recycle program with him. He stated that every day at Pitt there is a lot of waste of very useable products from units like Einstein's Brothers, catering, and even Market Central that could be used to feed local programs including the Food Bank in Oakland. He is working with Corey from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, as well as different people within Sodexo. He stated that there are a lot of people interested in this, but that it will take a lot of volunteers to help make this happen. He encouraged anyone that is interested in volunteering to please contact him.

##### **B. John Hasley**

Board member Hasley greeted everyone and welcomed them back. He reported that one of the things he was working on was trying to get a BlackBoard app for smartphones. He met with others about that at the beginning of last semester and that it was actually implemented over the summer. He stated that you are now

able to download that app too onto your smartphone and that it is free. He also reported that this semester he will be working on trying to get more of the Pitt Shuttle stops marked. He stated that he will be working with the Department of Transportation who schedules buses and shuttles and the Public Works department for the city as well.

**C. Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover thanked everyone for coming and welcomed them back. She reported that over the summer the EcoRep project that she was working on last semester really took off. She stated that she is now working on trying to get feedback from those students with Board member Gayman about how they can utilize this new group of freshmen, who checked off that they wanted to be part of this new Green Team when they came onto campus. They also helped with recycling during Arrival Survival. She stated that they will be having their first meeting for that on Sunday, September 11, 2011 to get their general feedback and to see how they might be able to help with things, such as Board member Gayman's proposed food recycling program, along with ways that these students can really be utilized to really make the campus more sustainable. She also reported that today Board member Landreneau and she tabled in Market Central for the Food Committee. She stated that if anyone is interested in being a part of their first meeting, it will be on Friday, September 16, 2011. She stated that they have 12 interested people. She stated that everyone, including marketing personnel for Sodexo, is really excited about this idea of the Green Team and the Food Recycling program. She encouraged anyone with any ideas to attend that meeting.

**D. Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson greeted everyone. She reported that she was happy to announce that the Pitt Shuttles finally have real time tracking systems in them. This means if you log online to [www.pittshuttle.com](http://www.pittshuttle.com) you can see exactly where all of the buses are and you can also get a free app for your phone if you have an iPhone or Droid. All you have to do is search ride systems and then put in the University of Pittsburgh. She reported that she is also back to looking for a new location to put the new bike racks. She stated that if you have any suggestions as to where they can put bike racks or bike lockers on campus, please let her know. She also stated that if anyone has any suggestions on things that you want to see done this semester, you can stop into see her. Her office hours are now online. She is glad to hear suggestions.

**E. James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau reported one of the things he has been working on was getting a student swipe-in system here at Pitt. He stated that this system would replace what residents use to sign in guests. You would use your Pitt

Guest/Pitt ID to electronically swipe in, and this would create an electronic log to keep track of all the guests in and out of the buildings. If there are any questions concerning this system please see him after the meeting. He stated that he is trying to pull some security guards to have some of their questions right now about the systems in the upcoming weeks. He also reported on another program which he picked up last spring. He stated that he will be going around to different clubs to educate them about the new OCC changes. He is trying to pick up a few more committee members for the OCC Student Advisory Committee as well. He encouraged anyone who is interested in this to please see him after the meeting. He also reported that if you need to contact the Food Committee for any reason, you can email them at [sgb.sodexo@gmail.com](mailto:sgb.sodexo@gmail.com).

**F. Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle hoped everyone had a good summer. He reported that he is really focusing on trying to make the SGB Election as accessible to everyone as possible. He stated that he will be repeating this every week in order to hit every student organization as possible. He encouraged anyone who wanted to run for President or Board, or knew someone who did, to please come up to the office with any questions they may have about deadlines, slates, or any other concerns.

**G. Zach Weber**

Board member Weber had no report.

**H. Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman greeted everyone. He reported that one of the things he campaigned on was creating a Graduate Exam Resource Center in Hillman Library. He reported that starting a few weeks ago, it has opened. It is on the ground floor of Hillman Library right behind Cup and Chaucer. There is now a new collection of books there, so if you are studying for GRE, MCAT, GMAT, or any other graduate exams, you can get those books for free there. He stated that you are able to check those books out for two weeks at a time. You are also able to get the GRE prep books free in an online addition at the PittCat+ website. He encouraged anyone who is studying for these exams to please go there.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, had no report.

**B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported if you are planning on submitting a fall budget, a date has yet to be set. It will likely be in late October or early November. He also reported that Allocations is looking for interns. If you are a freshman or sophomore interested in helping out the Allocations office and getting involved with SGB, you are encouraged to come and talk to him after meeting.

### **C. ELECTIONS**

The Elections chair, Kari Rosenkaimer, thanked SGB Board, the committee chairs, and also Allocations, all who helped her run her event during Freshman Orientation Week. They were able to get a lot of interested freshman who wanted to be involved Student Government Board, and especially voting. She reported that if you are interested in running for Student Government Board, you know anyone who wants to run, or you want her to come and speak to your organization about the process, you can email her at [sgb.elections@gmail.com](mailto:sgb.elections@gmail.com). She stated that she had a few very important dates dealing with elections. She will be putting out packets for SGB elections on October 3, 2011. Those packets will be due on October 17, 2011. The slate forms will be due on Friday, October 21, 2011. She will also be holding a “How to Run a Successful Student Government Board Campaign” program on Sunday, October 23, 2011. This program is mandatory if you are running in the election. She encouraged everyone to get involved with Student Government Board.

### **D. ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about anything environmental on campus or in Oakland, you can email [sgbenvironment@gmail.com](mailto:sgbenvironment@gmail.com). She stated that she loves provide to her input and ideas and that she would also be able to put you in touch with the right people. She also stated that if you have ideas on how to make our campus more sustainable and you are interested in implementing them, you can be on the subcommittee of the Environmental committee, which is the Students Sustainable Projects Committee. There will be an info session for this subcommittee on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in 527 William Pitt Union. She stated that this committee has brought many projects to campus, including the Hydration Station on the main floor of the Union. She also reported that she is going to start a bi-weekly newsletter that will basically summarize everything that happens with student environmental groups on campus. If you are interested in getting that bi-weekly newsletter, you can speak to her and she will take your email address.

### **E. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, updated everyone on what he had worked on this summer. He reported that he monitored the 2011-2012 FY Budget and mailed targeted thank you letters to supportive state legislators in July. He

announced that the PASS Conference will be held at PITT in October with more details to follow. He also announced that at the Activities Fair they were able to register 187 voters. They will also having tabling throughout campus as well as registration materials available in the SGB office. If anyone has any questions, they can contact him at [sbg.grc@pitt.edu](mailto:sbg.grc@pitt.edu).

## F. JUDICIAL

The Judicial chair, John Cole, had no report.

## G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations chair, Zach Scheiner, reported that he is the newly appointed Public Relations chair. He stated that he is putting together a new committee and that if you are interested in joining this committee, please come see him after the meeting, or you can email him at [zds4@pitt.edu](mailto:zds4@pitt.edu).

## 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. He also stated that he and Board Member Jentleson are working on new projects for the fall semester.

## I. WEBMASTER

The Webmaster, Matt Schroeder, had no report.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Allocations Recommendations:

#### **#6777 Men's Club Water Polo - \$2,000.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,875.00 and to deny \$125.00  
The motion was seconded.  
The motion carried.

#### **#6778 Men's Club Water Polo - \$1,750.69**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.  
The motion was seconded.  
The motion did not carry.  
The Board recommendation was to approve \$1,688.61 and deny \$62.08.  
The motion was seconded.  
The motion carried.

**#6781 Women's Club Gymnastics - \$1,780.10**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,217.97 and to deny \$562.13.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6782 American Institute of Architecture Students - \$775.83**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$725.07 and deny \$50.76.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6783 Men's Club Soccer - \$850.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6785 Men's Club Soccer - \$1,000.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6788 Society of Women Engineers - \$2,000**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,935.00 and to deny \$65.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. OPEN FLOOR**

Board member Gayman announced the winners of Paint the Panther. The grand prize winner is Keep it Real, their panther will remain painted for the next two years while the following winners' panthers will be painted for the next year: Sports Business Association, National PanHellenic Association, National Society of Black Engineers and WPTS.

The representative from the Men's Club Soccer team spoke to the Board about the possibility of getting their help to allow other club sports team to use the turf fields rather than having them restricted to division one teams.

Trisha Dougherty from Rainbow Alliance announced their first meeting would be this coming Thursday.

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

President Stieber reminded everyone that if they are interested in helping at the game this Saturday, to email her at [sgb@pitt.edu](mailto:sgb@pitt.edu). President Stieber also noted again that on the following day, Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a 9/11 Tribute at Soliders and Sailors. You will be able to register on EventBrite. Finally, Monday, September 12, 2011, the Senate of the state of Pennsylvania is having a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on the University of Pittsburgh Campus at 1:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of Alumni Hall.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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