

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 18, 2011**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of October 18, 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.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of October 11, 2011 were approved.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Stieber reminded everyone that PMADD is being held this Saturday, October 22, 2011. She stated that if you did not get a chance to register for PMADD there is still time to register for Sleep in for the Homeless by the Community Human Services office, which is a non-profit in Pittsburgh. The event will be held in Schenley Plaza on this Friday, October 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm. She encouraged everyone to come and check it out.

**IV. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

**V. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Ryan Gayman**

Board member Gayman reported that PMADD is this week. He stated that even if you didn't sign up, you can still help National Make a Difference Day by cleaning your yard, etc.

He also reported that he sent out an email to all of the club sports teams. They are setting up a discussion meeting on Monday, October 24, 2011. The administration at this point is interested in allowing club sports teams to use the facilities here on campus in order to decrease the cost that is spent in order to send them to places to practice. Before they speak to administration, they would like to have the voice of the students in a unified effort. He stated that if you did not receive that email for whatever reason and you would like to be a part of that discussion, then you can email him at [rlg53@pitt.edu](mailto:rlg53@pitt.edu).

**B. John Hasley**

Board member Hasley reported that his proposal was put in front of the Traffic Department earlier this week by Ben Carles from the Department of Public Works. They did not raise any initial objections to putting in bus stop signs at the five locations that he had included in his proposal. Those locations are Ruskin and Bayard, Dithridge and Bayard, 218 North Craig St, Trees Hall, and Forbes and Oakland avenue. They are still waiting on final confirmation, which should be sometime at the end of this week.

**C. Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover reported that she has been working with the campus coordinator student representative for Teach for America, Adrian Mann. They are organizing an event called Trick or Treat for Change. It is a way for student organizations to have an opportunity to share what is important to them. It is an advocacy event and is being held on October 29, 2011 from 3:00-6:00 pm. Student groups will have a table set up where they can let different groups and people know what is important to you. All groups are welcome to attend.

She also reported that they had the first Food Club meeting which was an initiative of the Food Committee. She recommended everyone come. She stated that their first meeting was about pasta. The meeting was run by the head master chef Matt. They are looking to hold bi-weekly Food Club meetings. If you are interested in joining the Food Club, let her know.

She also reported that she is still working on setting up a meeting with Dr. Brooks about eco-reps. In the meantime, she has been keeping the freshmen Green Team up to date with ways they can get involved.

She reported that it is also Alcohol Awareness Week and she encouraged everyone to check out the stories that are all around.

**D. Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson had no report.

**E. James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau reported that the OCC Honorary Constitution was turned in today and finalized. The first initiation to the OCC Honorary Society will be postponed until December. If you are confused about the new curriculum, please come see him after the meeting. If any of your friends are confused, just contact [occ@pitt.edu](mailto:occ@pitt.edu).

He also reported that this upcoming Monday, October 24, 2011 SGB and Pitt Program Council are hosting an event in the William Pitt Union Kurtzman Room from 8:30-9:30pm. It is going to be a compilation of every student leader on campus and every SORC certified group to learn more about each respective organization and also help those groups have joint programming on campus.

He also reported that the Food Club meeting went really well.

He reported that in mid-November, he met with Eric Mertz from Emerging Leaders and he is looking to have a Tobacco Awareness Week. He reminded everyone that November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. He is pushing hard to get something set in stone for next month.

**F. Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle had no report.

**G. Zach Weber**

Board member Weber reported that he faxed the form back to Candice at The New York Times about the event they would like to hold on campus about the Readership Program. They have come to the conclusion to have an event that circles around environmental and business issues, to show how environmental issues play a role in not only the functioning of an organization, but also what they report on. This will tie into student organizations, as well as social media and news reporting in general. They are looking to hold the event in the first week in December, or the first or second week in January.

**H. Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman reported this week is National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. He stated that you have probably noticed that posters or stories of students who have been killed due to alcohol related tragedies, or you have seen the tabling going on in Towers Lobby. He stated that tomorrow several members of SGB will be tabling again in Towers lobby. He encouraged everyone to come and check it out. He reported that the week is full of events including the Non-Alcoholic Mix-Off which is currently going on in the Quad. On Wednesday, there will be a self-defense class from 8:00-10:00 in the Kurtzman Room in the Union. There will also be a variety of student organizations tabling throughout the week.

He also reported that he met with Dr. Humphrey last week. She is looking for student input on fitness facilities at Pitt for ways that they could be improved, and also on what to do with the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Union once the new dorm is built, on

Fifth Avenue. Once the new dorm is built all of the office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will be moved to that building. If you have ideas about that, please let him know. He stated that along the lines of that conversation, they will be trying to get more late night programming happening on campus, so he hopes that those things go hand-in-hand.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, reported that the library now has extended hours on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. She encourages people to stop by between these hours so the library can continue to stay open this late.

### **B. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Allocations Committee chair Bane reported that the spring budgets will be due Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The budget hearings will begin on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no regular Allocations Committee meeting on November 3 due to budget hearings, so any group submitting supplemental applications should do so before this meeting so that they will be reviewed in time. Also Allocations Committee applications are now available. They are located in the SGB office. These applications are due Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **C. ELECTIONS**

Elections chair Kari Rosenkaimer, reported that packets were due on Monday, but if there is anyone interested in late candidacy, they have until one week before the elections to turn in their packet. However, these candidates need to submit a 500 word essay, talk to Kari, and get twice the amount of signatures. Slate forms are due October 21<sup>st</sup> and all candidates need to attend the mandatory “How to Run a Successful Campaign” meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **D. ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, surveyed the room to see if anyone had seen the hydration station located on the main floor of the Union, and found that the majority of the students have done so. They are now talking to Jim Earle to see if they can get another one installed on campus, since the first one has been so successful and saved almost 10,000 plastic water bottles from being used. They are now looking for a second place to install one, so if anyone has ideas, they are encouraged to talk to Becky after the meeting. She also announced that she, another committee member, and a friend are starting an environmental podcast that will be available online to download. It should be up and running by November. Finally, the deadline for the Students’ Sustainable Projects Committee

meeting was on Friday, but they are implementing a rolling deadline for anyone who has ideas throughout the year to make campus more sustainable.

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

Governmental chair, Kyle Miller, reminded everyone to throughout their trash on the appropriate days; this means Tuesdays in South Oakland and Wednesdays in North Oakland. He will be meeting with the Environmental and Public Relations Committees this week, and they will be starting a campaign to make students aware of this. He will be meeting with the Oakland Code Enforcement Task Force Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. The Governmental Relations Committee will be conducting a voting event next week, in preparation for the election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. He will also be working with Board member Zimmerman to finish the past proposal on the House Bill 934, which is a voter identification bill. The Governmental Relations Committee is also looking to start a blog as well. If anyone is interested in helping, they should see Kyle after the meeting.

#### **F. JUDICIAL**

Judicial chair, John Cole, reminded everyone that they are trying to pass a referendum in this election to change the number of Board Members you are allowed to vote for from five to eight. Everyone should vote on this when they vote during the election.

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

Public Relations chair, Zach Scheiner, reminded everyone to follow SGB on twitter at [twitter.com/pittsgb](https://twitter.com/pittsgb).

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

There was no report.

#### **I. WEBMASTER**

There was no report.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Allocations Recommendations:**

##### **#6860 Women's Club Gymnastics - \$1,160.84**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,060.84 and deny \$100.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6861 Men's Club Water Polo - \$1,652.72**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6866 Session: Middle East - \$2,778.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6867 Quidditch Club of Pittsburgh - \$2,081.25**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6869 Hindu Students Council - \$2,563.88**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$2,426.00 and to deny \$137.88.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6871 Students for Justice in Palestine - \$2,024.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,924.00 and to deny \$100.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Stieber announced that they will be voting on the amendments on the Elections Code. They will be voting on the changes individually; each amendment will be read and voted on.

Section 202 Candidate Qualifications:

202.01 Student status: All students must be a registered full-time, non-CGS student at the Oakland campus, and must be able to fulfill all duties as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws. The change to this section will be that the students must also be in good standing.

The motion carried.

202.04 Judicial Infractions: Candidates must disclose any university judicial infractions, as well as any outstanding legal proceedings to the Elections Committee

chair and the SGB advisors, If anyone fails to do so, they will be excluded from the ballot. A candidate with any violation deemed unacceptable must meet with the Elections chair and SGB advisor before he/she can be placed on the ballot.

The motion carried.

Section 210 Slates:

210.04 Campaign Restrictions: Any candidates running as a slate may campaign together, but candidates running as a slate are not obligated to campaign together. However, they can support each other through verbal and electronic means. Slates cannot run with similar campaigns. Similar campaign materials include but are not limited to posters, tee-shirts, and flyers.

The motion did not carry.

Section 212 Posted Campaign Material:

212.03 Posting Restrictions: The use of sidewalk chalk used for campaigning are to only be used where they can be washed away by the environment and can't be used in areas walls, under cover areas or any of the paved areas, around the cathedral.

The motion carried.

Section 403 Adjudication:

403.03 Possible Sanction: They will be eliminating the wording that the invalidation of ballots at a number to be determined by the Elections committee as a possible sanction.

The motion did not carry.

## **IX. OPEN FLOOR**

Board member Landreneau reminded everyone that on Wednesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the O'Hara Student Center, there will be an event to inform students about nuclear energy called "Grappling with Nuclear Power". Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend.

Becky Schroeder announced that Free the Planet will be hosting their annual Swapaplooza on Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can bring old clothes to trade them in and repair them.

## **X. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Stieber reminded everyone that PMADD is this Saturday.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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