**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**February 1, 2011**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of February 1, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Jentleson, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Committee Chair Bane for Allocations was present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of January 25, 2011 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Stieber congratulated the 2011 Committee Chairs, who will be appointed after Allocations requests. She stated that this weekend the Board and she traveled to Penn State to work with the University Park Undergraduate Association and CCSG regarding PASS. She stated that she gave a speech and also discussed how their systems worked with them. President Stieber also discussed the Rally at the Rotunda that will take place two weeks from February 1st in Harrisburg. She said that it is a Rally that will involve all of the state-related universities, which included Penn State University, University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, and Lincoln University. She stated that she is waiting to confirm this with the Vice Chancellor of Governmental Relations Paul Supowitz, who she has a meeting with on Thursday at 11:30am. The rally is focused mainly on state appropriations for state related universities. The rally will be somewhat like a pep-rally. The rotunda is reserved from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. President Steiber also stated that this rally will be very different from *Pitt Day in Harrisburg,* which is when Pitt has a day in Harrisburg to speak to legislators from the area. Students will be bused back and forth to the rally. She stated that she would really like to see as many Pitt students there as possible. She also stated that she is currently working on the event now, and that everyone would be able to hear more about it in the near future once she gets the confirmation.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There are no submitted agenda items.

1. **BOARD REPORTS**
2. **Ryan Gayman**

Board member Gayman encouraged everyone to come out for the Rally in Harrisburg. He reported that he had met with John Talcott, who is the Assistant Coordinator of Leadership, today to discuss the expansion of PMADD and also doing collaborative work with some student organizations within their programming for a global service initiative that is being discussed. He also discussed that the Student Government Board is starting up their liaison program again, which will allow student organizations to sign up for a Student Government Board liaison who will be able to come to their meetings or events. Board member Gayman will be sending out emails to the student organizations with more information. If anyone is interested in getting a SGB liaison, they are encouraged to email him back.

1. **John Hasley**

Board member Hasley reported that he has finished up his proposal for professor surveys and hopes to submit that to the departments soon. He also stated that he along with his intern Robbie Synder, have been working on a project that is somewhat of an extension to the voter registration program last semester, which will put a voter registration kiosk somewhere in the WPU.

1. **Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover reported that she met with some of the members of *Free the Planet* that she has been working with for the Eco Reps position inside the RSA. They met this past Friday with the President of the Resident Student Association, Bryan Andrews-Nino, who seemed excited about the project and plans to take it to his executive board at their next meeting. She stated that if anyone has any ideas, she encourages them to visit *pittenviromental.org* and join the forum.

1. **Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson reported that she received an email back from John Schneider of the Office of Intramurals, which stated that they both will be meeting with WPU administrators sometime in the upcoming week. They will then discuss actually moving the bikes that are currently in Bellefield Hall down to the William Pitt Union. The plan is for the bikes to be stored outside of the Union for easier access and everyone will be able to rent them from the Information Desk. She reported that she will also be speaking to Diana Drish from the Office of Intramurals about getting funding for bike lockers to make the program more sustainable.

Board member Jentleson also stated that the new Transportation and Safety Chairmen and she will be working to create a rider’s guide for students who are affected by the Port Authority bus cuts.

1. **James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau is waiting on responses from Jim Earle in housing on the residence electronic swipe in, as well as Marilyn Ross who is the head of Intramural sports concerning his initiative to get towels in the Pete. On Wednesday, he will be having a phone conference with CMU police to learn about their EMS system as well as their amnesty policy.

1. **Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle reported that he will be talking about his “mercy week” petition for the next four weeks. He is trying to get as many people to sign it as he can before he presents it to the administration. He also wants to help Board member Landreneau with the amnesty policy because the three schools that were at P.A.S.S. this weekend all had one.

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1. **Zach Weber**

Board member Weber commented on what President Stieber mentioned in her report. When people attend their club meetings this week, he wants people to talk about the Harrisburg Rally and try to get as many students to participate as possible.

1. **Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman reported that one of his major campaign promises was to start a graduate exam resource center in Hillman Library. This would give students free access to LSAT, MCAT and GRE materials. Last week he met with Fern Brody who is an administrator in the library. She offered to completely fund this project, along with adding books to help students searching for jobs. It should be off the ground within the next couple of months. However, he needs student feedback on where this should be located in the library. He also wanted to echo what President Stieber and Board member Riehle said concerning the potential of an amnesty policy.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

There was no report.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Committee chair Bane reported that dates for spring budgets are set for Friday, March 4th at 5 p.m., before spring break. Groups should be getting emails from SORC, as well as the liaisons. The committee will be in moratorium the following week to review budgets.

1. **ELECTIONS**

There was no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

There was no report.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

There was no report.

1. **JUDICIAL**

There was no report

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

There was no report.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Allocations Recommendations:**

**#6579 Sociology Student Association - $3,000.00**Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to postpone the request.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6586 Pitt Women’s Volleyball Club - $1,n075.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6588 Alpha Kappa Psi - $1,467.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $602.50 and deny $864.50.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6589 Women’s Water Polo Club - $1,460.24**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

A motion was made by Board Member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6590 Sports Business Association - $9,020.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6591 Student Emergency Medical Services - $1,931.04**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6592 Panther Wrestling Club - $1,864.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $827.60 and deny $1,036.40.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

President Stieber announced the following committee chair appointments: Academic Affairs Pooja Patel, Elections chair Kari Rosenkaimer, Environmental chair Rebecca Schroeder, Governmental Relations chair Kyle Miller, Judicial chair J.R. Cole, Public Relations chair Alex Amati and Transportation and Safety chair James Snow.   
A motion was made to appoint the new committee chairs.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hyla Wallis, a representative from the Career Development Office, said that Kaplan has paired up with the Career Development Office to have a huge graduate testing initiative this February, maybe even collaborate with Board member Zimmerman. There is an MCAT pretest on the 9th of this month and an LSAT on the 17th, PCAP on the 21st and DET and OAT on the 23rd. All of the tests will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Union. There will also be a practice test day Saturday, February 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the Cathedral and you can sign up either on the Career Development website or the Kaplan website. If you attend both the pre-test and the practice test, you will be entered to win several thousand dollars from Kaplan. A representative from SEPA spoke about Career Kick Off which has started in Posvar. They will have employers around giving out tee-shirts and portfolios. The Career Fair will be held February 8th and 9th in the Pete. You can pre-register on the Pitt Portal and if you have any questions, either speak to her or Hyla.

James, the president of Rainbow Alliance, announced they would be having a Workshop Thursday night, and Allen from the Pittsburgh AIDS task force will be coming in to speak. It is at 8:45 p.m. in room 837 in the Union. This semester they are also starting a program on Wednesday nights where they will be going up to the 9th floor to hang out and anyone is welcome to come.

Lauren Jentleson wanted to remind everyone to celebrate responsibly if the Steelers win the Super Bowl on Sunday. President Stieber spoke on the same note.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Stieber wanted to remind everyone that if you ever have any questions regarding Allocations requests, please come in and ask your liaison. All of the decisions are really well thought out, so if you have any questions, please come in and speak to her. Also, she wanted to remind everyone to celebrate responsibly on Sunday and Monday. Please sign up for the Harrisburg Rally on February 15th.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

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