**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**February 22, 2011**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of February 22, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hoover, Landreneau, Jentleson, Riehle, and Zimmerman were present. Committee Chairs for Academic Affairs, Allocations, Elections, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Transportation and Safety were present. Board members Hasley and Weber were excused. The Committee Chair for Public Relations was excused.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 15, 2011 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Stieber reported that after searching for a webmaster, they finally have found one. Hopefully, by the end of the week, the website will be updated with the proper Allocations Committee members, committee chairs, and proper office hours. He was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but he will, hopefully, be in attendance at next week’s meeting. He will also have a Gmail account set up so that you can email him with any questions you may have about the website, it is [www.pitt.edu/~sgb](http://www.pitt.edu/~sgb).

President Stieber also reported that she went to the City County building to the Office of the Mayor today. She met with Paul McKrell, who used to be the Governmental Relations chair when he was at Pitt. She stated that the Mayor wants to form a relationship with students at Pitt specifically. She stated that if anyone had any strong opposition to it, due to his previous proposal of a student tuition tax, you should speak to her. She stated that she wanted to try to have more of a relationship with the Mayor’s office, because having SGB a little more involved in the Mayor’s office would really help us to understand what is going on there. She stated that she would like to form this relationship and that she hopes that she or the Governmental Relations chair would be able to go there on a biweekly or monthly basis.

President Stieber also reported that *The New York Times* is now on campus, and if you are an undergraduate non-CGS student, the signup to the online addition is now on your *my.pitt.edu*. She stated that she does not know if they are yet charging, but that should be happening any day now. Also, there will be signs up soon that states if you are not a non-CGS undergraduate, do not take the paper. They only are charged for the papers that are taken. They hope to have a swiper system soon, so that only those students who pay into the student activities fund will be able to take a paper.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There are no Submitted Agenda Items.

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

Board member Gayman reported he met with SCSC, which is Student Community Service Council, to discuss how they want to do a project with a group of Pitt students, somewhat like PMADD, that would be working with Children’s Hospital.

Board member Gayman also reported that the SGB liaison system has around fifty organizations initially signed up, but has only heard back from around twenty-one organizations. All of these organizations have been assigned a liaison. He also stated that if you are an organization here tonight that, for whatever reason, didn’t receive an email or is just interested in having a SGB liaison (which does not replace an Allocations liaison), please see him after the meeting.

1. **John Hasley**

Board member Hasley had no report.

1. **Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover reported that this week she has started working with a few members of the Allocations Committee, as well as Chairman Michael Bane, to compile a couple of questions, so that she can create an Allocations FAQ sheet that can be put on line since there is now a webmaster. She stated that she is going to have Michael Bane have his committee send the questions out to their groups. If you have any questions that you want to be on this FAQ sheet, just email her at [ehh5@pitt.edu](mailto:ehh5@pitt.edu).

Board member Hoover also reported that the Eco-Rep proposal is still in the works. In the meantime, she contacted the President of RSA to see if they could potentially have a liaison between the Environmental Committee and the RSA just so that all the information regarding environmental initiatives is reaching the RSA. They could spread the word a little more.

1. **Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson reported that she met yesterday with Chris Chergi, who is the William Pitt Union Building Manager, to talk about having a meeting with the Department of Transportation since spring is approaching so that they could add at least one more bike rack outside of the Union. They also looked into using the bike lockers, which are located to the left as you are exiting the Union going toward the Schenley Quad, to move the bikes from the bike share to that spot so that students have easier access. That action still has to be talked over with Pitt Police and other administrators before anything can go into play. She stated that she also set up a meeting with Michelle Porter, who is the director of Transportation at Carnegie Mellon University, in hopes of talking about a potential joint charter system to the Waterfront, or at least hashing out the details of their system so that we can, hopefully, implement one here on our campus.

1. **James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau reported that he met with the Sodexo Board with Board member Hoover. He stated that they thought of ideas on how to get student feedback on how to improve Market Central and all of the other dining services here on campus. He stated that he is creating a Gmail account for all undergraduate students to contact SGB on this issue, and that they are also welcome to attend the meetings that are hosted every third Thursday of every month for the remainder of the academic year.

Board member Landreneau also reported that he is waiting for a response from housing for his electronic residence swipe-in initiative.

Board member Landreneau also reported that he has a meeting set up for next week with the Communications, Math, History, and Econ departmental advisors regarding getting more support with TA’s on the online message board system on Blackboard.

1. **Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle had no report.

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1. **Zach Weber**

Board member Weber had no report.

1. **Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman reported that for the past year, he has been working on getting more courses to fulfill general education requirements. He stated that he has been having great success with this, especially from the History department. He stated that if anyone in attendance is taking a course, or has taken a course in the past that didn’t meet a general education requirement, that they should please see him after the meeting. He stated that he would work with them to report to that faculty member to see if they would be willing to allow it.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, recommended that anyone interested in SGB should think about joining the Academic Affairs Committee.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Committee chair Bane reported that the deadline for submitting spring budgets is 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 from March 4th until Monday, March 21st to review budgets. Late budgets will not be accepted.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Rosenkaimer had no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that Pitt is currently involved in Recycle Mania competition, which is a competition between colleges and universities to see who can recycle the most. She is currently working on a facility to provide recycling at student events.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, thanked everyone who came to the rally in Harrisburg today, and sign-ups for *Pitt Day in Harrisburg* will be beginning in the next few weeks. Pancakes and Politics will be held on Thursday, March 3rd at 8:15 a.m. with state representative Jared Gibbons.

1. **JUDICIAL**

The Judicial chair, John Cole, had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Public Relations chair, Alex Amati, was pleased with the impact at the rally in Harrisburg, and was happy that we had more students than Penn State.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

The Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow, had no report.

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

**#6595 Engineering World Health - $625.78**Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6626 Panther Grappling/Pitt MMA - $1,124.26**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,109.00 and to deny $15.26.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6628 Hillel - $1,706.07**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,685.95 and to deny $20.12.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6631 Mock Trial - $826.72**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $638.72 and to deny $188.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $617.72 and to deny $209.00.  
The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6632 Steel City Bhangra - $5,678.40**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6633 Steel City Bhangra - $3,355.30**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6636 Student Leaders in International Medicine - $2,877.60**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,484.53 and deny $1,393.07.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $1,502.81 and deny $1,374.79.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6637 Panther Lacrosse - $3,951.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,502.16 and deny $2,448.84.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $1,298.51 and deny $2,652.49.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6638 Panther Lacrosse - $4,600.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6639 Panther Lacrosse - $996.46**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6640 Panther Lacrosse - $2,192.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $2,040.00 and deny $152.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6641 Panther Lacrosse - $5,345.67**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $3,444.05 and deny $1,901.62.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $3,355.56 and deny $1,990.11

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6642 Panther Lacrosse - $3,175.92**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $2,136.92 and deny $1,039.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $2,155.28 and deny $1,020.64.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6645 Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law - $607.56**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $219.72 and deny $387.84.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6647 African Students Organization - $1,501.76**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,472.00 and deny $29.76

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve the revised around of $1,542.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6649 Women’s Water Polo – $1,582.39**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,388.89 and deny $193.50.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6650 Mock Trial - $826.72**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $638.72 and deny $188.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6643 Asian Student Alliance - $9,009.20 Budget Modification**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution 0012 – A Campaign to Make Poverty History**

There was a motion to vote to approve Resolution 0012.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hyla Wallis, a representative from the Career Development Office, announced that there will be a program for the DAT and OAT. If anyone is interested in dental or optometry school, this is an information session for you.

Board member Landreneau announced that PALS will be hosting a bowling fundraiser at the PAA from 9pm to midnight on Friday, February 25th. Prices are $5 for the first game and $2 for any additional games. There will be pizza served and a DJ.

Board member Gayman announced that Pitt students can attend movie showings on February 23rd, 25th, and 28th. After the movies, James Pendergass will be giving lectures to those in attendance. Anyone interested should contact Gayman for more information.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

There were no President’s Remarks.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

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