**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**April 12, 2011**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of April 12, 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 Academic Affairs, Allocations, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, and Webmaster were present. Committee Chair for Elections was not present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 29, 2011 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Stieber greeted everyone and spoke about *Pitt Day in Harrisburg*. There was no meeting last week due to *Pitt Day.* She complemented the students that participated in the event. She stated that she is assured Pitt will be receiving some money after budget cuts; the amount is up to the students and their advocacy.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

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

Board member Gayman greeted students and reminded them *Paint the Panther* applications were sent to organizations. He asked organizations to email him or President Stieber if they did not receive the information. He reminded everyone that the deadline for those applications is April 22, 2011. Students that applied for office space at the new O’Hara Student Center will be presented on Sunday. He also reminded students that they were emailed about the office space applications. He stated that if you did not get an application you can let him know. He stated that they did not receive enough organization requests for office space, so you have a really good shot at getting a space if you apply.

Board member Gayman has also been meeting with Kate Melkoff, the 2011 *Pitt Make a Difference Day* chair. He stated that she is working very hard to revamp and get us new service opportunities here at Pitt. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or getting involved with PMAD 2011 feel free to let him or Kate know.

1. **John Hasley**

Board member Hasley reported that he secured a spot on the docket of the next History department meeting. He stated that the next meeting is a week from tomorrow, Wednesday April 20, 2011. At that meeting he stated that he would be proposing his project to make the results of professor surveys public on the departmental websites. He hopes that after that he will have the support from the actual professors to move forward with this project into the next semester. He stated he will have more news as the meetings go on.

Board member Hasley also congratulated the Governmental Relations Chair Kyle Miller for such a successful *Pitt Day in Harrisburg*. He stated that as an active member in *Pitt Day in Harrisburg* pasts, this one was a cut above the rest.

1. **Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover thanked her intern, Maddie Byer, for all the work with the white board project which she had been helping her with. She stated that Maddie did a wonderful job at actually putting together the booklets that they were able to hand to legislators and just helping with everything that they had been doing with that.

Board member Hoover also reported that this morning she met with the entire RSA board about the Eco Rep proposal that she along with Free the Planet members Seth Bush and Maryann Breta, created. She stated that the proposal is complete and they were able to verbally present it to the Board and answer all of their questions. She stated that the meeting went very well and she believes that it gave them a better idea of what the Eco Rep would be in all of the residence halls. She stated that the Eco Rep would be somewhat of an environmental liaison between the students and their given residence halls. They are still waiting to hear back about what the RSA Boards general feelings were on the proposal.

Board member Hoover reported that she, along with Board member Zimmerman and Board member Landreneau, will be meeting with the Alcohol Task Force once again on this coming Friday, April 15, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. She stated that their last meeting with them was very successful, so she is looking forward to seeing where this meeting goes. They are all hoping to gain more information regarding Pitt’s Amnesty Policy.

1. **Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson stated that the work in Harrisburg did not end last Tuesday. She stated that she and Transportation and Safety chair James Snow were in Harrisburg on Wednesday April 6, 2011 to lobby for the transportation service cuts that have been happening with the Port Authority. She stated that the day went very well and they were able to get their message across to legislatures on that topic as well. She thanked James for going with her all the way to Harrisburg again.

Board member Jentleson also reported that she has been talking with Kenyon Bonner, Assistant Dean of Students and Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey to potentially move the Bike program into the new O’Hara Student Center. She stated that the William Pitt Union is not working out right now. She is hoping that by the beginning of summer, the bikes will be located in the basement of the O’Hara Student Center with the rentals at the desk.

Board member Jentleson lastly reported that tomorrow Wednesday April 13, 2011 herself and Transportation and Safety chair James Snow will be meeting with Executive Board Director of Pitt Program Council Matt ----- to talk about a co-sponsorship to send Pitt buses down to the Waterfront either every weekend or every other weekend. She is hoping that they will be able to get businesses on board with that program as well.

1. **James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau reported that today he met with the Director of Housing here at Pitt, Dr. Jim Earle. He stated that they had a very successful meeting concerning one of the initiatives from last fall. He stated that it is a continuation of previous Board member David Gau’s initiative for an electronic swipe in system at the residence halls here at Pitt. He stated he will have more to present on at the next public meeting after he meets with Dr. Earle again this upcoming weekend.

Board member Landreneau also reported on what was going on with the SGB Food Committee that Board member Hoover and he have been working on. He stated that there is a Mystery Shopper program going on this week. During that program there are about 10 members going around to different venues here at Pitt and offering their judgment on the food and the services.

Board member Landreneau lastly reported that he has met with the newly formed OCC Committee. He stated that they will be hosting a recognition event for the student involved in OCC the Friday before finals week. If you have any questions about it, speak to him after the meeting.

1. **Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle reported that if anyone is interested in running for Board next year, please see him, Kerry Rosenkaimer, or Alex Amati. You will have to start doing work over the summer, and if anyone has any questions please come talk to them. Please spread the word about running for Board.

1. **Zach Weber**

Board member Weber was excused.

1. **Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman reported that he and Pooja Patel will be meeting with the leadership in the Sociology department to try and more general education requirements filled in the department. If anyone in the audience has any suggestions, please stay after to let him know. He also spoke on the amnesty policy. If you have any feedback or opinions on the amnesty policy, please stay after or email either Board member Hoover, Zimmerman, or Landreneau. Lastly, he is the student representative on the search committee looking for the next dean of the honors college. They are interviewing the applicants right now, and if anyone would like to sit in on a vision statement, you can attend these meetings. If anyone would like to discuss what qualities they think the new dean, should have they should talk to Alex after meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, reported that she is also looking at requirements for the music major.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Allocations Committee chair Bane had no report.

1. **ELECTIONS**

The Elections chair, Kari Rosenkaimer, reported that if anyone is interested in running for SGB or has any questions about it, talk to Kari.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that they beat their goal for *Recycle Mania*. She also reported that they will now be getting recycling bins for on campus fraternity houses, and it should be instituted by the fall. She spoke with Sodexho Sustainability Coordinator and she is implementing a policy where you can order your coffee five times using a recyclable mug and get the sixth cup free. Lastly, they are still working on getting Chancellor Nordenburg to sign the resolution proposed a few weeks about: American College and University President’s Climate Commitment.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, thanked everyone who came out to *Pitt Day in Harrisburg;* it was there biggest year yet with over 350 students from all five campuses and over 150 alumni, faculty, staff and friends. He encouraged everyone to follow up with legislators, and he encouraged everyone to register to vote. They will be doing absentee ballot request sheets as well and will be doing lobbying in Towers’ Lobby. There is a meet the candidates forum on April 16th at the Methodist Church in Penn Hills.

1. **JUDICIAL**

The Judicial chair, John Cole, reminded everyone that allocations request discussions during the meeting can’t exceed seven minutes.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Public Relations chair, Alex Amati, noted that we will be having one last rally on campus Tuesday the 19th from 4:30 until whenever the event ends. They will be having tee shirts and other events there. They are also making another video based off of what students love about Pitt. If anyone wants to get involved, come up to the office at 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

The Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow, reported that if anyone is having problems with the Port Authority to please email him at [sgb.transportation@gmail.com](mailto:sgb.transportation@gmail.com).

1. **WEBMASTER**

The Webmaster, Matt Schroeder, had no report.

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

**#6729 Reformed University Fellowship - $1,559.22**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6740 Alpha Kappa Psi - $1,611.86**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,205.86 and deny $406.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6741 Delta Sigma Pi - $2,395.20**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,027.25 and deny $1,367.95.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6743 National Panhellenic Council - $2,000 Budget Modification**

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.

**#6744 Lady Panthers Lacrosse - $716.04**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6754 Ambassadors for Christ - $974.80**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6755 Ambassadors for Christ - $774.80**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Budget Modification**

**#6743 NPHC- $2,000.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hyla Wallis from the Career Development Office stated that there will be a summer job fair on Wednesday in the Union from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.

Alex, a representative from Penn Perg, spoke about adding a referendum to the ballot in the fall. They would like the referendum to ask students to support a fee of $2.25 to add to the student activities fee. There was an open discussion from the Board regarding the proposal, and many felt that Penn Perg is a new organization but they do not have the power to raise the student activities fee.

James, the president of Rainbow Alliance, spoke regarding the members of LGT community and that they do not pick their ways. He spoke on behalf of the request that Ambassadors for Christ spoke on earlier and the speaker that they wanted to bring to campus. The Rainbow Alliance will be having a religious panel speak this Thursday in room 845 at 8:00 pm. He also noted that their drag show was able to raise over $1,300.00.

Alex Zimmerman responded to the allocations request from Ambassadors for Christ, and that is it hard for board members to vote on speakers coming to campus who have opposing ideals of their own. He felt that Ambassadors for Christ’s request was valid, and spoke for the mission of their group.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Stieber noted that Blue Stars, Red Carpet will be in the new O’Hara Center and that next Tuesday will be their last meeting.

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