**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**April 17, 2012**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Landreneau called the meeting of April 17, 2012 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Armstrong, Genus, Hallinan, Louderback, McGrath, Murdoch, Rothenberger, and Samudzi were present. Chair members Beecher, Brown, Crawford, Held, Mallampalli, Meyer, Nites, and Stavrakos were all present. Chair member White was excused.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 10, 2012 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Landreneau reported that this will be the last public meeting of the spring semester. If your group needs to submit a time sensitive request over the summer that is over $500 or under $500, it will be conducted via email vote. If you are confused about any of those procedures, please come see him, a Board member, or Chair Nites. Discussion and voting will be done via email. He updated everyone on the Readership Program. He stated that, unfortunately, there has been another delay. They currently are stalled with the shipment, so we will expect the swipe boxes to be in next Monday. Kenyon and he have emailed Ian, the representative for USA Today, stating that they disapprove of the long wait. He also reported that some members of the Board and he will be staying in Pittsburgh over the summer. He stated that if you are interested in hearing what projects they are working on, feel free to send them an email. Some of the Chairs will also be here this summer, including Community Outreach chair Mallampalli, who will be working hard on PMADD. If you are interested in sitting on the PMADD Planning Board, please contact Chair Mallampalli at mmm131@pitt.edu. Lastly, he stated that it has been a great semester. He stated that every Chair, Board member, and Committee member has surpassed what he was expecting, and he is expecting a lot more for the rest of the year.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

1. **BOARD REPORTS**
2. **Olivia Armstrong**

Board member Armstrong reported that the online allocations requests will be available as soon as the group information is transferred online. She also stated that the SGB twitter account will be dwindling over the summer, but that it will be back up in the fall. She reminded everyone to continue using the 30C, especially when you are out on the weekends, instead of SafeRider, so we can keep that for emergencies. She also wished everyone good luck on finals.

1. **Halim Genus**

Board member Genus reported that he plans to work with Transportation Director Vice Chancellor, Kevin Sheehy, to do some more work to have our shuttle stops marked. Lastly, he reported that he is extremely proud to be a part of this organization. He has seen the work that his fellow Board members have done this semester. He has seen the work that the chairs and the committees have done this semester. He stated that they got off to a turbulent start to their term, but they believe everyone has done a great job. He looks forward to the fall semester and he hopes everyone has a safe summer.

1. **Julie Hallinan**

Board member Hallinan reported that the new edition of the Pitt Political Review is out. It is not physically in print yet, but you can check it out online at [www.ppr.pitt.edu](http://www.ppr.pitt.edu). In this edition, she has an article about Pitt’s transgender policies where she compares it to Penn State or CMU, to try to see where we are. If you haven’t read it yet, Senator Casey wrote a letter to the Department of Justice and Homeland Security asking for help with the bomb threats. It is a very good letter and it can be found on his website if you would like to read it. She also reported that this Friday, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, they are doing a service event with Senator Casey at the Eliza Furnace Trail. This is a good event for you to meet the Senator and ask any questions you might have about his environmental initiatives or any other questions for him. He will be there from 11:00am till 1:00pm. She also stated that she will be here this summer, so if you have any questions or there is anything that she can help you with, please just ask. Lastly, she congratulated Ray, who is the manager of Nordy’s, for his recent promotion to House Manger of the William Pitt Union and the O’Hara Student Center. She also wished everyone good luck on all of their finals.

1. **Gordon Louderback**

Board member Louderback pitched the Arrival Survival volunteer program, and encouraged anyone who is interested in helping with move- in to sign up. He then added that Dean’s Hours is this Thursday, April 19th, and it’s a special Earth Day edition, so students should come check it out and have a good time.

1. **Megan McGrath**

Board member McGrath congratulated all the fraternities and sororities that were recipients of awards, and they will continue that in the fall. She and Board member Murdoch attended the first PMADD meeting with Chair Mallampalli last week. She also added that she will be here all summer long, and so if there is anything students want to work on with her, they are to let her know.

1. **Alex Murdoch**

Board member Murdoch met with John Hoehn, the supervisor for O’Hara Student Center, last week and they discussed the possibility for student groups looking for more storage on campus. They are hoping to renovate the basement, so he informed student groups to look out for that in the upcoming fall semester. He then added that on Sunday, April 22nd, at 4:00 p.m., the Blue Stars Red Carpet award ceremony will be taking place, and students are welcome to come to it. Lastly, he asked that if anyone is interested in the Alcohol Task Force next semester, they are looking for new students to replace the seniors who are leaving. He, Board member McGrath, and Board member Armstrong are on it, so if anyone is interested, then they should talk to them. He wished everyone the best of luck with finals and a great summer.

President Landreneau added that the Blue Stars Red Carpet award ceremony is a good way to celebrate all the student leaders on campus, and he highly recommended that students stop by. It will be in the O’Hara Student Center at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, April 22nd.

1. **Natalie Rothenberger**

Board member Rothenberger reported that this summer she will continue to work with CSSD. Her next project is to get self- service in the Union and wireless self- service printing. She will also be working with Chair White to continue working on the Safe Walker program, and safe paths throughout South Oakland, in addition to new textbook policies. She ended with thanking Officer Bennett and the rest of the Pitt Police, who were present at the meeting, for everything that they have done. She wished everyone luck with finals and a great summer.

1. **Zoé Samudzi**

Board member Samudzi had two meetings for this week which were both cancelled, so she did not get to meet with Kenyon Bonner or with the Academic Calendar Committee. However, they will be meeting during the first week back from summer. Additionally, over the summer she will be meeting with the Provost’s Advisory Committee. If anyone is interested in helping her out with any projects, then they can meet with her over the summer. She also hoped that everyone has a good summer and does well on their finals.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ALLOCATIONS**

Chair Nites had no report.

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chair Stavrakos reported that one of his committee members will be here over the summer working with the Academic Resource Center to get together the study groups’ project up and running for the fall. Also, he has been in contact with the webmaster for the course description page of the Arts and Sciences, and right now, he is looking into the feasibility of getting the syllabi attached to the course description on that website. He wished everyone a good summer.

1. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Chair Mallampalli reported that Board members McGrath, Murdoch and she met with the administrative PMAAD team about Jumpstart planning for PMADD 2012 which will be held on October 20th. If think you would be interested in working with the PMADD students, please email her at mmm131@pitt.edu. She also reported that Sarah Winston and she met with some of the members of the Oakland Planning and Development Office, along with Kevin Stiles of the Office of Off-Campus Living. They will be working with them over the summer to develop a program for RA’s which will train them on educating outgoing freshmen on how to be a good neighbor, tell them things they need to know, e.g., trash and recycling days, potential sanctions that can occur with Oakland code violations, etc. She will be working on these things this summer. On Saturday, from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a second tree planting with Councilman Bill Peduto. GRC Chair Beecher will talk more about that.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Brown had no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Chair Meyer reported on the Green Fund Project. They just finished it and they will be printing it for the fall. It will probably be ready for the Student Activities Fair or during orientation. All of the freshmen will also get an electronic copy. Also, Dean’s hours should coincide with Earth Day celebrations from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on the William Pitt Union lawn. There will be a lot of food available.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Chair Beecher remarked on what Board member Hallinan and Community Outreach Chair Mallampalli said. We have our first tree planting event this Friday with Senator Bob Casey. It will be free and easy. He will be boarding a bus on the corner of Forbes and Bigelow at 9:30 a.m. Feel free to join him. They will also have free tee shirts for the first few people that show up. On Saturday, there will be an event with City Councilman Bill Peduto, who represents a lot of the area in which the University of Pittsburgh resides and who is a very strong advocate for students rights. He is really excited about the opportunities to work with him. It will be a very informal tree planting, so there will be a lot of time to interface with him. Breakfast, lunch and transportation will be provided for students. They will meet here at the William Pitt Union on Saturday at 8:15 a.m. Any questions, please let him or Chair Mallampalli know. One of the projects he will be working on this summer is with City Council on parking regulations, that a lot of us have been enjoying, made more permanent. Some students already know that parking meter enforcement was temporarily moved from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. which means they stopped ticketing cars at 6:00 p.m. He will be working on this issue this summer since the law may revert back to paid metered parking until 10:00 p.m. He also reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday in the Pennsylvania primary.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Chair Crawford had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Chair Held had no report.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

Chair White was absent. President Landreneau spoke on his behalf. The long awaited Resolution 0018 which was tabled for three weeks now, gave them a lot of time to review it and they will vote on it today during Unfinished Business.

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

**#7158 Panther Wrestling Club - $4,320.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

Chair Nites spoke about the proposal to change the Allocations Manual for next fall. He stated that the first proposal was about spring break policy that they are trying to create. The second proposal was an A and B team policies. This is something that they had done traditionally in the past and they are just now making it formal. This proposal was about funding for only the A teams. The final proposal was about nationals and the competition cap and how funding is for that.

President Landreneau stated that these three proposals will be tabled. He stated that the reason why these were introduced during the last public meeting was because they were still drafting them. They wanted to make sure that it was read in public. They will be placing their vote for these proposals next week during finals via email and they will be revised over the summer. This enables them to enact as soon as possible.

There was debate over these revisions from Board member Genus, who felt that these revisions should not be put into the manual but instead left up to the sitting committee or Board to decide. Board members Louderback, Rothenberger, and Samudzi all stated things to agree with the revisions.

President Landreneau stated that these revisions are not something that has just been drafted over the past four months. He stated that these revisions have been followed by SGB over the past years, just not formalized by written script. A good example of that are the A and B team policies. From his memory, over the last two years he knows for sure that B teams were not funded. Therefore, he feels that enacting these policies would benefit clubs since they would not request funding for things that would just be denied regardless.

President Landreneau welcomed anyone to come to talk to him about any other suggestions on how to improve the Allocations Manual for years to come. These revisions will be tabled for a week. Please email SGB if you have any concerns.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Landreneau spoke about Chair White’s Resolution 0018. He gave a brief synopsis, reiterating that Resolution 0018 was for honoring the men and women of the University of Pittsburgh police department. This was drafted after the Western Psychiatric shooting but has been updated to include the recent string of bomb threats. This Resolution was sponsored by Chair White and President Landreneau and is co-sponsored by Board members Rothenberger, Murdoch, Armstrong, McGrath, Louderback, and Hallinan, and also co-sponsored by Committee Chairs Stavrakos, Nites, Mallampalli, Meyer, Beecher, Crawford, and Held.

There was no discussion from the Board.

President Landreneau moved to vote in favor of Resolution 008.

The motion carried.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Rob, from Roller Hockey, stated that they were allocated money for a National Tournament and he wanted to let everyone know that they received Second Place.

Board member Murdoch stated that one of the alumni from his fraternity is starting a Pitt United group to show support for the Pitt Police. They will be selling t-shirts in Towers Lobby all week. They are $5 and all of the money will go to the Pitt Police, and to the K-9 Unit. After this whole situation is over, they will be starting a disaster relief fund should this happen again.

Chair Stavrakos thanked the University, especially the professors and various academic departments for being so accommodating to students given the circumstances, especially with finals. He also stated that his fraternity, Delta Chi, as well as the sorority Theta Phi Alpha will be hosting Pie-A-Thon this Friday from 11:00 to 4:00 out in the Quad. There will be some campus celebrities there so come over and pie them.

Board member Murdoch stated that if you wanted to pie him in the face, he will be there between 2:00 and 4:00.

Darren, the Business Manager from Rainbow Alliance, stated that tomorrow Hillel invited Rainbow Alliance to share in their Holocaust memorial. They will be reading names of Holocaust victims. On Thursday, Rainbow Alliance will be hosting a game night to ease nerves before Finals Week from 8:45 till 11:00 p.m. in Dining Room A. He also stated that on Friday, it is the yearly day of silence. Rainbow Alliance will be tabling outside the Union most of the day, it will all end with a breaking the silence rally where they will be sharing the message of what is going on.

Board member Samudzi stated that if you are free on Friday night at 9:00 or 9:30 p.m., there is an expose in the Kurtzman Room. There will be a lot of different humanitarian groups on campus. She also stated that Ron Paul will be on campus.

President Landreneau stated that Ron Paul will be here this Friday and if you want the eventbrite information to register for that, please see him after meeting.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Landreneau stated that the Pirates are now 3-7 and he will have an updated record come next fall.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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