**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**September 11, 2012**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Landreneau called the meeting of September 11, 2012 to order at 8:45 pm. Board members Genus, Hallinan, Louderback, McGrath, Murdoch, Rothenberger, and Samudzi were present. Chair members Nites, Stavrakos, Brown, Beecher, Crawford, and White were all present. Board member Armstrong was excused. Chair Mallampalli and Chair Meyer were excused. Chair Held arrived late.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 4, 2012 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Landreneau welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the year. He reported that his plan is to continue the SGB town hall meetings, and he is looking to spread the meetings across campus, specifically on lower campus in Litchfield Towers and on upper campus at Sutherland Hall. By next week he will have definitive dates for the meetings.

He stated that the SGB liaison system is up and running. Student organizations should have received an e-mail from a Board member, but if any group did not receive one then he asked that they see him after the meeting.

He reported that on Friday, September 14th he will meet with Dr. Brooks and Scott Hoffman from the OCC to discuss his plans to integrate an on-campus leadership retreat and networking opportunity for student clubs to meet other executive boards. He expressed his hopes of co-hosting the retreat with the OCC Honorary Society.

He also stated that his fellow Board members, other student heads, and himself will be meeting about general election programming on Thursday, September 13th at 3:00 pm. For the upcoming general election they will discuss plans to organize a student debate and move voting booths to the William Pitt Union, which Board member Genus and Board member Hallinan will speak about. He asked that if anyone has any suggestions for programming ideas for the general election to please see him after the meeting.

He closed with a brief moment of silence in memory of 9/11.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

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

Board member Armstrong had no report.

1. **Halim Genus**

Board member Genus reported that he will be meeting with Director Sheehy on Wednesday, September 12th to discuss the shuttle stops. He is also working on setting up a meeting with Board member Hallinan, Governmental Relations Chair Beecher, and Dr. Kathy Humphrey in regards to changing the polling locations.

1. **Julie Hallinan**

Board member Hallinan stated that she will be giving out voter registration forms and voting information at the end of the meeting to anyone who wants to be registered to vote at their current address. She also mentioned that the undergraduate publications distribution unit is going well, and instead of refilling the rack at the beginning of each month they will now be refilled every two weeks.

She reported that last week she met with President Landreneau, President David of the Graduate and Professional Student Government Board, and the Programming Director Tran to talk about the readership program.

She also made an announcement about a panel presentation featuring New York Times reporter John Broder. They are still working on forming the panel, but the topic will be on the future of drilling in America. The presentation will be on October 2nd from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the O’Hara Student Center.

Board member Hallinan stated that there will be a quick meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 8:00 pm on the 9th floor of the William Pitt Union, with Gina Scozzaro from SORC and Daniel Grancea of Panther Club Sports Network, to learn about sustainable fundraising options for club sports.

She reported that Environmental Relations Chair Meyer wanted her to remind everyone that applications for the Green Fund Advisory Board are due Wednesday, September 12th in SGB office.

1. **Gordon Louderback**

Board member Louderback reported that the reservation software is currently down until the new software goes up on September 24th. He also stated that the Traditions Committee will be planning events for the Homecoming game and Family Weekend.

On behalf of Environmental Relations Chair Meyer he reminded everyone that the Environmental Committee meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., in room 848 of the William Pitt Union, and that everyone is welcome to join.

Board member Louderback reminded everyone that Rock the Vote will be in Market Central on Wednesday, September 26th. They will have voter registration forms there and non-partisan information on the candidates for the upcoming general election. He encouraged everyone to register to vote before the October 9th deadline for registration.

He also mentioned that Jack Anderson, the Director of Bands for the University of Pittsburgh, announced that he will be retiring. Since Director Anderson will be here for the rest of the academic year, Board member Louderback encouraged students to thank him for all he has done if they see him around campus.

1. **Megan McGrath**

Board member McGrath, who spoke on behalf of Community Outreach chair Mallampalli, reminded everyone to register for PMADD before the October 1st registration deadline. She added that students have the option of participating as an individual this year, instead of as a group.

She also reminded everyone that this Saturday, September 15th, the Pittsburgh Panther football team will be playing Virginia Tech. She encouraged students to come out and support the team and to also wear their Panther Pitt t-shirts. She explained to everyone that if they have yet to get their Panther Pitt t-shirt they can still do so by picking up tickets at the Peterson Event Center and then getting their shirts at the Pitt Stop.

She also wished all the men and women going through fraternity and sorority recruitment this week good luck.

1. **Alex Murdoch**

Board member Murdoch reported that there are less than 2,000 spots left for PMADD. He encouraged everyone to get their groups signed up before the registration is filled. He also stated that applications for the new storage units in the O’Hara Student Center will be sent out on Thursday, September 13th by Gina Scozzaro, of SORC. He encouraged student groups who are interested in receiving a storage unit to fill out the application. He also reported that he plans is to meet with Kenyon Bonner about the possibility of opening up two more office spaces for student organizations in the O’Hara Student Center, so an application for these spaces may be available to student groups in the near future.

Board member Murdoch also informed everyone that Board member Louderback and himself will be working with Student Alumni Association on coming up with a t-shirt design for Homecoming to sale to the student body in order to raise $10,000 to go towards a student gift to the University for the 225th anniversary. He encouraged any student groups interested in getting involved with or learning more about this fundraiser to speak to any of the Board members.

1. **Natalie Rothenberger**

Board member Rothenberger reported that Board member McGrath and herself will be hosting an alternative advertising meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 8:45 pm in the SGB conference room located in 848 William Pitt Union. She encouraged students who are interested in coming up with alternative ways to advertise around campus to please attend this meeting. They will be discussing the options available for alternative advertising for students.

She also stated that the first Food Committee meeting will be on Friday, September 14th at 1:00 pm in Ballroom A of the University Club. She and Board member Louderback hope to see everyone there.

She also reported that this week she will be meeting with Academic Affairs chair Stavrakos to discuss the textbook purchase and buyback process. They are planning to create a video presenting all the options available across campus. She will also be meeting with Transportation and Safety chair White in regards to the Safe Walker program, which will to increase safety in South Oakland for students.

1. **Zoe Samudzi**

Board member Samudzi reported that she has emailed all of the humanitarian groups in order to begin the discussion for the forum that she is in the process of planning. She also stated that she and Academic Affairs chair Stravrakos are currently waiting to hear back from the Academic Calendar Committee in regards to scheduling a meeting with them. She reported that she has contacted administrators about CFCI services, in addition to building a coalition between faculty members in different departments across the Pitt campus.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations chair Nites had no report.

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs chair Stavrakos reported that they have made progress over the past week. He stated that the committee is working to get syllabi posted to the online course catalog in order to allow all students to be able to look at the class syllabus before enrolling. He will be working together with the general manager of the website to add sample syllabi in the next few weeks. He stated that he also met with President Landreneau and Dean Humphrey this week to discuss extending library hours for next semester. He also reported that they have been working on auditing classes every couple of semesters in order to see what classes could potentially count as general education requirements.

1. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Community Outreach chair Mallampalli had no report.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Elections chair Brown reminded everyone that SGB elections are quickly approaching. She stated that the election packets will be going out October 1st and that they will need to be returned to the SGB office on October 15th. The election will be held on November 15th. Anyone planning on running will need to come to the SGB office to check out the packets. All other materials will be available online. She also told everyone that the first Elections committee meeting will be held Thursday September 13th at 8:45 p.m.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONS**

Environmental Relations chair Meyer had no report.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Governmental Relations chair Beecher announced that very soon they will be finding out where the voter booths will be moved to this year, and they will also have a finalized schedule for the General Elections Programming for this year. He stated that the Governmental Relations blog will be up and running at the end of this week. He also stated that the Service Day from this past Sunday went very well.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Judicial chair Crawford reported that she held her first committee meeting today, September 11th. They discussed possible changes to the elections for Student Government Board. She stated that they will be helping Elections chair Brown with anything she may need concerning SGB elections.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Public Relations chair Held reported that she met with her committee on September 10th and they discussed and finalized the SGB newsletters. She reminded everyone to keep an eye out for them. She stated that within the next few months they plan to work with both Elections chair Brown and her committee as well as with Governmental Relations chair Beecher and his committee.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

Transportation and Safety chair White announced that there is a bike station in Schenley Plaza.

1. **WEB MASTER**

President Landreneau and Allocations chair Nites will be holding Webmaster interviews for anyone who is interested tomorrow night, September 12th. If anyone is interested please see them after the meeting.

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

**#7188 HIMSA - $3,001.85**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $1,725.00 and to deny $1,276.85.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7191 Panther Club Field Hockey - $1,040.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $620.00 and to deny $420.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $610.00 and to deny $430.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7193 Circle K International - $600.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7195 Women’s Club Gymnastics - $3,090.82**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $2,060.54 and to deny $1,030.28.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7198 Lady Panthers Soccer Club - $1,744.32**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7200 Lady Panthers Soccer Club - $1,149.04**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7209 Chinese American Student Association - $937.53**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $752.17 and to deny $185.36.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7210 Model United Nations - $2,480.60**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.  
The motion carried.

**#7218 International Student Organization for Social Equality - $1,289.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

Request was postponed.

1. **Other New Business**

There was no other New Business.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A motion was made to approve the Elections Code revisions.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Trisha, the president of Rainbow Alliance invited everyone to an event they will be having on the 6th floor lounge of William Pitt Union this Thursday, September 13th.

Ryan Wilson, from PennPerg, wanted to introduce himself to the Board. They will be working with SGB in order to get students to vote in the upcoming election. They will be having a kick off meeting this Thursday, September 13th, on the 9th floor of the Union for anyone interested in attending. They will also be having their *Pancakes for Panthers* event on Friday, September 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Towers patio.

Nina, the president of Model UN, stated that they will be hosting an in house conference on September 24th. She encouraged anyone that is interested to attend the meeting.

Transportation and Safety chair White announced that there is a football game this Saturday, and that the University will offer shuttles to and from the game.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Landreneau echoed that Blue and Gold Society is trying to raise $10,000 for Homecoming this year as a present to the University for their 225th anniversary.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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