**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**September 14, 2010**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Shull called the meeting of September 14, 2010 to order at 8:45 p.m. Board members Bombatch, Gau, Paiewonsky, Petrone, Rezaeian and Stieber were present. Committee Chairs: Academic Affairs-Zimmerman, Allocations-Grau, Elections-Wickenden, Environmental-Schroeder, Governmental Relations Chair-Jennings, Judicial-Krzywonos, Public Relations-O’Leary were present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 7, 2010 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Refer to Presidential Remarks.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

1. **BOARD REPORTS**
2. **Zachary D. Bombatch**

Board member Bombatch reported that *Paint the Panther* applications are available in the SGB office, they are due Monday, September 27 at 5 p.m. We are still waiting to hear from students concerning any ideas they may have for homecoming this year.

1. **David Gau**

Board member Gau reported that he has an intern now by the name of Ashley who will be working with him on the Community Outreach Program and the Residence Hall Guest Swipe In Program. He has picked up Board member Noorbaksh’s DVD kiosk project. They are trying to bring something similar to RedBox to campus, if not RedBox itself. If anyone dislikes the idea of having a DVD kiosk on campus, let him know.

1. **Laura Paiewonsky**

Board member Paiewonsky announced the Online Syllabus Bank which will hold all the syllabi from courses on campus to help inform students of what different classes offer. If anyone has any that they can donate to the cause, email onlinesyllabusbank@gmail.com, or drop off in her mailbox in the Student Government Office. First Food Committee meeting is on Tuesday, September 28th, but they are still waiting to hear back on what time. Board member Rezaeian and Paiewonsky will be meeting with Sodexo before this meeting to discuss our goals and their goals for the upcoming semester.

1. **David Petrone**

Board member Petrone met with Kieran O’Leary and Kyle Murphy from Pitt Telefact regarding the *Pitt Digital Compass* and hashed out some details. They have a rough deadline of late October of when it will be coming out. He will be attending the Alcohol Awareness Task Force meeting on September 17th.

1. **Sam Rezaeian**

Board member Rezaeian also reported that the Food Committee meeting is on Tuesday, September 28th, tentatively scheduled for 3 p.m. They work with Sodexo to build a better relationship with them. Sometimes they give them free samples and let them test the food. If anyone is interested in joining them, please let him know.

1. **Molly Stieber**

Board member Stieber reported that the Green Fund pilot program is under way and if you are interested in getting involved go to *pittgreenfund.com* and pick up an application for the Student’s Sustainable Project Committee. She had a meeting with the Board members today go to the website to read about the projects.

The Green Fund will be an initiative for the Environmental Committee. The Student’s Sustainable Projects Committee will be a committee of students who are in charge of taking proposals from other students at the university who have ideas on infrastructure and environmental projects to help our campus follow a greener path. It has to be a project that can be completed in a year so that students who are paying the fee are able to see that the project is completed. The charter will be changed a little bit, but anything you heard in the past will still occur.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chair Zimmerman reported he met with Mike Giazzoni the advisor for the University Honors College, as well as the director of student assistantships. He spoke about his proposal to make it easier for students to meet all of their general education requirements to make scheduling easier for them. Next he will be meeting with students who were both successful and ones who weren’t to see what did and didn’t work. If anyone is interested in talking to him after this meeting, email him or stop by his office.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair Grau reported that the university instituted a new travel policy over a year ago. We are making sure that organizations are following the new travel policy and we will need the advisor’s signature stating that the group is adhering to all the university guidelines.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Wickenden summited the Elections Code for this year to the Board for their approval. It will be voted on next week. There will be a paper copy in her office tomorrow between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. if anyone wants to see the changes she proposed this year.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Chair Schroeder said if anyone would like to apply for the Students Sustainable Projects Committee to please talk to her. Applications are due tomorrow and they are at [www.pittgreenfund.com](http://www.pittgreenfund.com). If you have any ideas about projects, please talk to her. She met with President Shull today about the Green Room and they will be getting started on that.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Committee member John Hasley, who is filling in for Chair Jennings, gave the report. The committee is working with Public Relations Committee and has registered 1,000 voters on Pitt’s campus. If anyone wants to register to vote, see him after the meeting. Hasley reported he had voter registration cards and if anyone wanted to register they were to see him after the meeting.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Chair Krzywonos had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Chair O’Leary hoped to release the new Student Government Board website during the week of September 26th. He’s looking for any students interested in public relations to join his committee if they have any design or journalism experience. If anyone wants OCC credit, see him after the meeting.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

President Shull nominated Board member Stieber to replace Board member Noorbaksh as the Board’s Business Manager.

The motion was approved.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Allocations Recommendations:**

 **#6356 Panther Paintball Club- $1,050.00**

 The motion was to approve $525.00 and to deny $525.00.

 The motion was seconded.

 The motion carried.

 **#6370 Chinese Martial Arts Association- $1,095.52**

The motion was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6371 Students for Justice in Palestine- $552.30**

The motion was to postpone.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6380 Ambassadors for Christ- $935.81**

The motion was to approve $758.96 and to deny $176.85.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6350 Mock Trial- $1,242.44**

The motion was made to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6351 Mock Trial- $859.96**

The motion was made to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6352 Mock Trial- $1,090.28**

The motion was made to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6353 Mock Trial- $911.64**

The motion was made to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6372 Mock Trial- $1,701.36**

The motion was made to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **New Business**

A motion was made to approve the 2010 Elections Code with new changes.

The motion was seconded.

After discussion, the motion was tabled for one week.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

There was no Open Floor discussion.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

After the first meeting of the Pittsburgh Student Government Council, there were a few small things President Shull would rather not discuss, e.g., our logo, website and g-mail account. He talked about a post-agenda meeting that they will have with a Councilman in the next month or two where they will discuss transportation issues with the city. The city is looking to make cuts in January that will affect residents and students, which is a big issue with Point Park because 75% of students are commuter students. They also discussed what they would do for the Council, and the possibility of creating a student commission within City Council as part of the City Code.

Shull did not submit a proposal for the Collegiate Readership Program because the proposal was for the fall and spring semesters, which includes 600 copies per day which is $30,500. If we shift the term, it will span fiscal years and that can’t be done. The Board members have their mind made up and no students have come to him about this. The majority of them would like to use that money towards student organizations instead of a program like this.

He will be sending out an email to all the students who signed up for Student Government Board at the Activities Fair. They will be sending out an email with a date and time for a meeting for anyone who is interested. For any students who show up, they will try and get them involved in SGB.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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