**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**January 25, 2011**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of January 25, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Jentleson, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of January 18, 2011 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Stieber discussed her meeting with the Pittsburgh Student Government Council this past Monday where they discussed the Pittsburgh Port Authority. She and the Board Members will be traveling to Penn State this weekend to discuss P.A.S.S. Finally, this year there were ten more committee applications then were submitted last year.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There are no agenda items.

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

Board member Gayman met with Cheryl Finlay and Brian Heddleston from SEPA to discuss the improvement of the Future Links resource at Pitt. He then spoke about meeting with Matt DiFiore, who is the SSPC accountability organizer. He gave him a basic run down on what’s going on, including that the “Go Green” signs which will be coming out very soon. He then explained what the “Go Green” signs are. He was also updated on composters through the SSPC. They were able to strike a deal on the composter to get it at a cheaper price.

1. **John Hasley**

Board member Hasley stated that he is putting the finishing touches on his professor survey proposal. He thanked President Stieber and SGB Advisor Kenyon Bonner for the help that they have given him on this proposal.

1. **Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover reported that she is continuing her campaign to see how many students she can get to fill out the Princeton Review survey in order to get the University of Pittsburgh high in the rankings. She stated that the deadline to fill out the survey is January 31st at midnight. She also stated that she has contacted Kara Speth, who is in charge of the Student Alumni Association, to be able to reach a broader group of students. She then reminded everyone to go to the Princeton Review website and fill out the survey at *survey.review.com*.

Board member Hoover also reported on her Eco Reps project by stating that she has been continuing her discussions with Free The Planet at their weekly meetings. She stated that she has a small committee that has been working on a proposal. She stated that she will be meeting with the new president of the Resident Student Association, Bryant Andrews-Nino on Friday to discuss implementing the position within the RSA. She stated that if anyone has any ideas, she encourages them to visit *pittenviromental.org* and join the forum.

1. **Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson reported that she met with John Schneider of the Office of Intramurals yesterday to discuss relocating the bikes that are currently at Bellefield Hall and the Petersen Events Center to lower campus. Also, she stated that they are looking at funding for bike lockers. She also stated that they are looking to revamp the entire rental service all together. She reminded everyone that the bike share survey is still online at the Pitt Student Government Board fan page. She encouraged everyone to go on and fill that out.

Board member Jentleson also reported that she met with Kevin Sheehy and Vince Johns from the Department of Transportation. They spoke about having a direct link to shuttle services on *my.pitt.edu*. They also talked about the GPS tracking system for shuttles, which is well underway. It is pending funding, but the University believes it is a good idea. In the meantime, students who have phones with internet capabilities can use the mobile Pitt app for BlackBerrys and iPhones.

1. **James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau updated everyone on his electronic swipe-in initiative. He stated that after successful meetings with Dr. Brooks, Mr. Earle, and Chief Delaney, he is looking to have a meeting with all three of them in the upcoming weeks to further this initiative.

Board member Landreneau also reported that as far as his message board initiative goes, he met with MAC director Neale Hahn last Thursday. He is also talking to more faculty members in the Math Department to get some more feedback on whether that would be a good means for students to communicate with each other. He also reported that he is doing groundwork on his towel rental system at the Petersen Events Center. He stated that he will be polling students next week and that he will be meeting with Marilyn Ross.

1. **Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle reported that he has drafted a petition for “Mercy Week” and he is currently trying to get as many signatures as possible before he presents it to the administration. He stated that if anyone would like to sign it they should see him after meeting, or if you believe you would be able to get a lot of signatures at an organization’s meeting, please let him know and he would get a packet to pass around which he will later collect.

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1. **Zach Weber**

Board member Weber reported that next week President Steiber and he, along with anyone else on Board who would like to attend, will be meeting with representatives from *USA Today* and *The New York Times* on the arrival and the kick-off event.

1. **Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman reported that in terms of his initiative to get more courses to fill Gen-Ed requirements, he met last week with the new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies John Twyning. During this meeting, they spoke to ensure that their conversation with the Undergraduate Council about finding ways to make more courses meet the Gen-Ed requirements, remains an ongoing topic this semester. His next course of action is to schedule meetings with relevant department chairs to see if they can approach faculty members to encourage them to offer courses in specific departments.

Board member Zimmerman also reported on the SGB Leadership Scholarship he has been working on. He stated that he heard back from Karen Whitehead, and now he is just waiting to hear back from General Counsel for their approval. Once it is approved, he hopes that they can move on to fundraising.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

There was no report.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

There was no report.

1. **ELECTIONS**

There was no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

There was no report.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

There was no report.

1. **JUDICIAL**

There was no report

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

There was no report.

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

**#6540 Ski Team - $953.50**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6544 Panther Grappling - $1,000.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $500.00 and deny $500.00.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6574 Pitt Pendulums - $1,673.67**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,671.63 and deny $2.04.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6576 CASA - $974.63**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $939.64 and deny $34.99.

A motion was made by Board Member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Riehle.

The motion carried.

**#6578 College Republicans - $692.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

A motion was made by Board member Hoover to accept Allocations recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Board member Riehle.

The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

There was no other New Business.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hyla Wallis, a representative from the Career Development Office, said that Winter Fest was a success; they gave away tons of prizes as well. She said that they hope to put the program together again next year. The representative from SEPA will be there next week to give information about career prep and the Career Fair that will be coming around in the next couple of weeks.

Kyle Miller from Governmental Relations noted that SGB will be co-hosting a Pancake and Politics event this Thursday with the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly and the guest speak will be State Senator and Board of Trustee member Jay Costa. The room has changed and will now be in the Ballroom of the Union at 8:15 a.m. Pitt Day in Harrisburg is Tuesday, February 1st.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Stieber thanked everyone for coming out and commended the Board for doing so well in the meeting. She then discussed the fact that organizations who submit a request do need to attend Allocations meetings to defend their request. If Allocations denies their request, they need to come to SGB meetings on Tuesday night so the Board can hear their request. Allocations 101 will be held on Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. in room 316, in the Union.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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