**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**February 15, 2011**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of February 8, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Committee Chairs for Allocations, Elections, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, Transportation and Safety were present. Board member Jentleson was excused.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 8, 2011 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Stieber reported that today was the rally in Harrisburg for state-related students with about three hundred students in attendance, along with the Chancellor, Governmental Relations Vice Chancellor Paul Supowitz and Chief of Staff and Vice Chancellor Renny Clark. It was a great success and good to see so many Pitt Students there. Students can sign up to lobby for *Pitt Day in Harrisburg* on April 5th.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There are no Submitted Agenda Items.

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

Board member Gayman had no report.

1. **John Hasley**

Board member Hasley reported that he has a meeting set up with OMAD on Friday to talk about professor surveys.

1. **Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover reported that she and Board member Landreneau will be meeting with members of Sodexo for their first Food Committee meeting on Thursday, February 17th at 12:30pm, outside of Market-to-Go. All students are welcome to come and give their feedback.

1. **Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson had no report.

1. **James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau is meeting with the head of Intramurals Marilyn Ross to discuss getting a towel rental system in the Pete. He also got an email back from Housing concerning the Residence Hall swipe-in-system, and they are waiting on Pitt’s technology team to have a response by next week.

1. **Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle handed out his petition for Mercy Week. If anyone would like a copy of the petition to hand out in their organizations, let him know after the meeting.

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1. **Zach Weber**

Board member Weber met with the director of Student Health Services to discuss their different ideas of student wellness on campus. It was a productive meeting and he will be meeting with her on regular basis.

1. **Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman announced that Graduate Resource Center in the Hillman Library will be located on the ground floor near Cup & Chaucer and will be ready soon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair recommended that anyone interested in SGB should think about joining the Academic Affairs Committee.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Committee chair Bane reported that deadline for submitting spring budgets is set for Friday, March 4th at 5 p.m., before spring break. Groups should be getting emails from SORC, as well as the liaisons. The Committee will be in moratorium from March 4th until Monday, March 21st to review budgets. Late budgets will not be accepted.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Rosenkaimer had no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that Pitt is currently involved in Recycle Mania competition, which is a competition between colleges and universities to see who can recycle the most. She is currently working on a facility to provide recycling at student events.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, thanked everyone who came to the rally in Harrisburg today, and sign-ups for *Pitt Day in Harrisburg* will be beginning in the next few weeks. Pancakes and Politics will be held on Thursday, March 3rd at 8:15 a.m. with state representative Jared Gibbons.

1. **JUDICIAL**

The Judicial chair, John Cole, had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Public Relations chair, Alex Amati was pleased with the impact at the rally in Harrisburg, and was happy that we had more students than Penn State.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

The Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow had no report.

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

**#6615 Men’s Ultimate Frisbee Club - $2,426.30**Allocations recommendation was to approve $2,258.20 and deny $168.10.

A motion was made by the Board to approve 2,426.30.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6616 Athletic Training Student Association - $1,996.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6620 Brazil Nuts - $3,419.15**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,569.75 and deny $1849.40.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6623 Chabad House Korea - $550.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6624 Students for Justice in Palestine - $1,318.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $633.00 and deny $685.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6625 African Students Organization - $10,360.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $3,087.00 and deny $7,273.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

A motion was made by the Board to approve $3,714.60 and deny $6,645.40.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6619 Black Action Society - $14,902.81 Budget Modification**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $14,802.81 and deny $100.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Resolution 0012** – **A Campaign to Make Poverty History**   
   The Resolution was read by Board member Zimmerman, and is co-sponsored by President Stieber and all Board members. The Resolution will be tabled for a week to allow students to look over the Resolution and they will be voting on it at the next meeting.
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Hyla Wallis, a representative from the Career Development Office, thanked everyone that came out for the practice Kaplan test on Saturday. If you have any questions about further education, please stop by their office. The LSAT information session will be held Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Union in Room 528. On Monday, February 21st will be the PCAT session.

James, the president of Rainbow Alliance, commented on WPU Reservations. He said that something needs to be done concerning the Reservation system at Pitt. He also spoke about lack of funding for things off campus.

Eric spoke to reiterate some of the things James touched on, and that it is unfair that some organizations get preferential treatment.   
  
President Stieber commented on the fact that it was unfortunate what happened to Black Action Society and would like to speak to them after the meeting. Board member Riehle also spoke on the request, saying that Allocations has to deny money because they are restricted to how much money they have and that they need to continue the precedents that have been tested for years. Board member Zimmerman also commented that the Board is willing to talk to students who have any confusion over allocations.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Stieber commented on the previous discussion and was glad that students had the discussion.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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