**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**March 1, 2011**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Stieber called the meeting of March 1, 2011 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Gayman, Hasley, Hoover, Jentleson, Landreneau, Riehle, Weber, and Zimmerman were present. Committee Chairs for Academic Affairs, Allocations, Elections, Environmental, Governmental Relations, Judicial, Public Relations, Transportation and Safety and Webmaster were present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 22, 2011 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Stieber greeted everyone and reported there was a great turnout at the Panther Leadership Summit. She encouraged students who are invited to next year’s event to attend. She went on to discuss her meeting with Paul Supowitz, Vice Chancellor of Governmental Relations for the University of Pittsburgh, and Governmental Relations chair Kyle Miller about *Pitt Day* in Harrisburg. She spoke about this event in relation to the rally with the difference being that students will be able to lobby with state legislators this time. She encouraged students to register for the upcoming event.

President Stieber commented that she is aware *The Pitt News* is contacting student organizations. She suggests any questions be directed to the Student Government Board office. She also clarified that a group/organization may be approved for “X” amount of rooms, rental cars, etc., but the group/organization is not bound to specifics in the request. Additional costs will be personal expenses.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolution 0013 was introduced by Board member Gayman and co-sponsored by President Stieber and the rest of the Board.

 “Whereas climate change is an extremely important issue…the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh recognizes the magnitude of the issue of climate change and implores the administration to address the issue by signing the American College and University Presidents Climate’s Commitment to actively work towards achieving carbon neutrality.”

Information will be on the SGB website, [www.pitt.edu/~sgb/](http://www.pitt.edu/~sgb/). A vote will take place Tuesday, March 15, 2011, the first Board meeting after Spring Break.

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

Board member Gayman reported he met with Terry Milani, through SVO to create a Community of Service. More information will be provided at a later date.

He also reported he met with SCSC, which is the Student Community Service Council, to discuss projects to come in March and April.

Board member Gayman commented that if anyone wants a SGB liaison to please email sgb.boardmembers@gmail.com.

1. **John Hasley**

Board member Hasley reported that he has meetings with the Office of Measurement and Evaluation of Teaching and Pitt’s Marketing Communications to develop a structured survey before talking to different academic departments. First, he will be going to the History department and then approach more departments.

1. **Emily Hoover**

Board member Hoover reported that she is in the process of the Allocations FAQ sheet. If you have any questions that you want to be on this FAQ sheet, just email her at ehh5@pitt.edu.

She also met with Sam, business manager of the Student Sustainability Committee, and also with David, who is heading the project for the *Go Green* signs, and they purchased the image. This puts them a step closer to having the *Go Green* signs up around campus. They hope that this will happen sometime after spring break.

Board member Hoover also stated that she has another meeting to work on and finalize the proposal for the Eco-Rep tomorrow with the members of Free the Planet.

1. **Lauren Jentleson**

Board member Jentleson reported that she spoke with Anthony Stewart this week about adding on a Bicycle Subcommittee to the Transportation and Safety Committee of the Student Government Board. If anyone is interested, she encouraged them to email her or James Snow.

1. **James Landreneau**

Board member Landreneau reported that he created an email for the Food Committee. He and Board member Hoover are serving on the Sodexo Food Committee. The email is a Gmail account, sgb.sodexo@gmail.com. The Food Committee meets every third week of the month on Thursdays. He also stated that if you’re interested in serving on the Food Committee, to please see him after the meeting.

1. **Matthew Riehle**

Board member Riehle passed around his *Mercy Week* petition and stated that he is going to try to attend as many organization meetings as he can after spring break to pass it around and speak about fall elections. He reported that he will be working closely with the Elections chair to increase voter turnout for next year.

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1. **Zach Weber**

Board member Weber reported that he had a conference call with the campus representatives from *The New York Times* and *USA Today* about the launch event. They are currently looking at a date for the launch that will be around the week students get back from spring break.

1. **Alex Zimmerman**

Board member Zimmerman reported that for the past year, he has been working on getting more courses to fulfill general education requirements. He stated that he has been having great success with this, especially from the History department. Starting next semester, there should be several more courses available to fulfill the general education requirements that have not previously done so. The next department that he will be working with is Sociology.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Pooja Patel, the Academic Affairs Committee Chair, spoke with Dr. Feick about getting an International Relations major implemented at the school, and with more student interest, it can become a possibility. Also, if you would like more information on *Mercy Week* you can talk to her as well as Board member Riehle.

1. **ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Committee chair Bane reported that the deadline for submitting spring budgets is set for Friday, March 4th at 5 p.m., before spring break. They will need both the hard copy of the budget and the electronic copy by Friday. Wednesday March 2, 2011 will be the last day Allocations will accept supplemental requests until March 21st, due to the fact that the committee will be in moratorium until this date.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Rosenkaimer had no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Environmental chair, Rebecca Schroeder, reported that Pitt is still involved in the *Recycle* *Mania* competition, and they are currently ranked first in the Big East. She also addressed the Resolution that was proposed by Board member Gayman, for the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. A total of 677 other institutions of higher education in America, representing one third of the nation’s student population, have already signed this Resolution. Signing this commitment is to show that we want to try to be more sustainable. She will also be passing around a petition to support this Resolution.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

The Governmental Relations chair, Kyle Miller, reported that there will be *Pancakes and Politics* held on Thursday, March 3rd at 8:15 a.m. with state representative Jared Gibbons. He also commented on meeting with Vice Chancellor Paul Supowitz to discuss *Pitt Day* in Harrisburg, which will be Tuesday April, 5th. There will be transportation, food, and mandatory training provided. Registration for this event will start Wednesday, March 2nd online at pittdayinhgb@eventbrite.com. We will be going around to organizations after spring break to get people registered.

1. **JUDICIAL**

The Judicial chair, John Cole, had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Public Relations chair, Alex Amati, has a meeting with Kyle Miller to strategize marketing ideas for *Pitt Day* in Harrisburg. You can currently register online at pittdayinhgb@eventbrite.com and through the SGB Facebook page.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

The Transportation and Safety chair, James Snow, commented on Board member Jentleson’s report. If anyone is interested in being on the Bike Sub-Committee, please contact him at jas328@pitt.edu. He will also be meeting with Public Relations to design the Riders Guide after spring break.

1. **WEBMASTER**

The Webmaster, Matt Schroeder, reported that he is updating everything on the website right now. If anyone has suggestions, please email him at webmaster.sgb@gmail.com.

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

**#6629 Fitness & Bodybuilding Club - $1,632.34**Allocations recommendation was to approve $363.33 and deny $1,269.01.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6648 Pitt Club Tennis Team - $1,076.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6651 Men’s Ultimate Frisbee Club - $1,717.88**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6654 Pittsburgh Fencing Association - $3,506.40**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $864.60 and to deny $2,641.80.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried

**#6655 Students in Free Enterprise - $560.20**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $525.20 and deny $35.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6656 Phi Beta Lambda - $978.78**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $760.78 and deny $218.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6658 Pittsburgh Electronic Musicians - $1,515.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $584.00 and deny $931.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6659 Free the Planet - $983.97**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $659.97 and deny $324.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6660 Men’s Ultimate Frisbee Club - $610.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6663 Black Dance Workshop - $3,983.91**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to postpone.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6664 Tau Beta Sigma - $764.38**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $441.38 and deny $323.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6668 Korean Culture Association - $600.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $375.00 and deny $225.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6669 American Marketing Association - $1,440.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to postpone.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6672 Yabaso Dance Team - $1,426.98**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $857.48 and deny $569.50.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve the revised amount of $1,226.09 and deny $200.89.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6674 Korean Student Association - $1,401.44**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry

The Board recommendation was to approve $1,383.48 and deny $17.96.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6676 SLIM - $710.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $610.00 and deny $100.00

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6678 Some of God’s Children Gospel Choir - $5,619.40**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6652 Panther Women’s Rugby - $770.16 Budget Modification**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#6675 Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Club - $865.46 Budget Modification**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

James, the President of Rainbow Alliance, commented that they have peanut butter sandwiches for after the meeting. He also commented on the changes in the allocations process over the last few years and in making it a lot more transparent. These past two Boards have spoken their mind and really made it clear that they are here to help you. He also spoke of his upcoming events.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Stieber commented on the allocations process, and that they work extremely hard on the requests. Please talk to the Board members before public meeting if there are problems with requests.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

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