**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**March 27, 2012**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Landreneau called the meeting of March 27, 2012 to order at 8:45pm. Board members Armstrong, Genus, Hallinan, Louderback, McGrath, Murdoch, Rothenberger, and Samudzi were present. Chair members Stavrakos, Mallampalli, Brown, Crawford, Beecher, Held, Meyer, White, and Nites were all present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 20, 2012 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Landreneau reported that the Liaison Program is now in place beginning with tonight’s meeting. Any questions about the liaison system please see the Board after the meeting. Budget appeals were last Sunday, with twelve out of forty that were appealed. Decisions are pending after this meeting. Also, the second Town Hall Meeting will take place April 3rd, 2012 in Nordy’s Place. It occurs an hour before the regularly scheduled meeting. Lastly, the 1787 Letter Writing Campaign will be kicking off this Monday, April 2nd, 2012. Please refer to Facebook. The number 1787 was chosen for the projected number of letters the Student Government Board would like to give to the state legislator by April 20th. This event is taking place in the Lower Lounge of the William Pitt Union at 9am-3pm. The following Monday, April 10th, it will be in the Ballroom from 9am-3pm on April 16th; it will also be in the Lower Lounge with the same times.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

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

Board member Armstrong mentioned to watch out for information on the 30C. There are messages streaming throughout the Union and Twitter.

1. **Halim Genus**

Board member Genus thanked President Landreneau for all he does. He reports he has been in contact with Devin Reagus, a Google Representative, to bring a new email server for student organizations.

1. **Julie Hallinan**

Board member Hallinan reported she met with the University’s architect today for a potential distribution unit for undergraduate publications. Second, she is still fighting for the Transgender Equality, and she hopes for a positive outcome. She also gave a shout out to Board member Samudzi for speaking at CMU yesterday.

1. **Gordon Louderback**

Board member Louderback updated everyone on the wireless internet. He is continuing to meet with University officials, and once again in April for the projected proposal. Second, he is meeting with Future of Green Fund, along with a Student Affairs representative. He goes on to mention the Food Committee Meeting at 1pm outside of Market To Go.

1. **Megan McGrath**

Board member McGrath reported that Board member Louderback and she had a successful meeting with the Traditions Committee. She mentioned she is looking forward to working with them for the remaining term. She goes on to mention, with an increase of usage of IPads, that CSSD offers free applications that would be extremely useful. Greek Sing is this Friday night. All proceeds go to cystic fibrosis.

1. **Alex Murdoch**

Board member Murdoch reported that if you are involved in sports, that he will be trying to reach out to hold either individual or group meetings. This will give everyone an idea of what club sports are looking for. Second, he is looking for some feedback on the Victoria Hall dining facilities. He also mentioned Greek Sing, and urged students to come. He also said Happy Birthday to Board member McGrath.

1. **Natalie Rothenberger**

Board member Rothenberger reported that the Student Events Calendar will be added onto My Pitt Portal. This will be official advertising for every student event across campus. Board member McGrath and Rothenberger have a meeting regarding outdoor advertising. She goes on to announce the first Student Feedback meeting with CSSD. Lastly, she has set up a meeting with the Vice Provost and Ms. Fyock of the Book Center to discuss the future of textbooks at this campus.

1. **Zoé Samudzi**

Board member Samudzi thanked those who attended the rally at CMU. She also reported that she is continuing the fight for reading days. She recently met with the Chair of the Academic Calendar Committee Dr. Blair and they are convening a special meeting of the Academic Calendar Committee since they only meet once a year. They are meeting on the 18th of April and she hopes something productive comes out of that. She also asked that if you have time on Monday,April 2 at 8:00 p.m. STAND and ONE are cohosting the Oxfam Hunger Banquet to bring attention to women’s issues and feminization of poverty.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ALLOCATIONS**

Chair Nites had no report.

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIR**

Chair Stavrakos reported that this past week his committee met. They finally got together the online survey regarding student study habits in the library. All this week members of his committee will be in and out of the library handing out flyers that has the URL for that survey. You can also pick up a flyer in the SGB office. All of the other projects that he has mentioned have been continuing smoothly. He stated that he would also be meeting with the Academic Calendar Committee along with Board member Samudzi. If there is anything you would like to see approached with the Calendar Committee or you have any good ideas, please bring it up with either him or Board member Samudzi.

1. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Chair Mallampalli reminded everyone that they have been working on the March Madness Service Campaign and that it is now the last week of March. She is proud to report that they have 11,081 hours as of today. She encouraged everyone to keep sending in hours. She stated that Habitat for Humanity is currently winning the event. She also reported that they had their Good Neighbor Lunch on Saturday and she feels like it went very well. She stated that they received a lot of interesting feedback from residents of Oakland and from Directors of OPDC. They will be continuing to work with them throughout the rest of the year to improve relations between Pitt students and the rest of the Oakland Community. She reported that regarding Oakland issues, there have been a couple of really scary incidents on Dithridge Street in the past week. She wanted to urge everyone to be very cautious when you are out late at night. Whether you are a girl or boy you should be using the buddy system and carrying pepper spray. She also reported that it is PMADD season kickoff. If you have any recommendations, please approach her or someone on her committee. She will be meeting with Kenyon Bonner tomorrow to jumpstart the PMADD planning process.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Chair Brown had no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Chair Meyer reported that this past week she had a meeting with the Off-Campus Housing Department to talk about trying to distribute some education on recycling and trash in South Oakland. She will be continuing to work on that in the next week and, hopefully, you will see that this fall. She also reported that tomorrow she has a meeting with ResLife to talk about the EcoReps project that will be in freshman dorms, hopefully, next year.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Chair Beecher commended Community Outreach Chair Mallampalli for the Good Neighbors Luncheon. He stated that a lot of the residents brought up an interesting point that ties into a project that they have been working on. A lot of the residents are concerned that students are being taken advantage of by their landlords and that students may not be aware of their rights and where a landlord is failing their obligations. We are working on a constituency services database to inform students about these and other rights that their elected officials can protect.

Chair Beecher followed up on what President Landreneau said about the letter writing event. This is an attempt for us to follow up on the work that we did at Pitt Day in Harrisburg and communicate with our state legislators about why it is important to fund the University of Pittsburgh. He also reported that they have made some progress with getting the voting booth moved. They talked to the County Director of Elections to figure out what the process is. He wanted to commend one of his committee members Katie Duffy for taking the time to go downtown to the County Records Office. They have also made a lot of progress with planning a service event with Senator Casey that is tentatively scheduled for April 20th. They will be working with an organization called Tree Pittsburgh? Downtown. They will have more information with how to get involved with that later. He also reported on the Student Vote Coalition that they are putting together on campus. They will be working with different organizations on campus to help get as many students registered on campus to vote as possible. They will be contacting certain groups that they have talked to already. If you would like to be involved with this, please feel free to contact them.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Chair Crawford had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Chair Held had no report.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

Chair White reported that the Bike-Fix-it-System has been installed and is ready for use. The station is located in Schenley Quad between Bruce Hall and the Union. His committee will be holding a special meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00pm in the SGB Office to discuss ongoing projects, especially those related to transportation. He also offered an update about the string of bomb threats against the Cathedral. Pitt Police have invited the FBI and Secret Service to join in on the investigation. Those two federal agencies have agreed. The investigators believe that all three threats were offered by the same person and they have a suspect in mind.

President Landreneau updated that last Sunday they had a SGB Chair meeting with all of the chairs of Committees. He is looking for more chair collaborations for the months to come.

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

**#7083 Krav Maga - $1,006.50**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $499.35 and to deny $507.15.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7067 Pittsburgh Electronic Musicians - $654.72**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $654.72.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7103 International Students for Social Equality - $ 1,359.20**

Allocations recommendation was to deny $1,359.20.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7119 Panther Grappling - $2,112.26**

Allocations recommendation was to deny $2,112.26.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7121 Campus Women’s Organization - $812.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $812.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7122 Roller Hockey Club - $1,000.89**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,000.89.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7124 Students for Justice - $2,226.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $2,226.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7125 Reformed University Fellowship - $1,677.32**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $1,677.32.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7132 Roller Hockey Club - $3,633.60**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $3,633.60.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7133 Roller Hockey Club - $653.82**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $653.82.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Other New Business**

Transportation and Safety Chair Richard White introduced Resolution 0018 which promotes awareness for the University of Pittsburgh police and their hard work here on campus. The resolution specifically highlights the two officers who bravely secured Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic on March 8, 2012. The resolution will be tabled for a week for the Board to vote on April 3rd, 2012.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Board Members Murdoch and McGrath welcomed everyone to come to Greek Sing. Board Member Louderback welcomed everyone to come to the PALS Leadership Seminar. Tricia Doughtery with Rainbow Alliance informed everyone that Rainbow will be hosting a letter writing campaign in opposition to the University of Pittsburgh non-discriminatory policy versus transgender students. She also notified everyone that it is Pride Week from April 2nd to April 6th.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Landreneau had no remarks.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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