**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**September 25, 2012**

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Landreneau called the meeting of September 25, 2012 to order at 8:55 pm. Board members Armstrong, Genus, Hallinan, Louderback, McGrath, Murdoch, Rothenberger, and Samudzi were present. Chair members Nites, Stavrakos, Mallampalli, Brown, Meyer, Beecher, Crawford, Held, and White were present

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 18, 2012 were approved.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Landreneau stated his welcome back as he was sick for the last public meeting. He reported that the first SGB Town Hall Meetings will take place on October 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Sutherland Lobby. He stated that the purpose of SGB Town Hall Meetings are to encourage students on campus to talk to SGB representatives about issues they are having or ideas they would like to see fulfilled to improve student life on campus. He then reported that he met with Dr. Shawn Brooks of ResLife and Scott Hoffman of the OCC to discuss plans regarding having a student leader networking conference on Pitt's campus. This conference would be open to every student organization at Pitt. He also reported that he is planning another General Election meeting to discuss events/programs for the upcoming General Election this fall.

1. **SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Submitted Agenda Items.

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

Board member Armstrong spoke about National Voter Registration Day, and also about the upcoming Career Fair. She also spoke about the Saferider Program and gave statistics about the 30C Pitt Shuttle.

1. **Halim Genus**

Board member Genus had no report.

1. **Julie Hallinan**

Board member Hallinan began by asking for a show of hands for who is registered to vote at their current address, and then stated that she had registration forms on hand if they would like to register.

She announced that there are new online seats for the readership program, and mentioned that the first 300 students to sign on to the program every day will have unlimited access for 24 hours to the New York Times website. She also announced that she will be starting a new crossword puzzle contest through the readership program, where students can turn in USA Today and New York Times crossword puzzles weekly and a winner will then be picked to receive a prize.

She then announced that she and President Landreneau are organizing a panel discussion with New York Times reporter John Broder on November 11. She also reported that they will be having a meeting with Dr. Earle and administrators from Sodexo on October 11, 2012 in regards to meal plans. Finally she encouraged students to share any feedback about the Career Fair with her.

1. **Gordon Louderback**

Board member Louderback announced that the Rock the Vote event in Market Central will be on Wednesday, September 26th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. He then stated that they will be having an important meeting regarding the future of the Green Fund Advisory Board this week with Dean Humphrey and Kenyon Bonner. Also, he reported that the new reservations software, EMS, is up and running. He informed student groups that in order to use the service they must go through training first. Student groups are also required to log on to the service for the first time using a Pitt internet connection on campus.

1. **Megan McGrath**

Board member McGrath announced that the “I Heart Pitt Day,” will be Friday, September 28th, from 12:25-2:25 p.m. There will be food, music, and free T-shirts. She stated that students can also submit a video on Facebook to the, "Why you love Pitt" video contest, and the winner will get field passes.

1. **Alex Murdoch**

Board member Murdoch discussed the storage units within the O'Hara Student Center. He also gave an update on the Panther Funds system. He stated that Panther Central is now requiring all businesses that have Panther Funds to update to high speed internet by January 1st, 2013, and that they are also looking to expand the number of businesses that have Panther Funds as an option.

1. **Natalie Rothenberger**

Board member Rothenberger reported that the Food Committee will be postponed this week due to “I Heart Pitt Day”. She encouraged everyone to attend “I Heart Pitt Day” in order to celebrate our love for Pitt and to also enjoy the fun. She also reported that they will still be having the weekly Alternative Advertising meetings at 8:45pm on Wednesdays. In these meetings they will discuss alternative advertising on campus. These alternative forms include options in the Quad and Posvar. They have also been working with CSSD to have advertising put around self-service printers.

She reported that she is currently working with Transportation and Safety chair White in order to develop the Safe Walker program, as well as a help line. She reported that she also met with Student Technology Focus Group, where they discussed students concerns and suggestions about technology across campus.

1. **Zoe Samudzi**

Board member Samudzi reported that she met with the Senate Library Committee and also that she is continuing to work with Purchasing Services in regards to getting purchasing sustainability and policies. She also reported that she is working with AIDemocracy on a resolution which deals with worker’s rights.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations chair Nites announced that fall budgets will be due Friday, October 26th by 4:00 pm and that they will be having budget hearings on Sunday, November 4th. He stated that liaisons will be sending out more information to student organizations within the next couple days.

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs chair Stavrakos reported that he and his committee members will be meeting with Dean Humphrey in the next couple weeks in regards to getting more furniture for study spaces in the William Pitt Union. He stated that they are also working on all their other projects regarding syllabi and test results.

1. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Community Outreach chair Mallampalli reported that registration for PMADD is closed. She stated that there is a waiting list for students still interested in joining, and those interested should e-mail her at pmadd@gmail.com. She stated that another option for those who weren’t able to register is the Community Given Services Sleep-In that will take place at the homeless shelter in Downtown on Friday, October 19th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm The event is to help raise awareness about homelessness in Oakland and the Pittsburgh area, and students will be able to sign up for volunteering opportunities there.

1. **ELECTIONS**

Elections chair Brown had no report.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONS**

Environmental Relations chair Meyer reported that her committee is working on creating ideas for cleaning up Oakland. Also, she reminded everyone to use their reusable bags. She announced that the committee meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

1. **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Governmental Relations chair Beecher reiterated that they will have the Rock the Vote campaign on Wednesday, September 26th in Market Central. He then reported that this week they successfully got voter registration drop boxes placed in all the residence halls. He added that the Governmental Relations blog is currently up and running on the website, covering issues on a national and local level, and encouraged students to check it out. Next, he reported that he and Board member Hallinan met with the Pittsburgh Student Government Council, which is a collection of student governments from different universities in Pittsburgh. They have been working very closely with the city on their sustainability initiatives and they hope to see more success and cooperation with the city in the future.

1. **JUDICIAL**

Judicial chair Crawford had no report.

1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Public Relations chair Held announced that the newsletter will be coming out in the next few weeks.

1. **TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY**

Transportation and Safety chair White reported that Port Authority Transit will issue their quarterly service adjustments on Sunday, September 30th, which will affect the 71C and 71A. He then reported that the Allegheny County Health Department Food Safety Assessment Division recently inspected Market Central, and found nothing amiss.

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

**#7241 Women’s Fast Pitch Softball - $1,023.75**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $882.00 and to deny $141.75.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7242 Women’s Fast Pitch Softball - $754.20**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7243 Korean Student Association - $1,293.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7244 CASA - $8,145.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7245 Men’s Ice Hockey Club - $10,210.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#7249 Pitt Tennis Club - $3,634.88**

Allocations recommendation was to approve $3,520.00 and to deny $114.88.

The motion was seconded.

The motion did not carry.

The Board recommendation was to approve $3,154.88 and to deny $480.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

1. **Position Appointments**

President Landreneau announced that Mahen Seneviratne would be serving as the new Webmaster.

There was a motion to approve Mahen Seneviratne as Webmaster.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was carried.

1. **Other New Business**

There was no Other New Business.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Board member Hallinan made a motion to approve Resolution #0017.

The resolution was tabled.

1. **OPEN FLOOR**

Kate Malekoff asked any student group hosting an event to consider having a member of the Blue and Gold Society or the 225 Year Committee come to the event with a Panther Funds machine, so that anyone in attendance can donate to the 225 student gift. She encouraged students to go on Facebook and look up “225 Pitt” to learn how to donate. She then added that there will be a cake wars at the “I Heart Pitt Day,” and encouraged interested students to sign up with a group of people.

Darren Pifer, the Vice President of Rainbow Alliance, stated that Rainbow Alliance will be holding a political panel where they will talk about the issues in the upcoming general election, especially ones that regard the LGBT community. Students will also be able to fill out voter registration forms there. The event will be on Thursday, September 27th at 8:45 p.m. in room 837 of the William Pitt Union.

Ryan Mulson, from PennPIRG, stated that he will be working with the Board at the Rock the Vote event. He then stated that on Thursday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m., there will be the Vote Boat event, where they will put people’s voter registrations in a 6-foot long boat and sail that to the register’s office. He also added that there is officially two weeks left before the voter registration deadline, and encouraged everyone to register if they had not already.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Landreneau declared that his President’s Remarks will now end with a saying from his old principal: “Hallelujah, it is great to be alive.”

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

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

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