

MINUTES
STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
January 13th, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

President Meyer called the meeting of January 13th, 2015 to order at 8:45pm. Executive Vice President Harun, Board members Sykes, Dall, Chen, Green, Heidecker, Petrose, and Murphy were present. Allocations Committee Chair Reslink was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 9th, 2014 was approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Meyer reported that for this meeting he would mainly announce flow of things, first he explained that he got stuck in Israel until last Tuesday. Then he commented on the success of the 3-day retreat of the past weekend and claimed that the whole Board had got a lot of things done and some of the revisions of the Student Governing Code which would be introduced later tonight.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Nasreen Harun

Board Member Harun also commented on the success of the retreat and expressed her gratitude to President Meyer and Advisor Bonner. She wished Board Member Dall a happy birthday and said that she was looking forward to collaborate with Board Member Dall and Heidecker for some projects of the upcoming year.

B. Matt Sykes

Board Member Sykes greeted everyone and welcomed them back to the campus and a new semester. He also said that he had a fantastic weekend, and worked on bringing out all the initiatives of the upcoming year. He claimed that he looked forward to collaborations with Board Member Murphy on our Mental Health Initiatives.

C. Natalie Dall

Board Member Dall expressed her excitement of the 3-semester term and she regarded the success of the retreat a demonstration of how well this Board was put together and had some great initiatives. She also said that she looked forward to working with Board Member Petrose, Green, Harun and others.

D. Jacky Chen

Board Member Chen said that he was happy to be here and be with everyone on the Board, had a great retreat, and had worked hard to plan out initiatives in the upcoming year. He had been in contact with both the Mayor of Pittsburgh and the Chancellor of the university with regarding to the upcoming TedX conference, both of whom are interested in making an opening/closing statements. He said that he would welcome the input from the student body as to the theme, speakers and other related information. The second important project that he had been working on is the Mental Health Initiative, especially with Asian American students getting help at the counselling center. He would be collaborating with Board Member Sykes and Murphy on that initiative. He had also been working on planning sessions regarding to getting the Hillman library more electrical outlets with Board member Green.

E. Everett Green

Board Member Green said that he was very excited to be there and to serve the student body. He would be working with Board Member Dall on specific housing initiatives.

F. Jack Heidecker

Board Member Heidecker said that he looked forward to a productive year and gave a shout out to Kenyon and Graeme. He would be collaborating with Board Member Harun on allocation processes for student organizations.

G. Meghan Murphy

Board Member Murphy also commented on the great retreat this past weekend, and she said that she would be working on Mental Health initiative with Board Member Sykes. She also reminded the student organizations to submit the materials every Monday by 5 p.m if wishing to be included in the weekly SGB updates.

H. Lia Petrose

Board Member Petrose expressed her excitement to be here to work with these wonderful people, and the retreat when she got time to bond everyone. For the upcoming school year she would be working with Board Member Dall on academic initiatives. She would also be working with Board Member Harun and Allocations Chair Relink on allocation initiatives.

V. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Committee Chair Relink thanked the Board for inviting him along to the Student Groups and asked everyone to stay tuned with the Allocation 101 session updates and announced that there would be at least 4 this semester. Introductory emails from the liaisons would be sent out pretty soon, in which there would be detailing policy changes, including transition club sports policy.

VI. STUDENT LEADER REPORTS

No reports.

- VII. FIRST OPEN FLOOR**
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
No unfinished business.
- IX. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**
No submitted agenda items.
- X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. B- 026 GOVERNING CODE AMENDMENTS**

**B-026
GOVERNING CODE AMENDMENTS**

**University of Pittsburgh
Student Government board
20 January 2015**

Introduced by President Graeme Meyer, Board Members Jacky Chen, Jack Heidecker, Natalie Dall, Meghan Murphy, Everett Green, Lia Petrose, Nasreen Harun, and Matt Sykes

WHEREAS, Student Government Board previously established the Governing Code as the comprehensive governing document detailing all Student Government Board operations, committees, and student services;

WHEREAS, The Governing Code was a merging of several independent governing documents and as a result there are several grammatical and formatting errors as well as potentially misleading statements;

WHEREAS, The goal of the Governing Code was to provide students with a more explicit way to understand the operations of Student Government Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 20th day of January in the year of 2015, the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh proposes the following grammatical and formatting changes and addition of clarifying statements to the Governing Code. Effective immediately the following changes shall be made:

Title 1.

Chapter 1.

Article 2. Add Item 4 – SAAG definition

Article 3. Remove Item 1B

Article 3. Remove Item 4D

Chapter 4.

Article 3. Item 2C – A press release listing code violations only, not the dismissal letter

Item 3A – Dismissals may be appealed via a letter of intent to appeal within 48 hours of the dismissal. Must be notified for both parties (not just judicial). The appeal hearing will then occur within 5 business days of the letter of intent to appeal

Item 6B. add adjudication process

Article 4. Item 2E – change wording to clarify that a large applicant pool will be decreased based on paper applications, not that only some applicants will be judged based on their paper application.

Chapter 5.

Article 1. Item 2A,9 – Add non-discrimination

Title 2.

Chapter 1.

Article 1. Item 1A, 7. “meetings at least once per month”

Article 5. Item 3A. remove(?)

Chapter 3.

Article 1. Item 2A, 6 – supply the chief of cabinet, press secretary, and chief of staff with meeting minutes for each meeting

Item 2A, 10 Check office hours versus pay for the environmental chair

Item 4E, adjust the wording again for the applicant pool seize

Article 2 (should be article 3).

Item 2B – Redundant

Item 3A – Redundant

Title 6.

Chapter 1.

Article 2.

Section 2. Item 1A – remove “each staff organization may also select an alternate delegate”

Chapter 2.

Article 2.

Section 2. Item B – Remove that organization must select delegate by March 15

Item C – Remove terms of delegates begin April 1st

b. Allocation Recommendations

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Allocation recommendation was to approve in full

The motion was seconded

The motion carried

XI. SECOND OPEN FLOOR

XII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Meyer thanked everyone for coming out and announced that there would be a lot of work for the next few weeks to get things started to provide long-standing changes in campus.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm

The motion was seconded

The motion carried.