

AGENDA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
February 24th, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

President Meyer called the meeting of February 24th, 2015 to order at 8:49 pm. Board Members Harun, Sykes, Dall, Chen, Green, Heidecker, Petrose, and Murphy were present. Committee Chairs Reslink, Stoll, Butler, Corelli, Millard, Hoch, Streets, Anand were present. Allocations Committee Members Kneis was present.

Student Leaders:

RSA President Dall

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 17th, 2015 was approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Meyer began by congratulating the PDM organizers on the success of weekend's event. Additionally, President Meyer reminded everyone that planning sessions are on Fridays from 3 to 5pm. This is a time for students to come to the board with any concerns with things on campus regarding student life. He then continued to give an update on the Sexual Assault Task Force Technology Subcommittee. He announced that they has their first meeting this past week and that they are starting to look into how smart phones are related to sexual assaults in addition to how they relate to campus safety in general. As a way to accomplish this task they decided to divide up apps between members including 911 cellular. President Meyer also contacted representatives from surrounding colleges to ask what their current plan of action is, only to determine that none of them use these apps. Together they plan to work towards implementing the use of these apps across the city. President Meyer also announced that this month's SGB Senate Council the committee on academic policies presented a resolution about releasing OMET surveys. Essentially the resolution confirmed what we have already heard from the Provost office which was that they want SGB to work on releasing OMET surveys from each individual school pushing for a university wide release. Additionally, there was a recommendation brought to the council pertaining non-tenured faculty regarding how we need to make sure we are being open of their needs on campus as well. President Meyer also discussed recent updates from this past week's Oak Watch meeting including some of the special guests who were present at this meeting in addition to the overall goal to improve relationships between the Oakland community and permanent residents. Additionally, President Meyer reported the Pittsburgh Student Government Council meeting, which is a meeting between all eleven colleges from the area, meet tonight and discussed the Young Pittsburgh Advocacy Council which will work to propose legislation pertaining to residents ages 20-24. Lastly, President Meyer reported

that 14 travel grants have been awarded this semester which makes 42 for this fiscal year. Additionally, the storage space as well as budget forms will be released tonight and due the third week of March. Upcoming events include Pitt Day in Harrisburg on March 4th and the ACC Advocacy trip on the 15th-17th of March. These two events will push public meeting to Wednesday for those weeks. As far as campus events go this Saturday will be the Honors Convocation as well as the Student Leaders Luncheon. On Wednesday there is the Student Affairs meeting and Board of Trustees meeting on Friday.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Nasreen Harun

Board Member Harun reported that she has been working with Committee Chair Anand to put together a trip to benchmark student unions and athletic facilities at different school. She encouraged those interested to let her know after the meeting. Additionally, this afternoon Board Member Harun sat in on a conference call with the Provost advising committee for women's concerns where she sits on the mentoring subcommittee which is currently working on ways to improve their website to make information more accessible to faculty, staff and students. Yesterday, Board Member Harun had a meeting with Ally Chornick, Gina Scozzaro and Scott Hoffman to discuss student organization software to figure out what we need in the new software to improve it. Additionally this week Board Member Harun sat in on the Sexual Assault Task Force meeting where they talked about things they have planned for April including a survey. She also attended the Scholar Athlete breakfast which was a great opportunity to see all the athletes at Pitt who are able to juggle their busy practice schedule and keep up with their academics. Tomorrow, Board Member Harun will be attending the Board of Trustees Athletic Committee Meeting. In terms of off campus living, Board Member Harun is still waiting on a response from the office itself but she has recently reached out to someone new so she is hopeful to hear back from them soon. This weekend she will be going to the ACC leadership symposium at Notre Dame where she will meet with other ACC student leaders. Lastly, she wanted to congratulate all those who had a role in making this year's PDM such a success.

B. Matt Sykes

Board Member Sykes reported that this past Friday he met with the Associate Director of the counseling center at student health where they discussed the initiative to start a partnership between the University of Pittsburgh and the Jenny Clinton Health Matters Program which is a program designed to help universities promote emotional wellbeing and mental health programing while reducing substance abuse and preventing suicide among their students. He explained that she is in large support of this initiative. In addition, Board Member Sykes also spoke to the Dean of Students Kenyon Bonner who is also in support of this initiative. Before they can move forward they will need to wait for a Director of the Counseling Center is hired which is being done currently. Additionally, Board Member Sykes as well as Environmental Chair Streets are currently working on the Greening Campaign to send out a sustainability message from SGB. With this they are currently working on getting

water bottles distributed to all incoming freshman at arrival survival to instill the idea of sustainability on day one.

C. Natalie Dall

Board Member Dall announced that over the last week she has been doing more research to benchmark with other ACC schools regarding the housing initiative. Additionally, in line with Board Member Harun's statement regarding off campus living, Board Member Dall has a meeting this week with President Meyer, Committee Chair Corelli and a few other members of SGB about potentials starting an off campus tenant association similar to that of RSA. Board Member Dall announced that the first open Traditions meeting will be this Sunday at 4pm in the WPU room 540 for those who are interested in bringing back old traditions or start new ones at the University. In relation to this a survey has been sent to student leaders pertaining to traditions they feel should be brought back or established. Other updates include the success of this week's cabinet meeting.

D. Jacky Chen

Board Member Chen reported that he has been making progress in all three of his initiatives. In regards to the OMET initiative, Board Member Chen followed up with Dr. Fenning, a statistics professor here at the University of Pittsburg. She helped to edit the current OMET proposal and made revisions as well as proposing that current professors be given the chance to decide not to release their OMET surveys. As far as his cultural initiative goes, Board Member Chen met with Asian Student Alliance President to discuss the fact that there once was a cultural committee on SGB at Pitt. Board Member Chen hopes to reestablish this committee in hope to improve cultural awareness. In terms of the Library Outlet initiative, Board Member Chen, along with Committee Chair Anand and Board Member Everett, contacted Interim Library Director to discuss ways the library system can be improved. He encouraged those with any ideas or input to email him at jac282@pitt.edu. Lastly, Board Member Chen is hoping to start work on a new initiative regarding gym locker rentals. This will deal with making an online system to streamline the process of renting a gym locker and making it more accessible to students.

E. Everett Green

Board Member Green announced this week he was able to continue his conversations with Panther Centrals representative, Julie Damell about her recent Blackboard Conference. She will be meeting with RMS next week where Board Member Green hopes to get more information regarding his guest pass initiative. Additionally, many of the things he has been working on this week have overlapped with what other Board Members and Committee Chairs have done including emailing the library system interim to establish a meeting for next week and attending the Oak Watch meeting.

F. Jack Heidecker

Board Member Heidecker announced that this week he has working on researching busses to northern New Jersey and has emailed the Directory of the University Travel

Office to determine possible drop off locations including Meadows Mall in Secaucus NJ. He explained that the most popular time to take Pitt Busses home is during fall break so hopefully this stop can be added by then. Board Member Heidecker continued to express his enjoyment for the planning session last week where a representative from Keep it Real came in. He encouraged any student organization to come in and let the board know how they can better help them.

G. Meghan Murphy

Board Member Murphy announced since last meeting she met with a representative from the Counseling Center to discuss the mental health initiative where she expressed strong support for what SGB is trying to do and explained how she hoped to collaborate with SGB in the future on this initiative. Board Member Murphy also met with a representative from CSSD to discuss the printing initiative. She will now be working on emailing different Chair heads for each of the departments from Chevron, Clapp and Langley to discuss the possibility of getting printers in these three buildings. Lastly, on Friday there will be a Food Committee Meeting at 5pm in the WPU.

H. Lia Petrose

Board Member Petrose announced that she met with the Dean of the Honors College on Monday to discuss the honors certificate in public health which she has been working on since the beginning of the semester. She reported that he will be meeting with Dean of Public Health on Thursday to finally discuss a yes or no pertaining this initiative. Together they discussed what the capstone of this certificate is going to be. This includes the research project under a faculty mentor, a service project within the community or possible a capstone course for those who have different ideas who don't fit into either mold.

V. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Committee Chair Reslink announced that on Monday those who have submitted an allocations request in the month of February will receive a link to an online survey regarding their experience with the allocations process and how it can be improved. Additionally, budget documents will hopefully be online by the end of the day. Lastly, there are three Budget 101 sessions currently scheduled for March 1st, 17th, and 23rd. As a reminder the budget submission deadline is March 27th at 5pm.

B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Stoll announced that the committee met yesterday and finalized a draft to the Add/Drop extension proposal which will allow students the opportunity to drop classed up to 4 weeks after the start of the semester. Additionally, the committee has recently sent out a survey to the School of Engineering students asking if they would like their OMETs published. They received an overwhelming amount of support. Lastly, they are currently in the process of setting up a meeting with the Dean of the School of Engineering.

C. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Millard reported that she had her 1st meeting with her committee on Sunday evening and they discussed what to expect going forward through the rest of the semester. The Committee would be looking over Election Code revisions next meeting and they would also be discussing ways to promote SGB during the Orientation Week.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental Committee Chair Streets reported that he had been to the meeting on Pitt Pantry opening next month with Chairwoman Butler. The committee had been discussing ways of coordinating events for Student Organizations in this coming April. Other work including working with Chairwoman Stoll on research panels with Pitt professors relating to sustainability subjects. He had also brought updates for the Green Fund—this year the Green Fund Committee received \$5,000 from the Student Activity Fund to work on sustainability-focused projects. They had spent \$270.87 on Clothing Racks and had spent \$667 out of \$10,000 in total so far.

E. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

Facilities and Transportation Chair Anand reported that he had met with the Vice Chair to go over the initiatives. He had also met with Board Member Murphy about self-service printers on campus and talked to the Tech Department about default settings on the double side printing. He had also met with Board Member Harun about the trips to visit the Union facilities and met with Board Member Chen to go over some details about modernizing the Hillman Library. He would be meeting with Library Service staff for the next few weeks.

F. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Governmental Relations Chair Corelli reminded those who attended the meeting that the registration deadline for Pitt Day in Harrisburg which would be on next Wednesday had been extended. He reported that he and the Committee had participated in the Oak Watch meeting and he would be meeting with Councilman for Off-campus Students Parental Registry Legislation. He also had a meeting tomorrow on creating an Off-campus Tenants Association to advocate student concerns.

G. JUDICIAL

Judicial Committee Chair Hoch reported that the Committee went over Code of Ethics during last week's meeting and that they would move on to review the rest of the Governing Codes. He also reminded the student groups that members of the Committee had emailed the Student Organizations about judicial helps the Committee could provide about the constitutions and hearings within the organizations.

H. WELLNESS

Wellness Committee Chair Butler reported that she had been to the Pitt Service Food Pantry Meeting and that she had met with the Committee on Sunday mainly to discuss the Sexual Assault Awareness fun run. She had received a proposal about On-

campus Farmers' Market from former Environmental Chairwoman Kacy McGill and would be working with her and two vice chairs on this matter.

VI. OPEN FLOOR

RSA president Dall reminded those who attended the meeting that on February 27th at 8:00 p.m. Pitt Got Talent would be held in O'Hara Student Center and on February 28th at 9:00 p.m. in Kurtzman Room of the Union the RSA would be hosting a Silent Disco event with Talk About It to raise mental health awareness.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

a. Meeting Scheduling date changes

On Tuesday March 3rd there will be no SGB Public meeting. Instead the meeting will be Wednesday March 4th at 8:45pm. The reason for this change was due to the fact that many of the board members are traveling to Harrisburg Tuesday night.

On Tuesday March 10th there will be do Public meeting do to spring break.

On Tuesday March 17th there will don't be holding a Public meeting due to the ACC advocacy meeting in which several Board Members and President Meyer will be attending. This meeting will be reschedules to Wednesday March 18th at 8:45pm.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Allocation Recommendations

#8337 Women's Club Ultimate Frisbee- \$1579.52

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full
The motion was seconded
The motion carried

#8338 Model United Nations- \$2604.18

Allocation recommendation was to deny in full
The motion was seconded
A motion was made to approve the request in full
The motion was seconded
The motion carried

#8342 Pitt Mock Trial- \$2589.70

Allocation recommendation was to approve \$1943.83 and deny \$645.87
The motion was seconded
The motion carried

#8347 Pitt Men's Rugby Football Club- \$1877.00

Allocation recommendation was to deny in full
The motion was seconded
The motion carried

#8348 Pitt Men's Glee Club- \$3700.00

Allocation recommendation was to deny in full
The motion was seconded
The motion carried

#8350 Hindu Student Council- \$1365.00

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full
The motion was seconded
The motion carried

#8352 Women's Water Polo- \$2354.00

Allocation recommendation was to approve in full
The motion was seconded
The motion carried

b. Summary of Expenses

Tonight 2/17: \$16,069.40

Semester total: \$131,563.80

X. OPEN FLOOR

XI. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at pm
The motion was seconded
The motion carried.

