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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Student Government Board hereby announces the resignation of President Graeme Meyer, effective immediately. Per the Student Government Board Constitution, Executive Vice President Nasreen Harun shall assume the role as Student Body President for the rest of the current Student Government Board term ending in April 2016.

President Harun has been involved in Student Government Board since the second semester of her freshman year. She started her involvement as an Allocations Committee Member in 2013 and became Chair of the Allocations Committee in 2014. During her tenure as Allocations Chair, she additionally served on University Senate Budget Policies Committee and the Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Concerns. President Harun was then elected as Executive Vice President and Speaker of the Assembly for the 2015-2016 Student Government Board term until her recent appointment as President.

"I am excited to take on this new role within Student Government Board and continue the successes of former-President Meyer. I am confident that this change in leadership will not hinder Student Government Board's ability to continue to serve the student body. We have many dedicated Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members who have done so many amazing things thus far. Additionally, the University administration has provided us with endless support and I am excited to see everything that we will accomplish together in the upcoming year," President Harun said.

Meyer and President Harun will be working closely over the next few weeks in the summer in order to finalize the transition in leadership and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Additionally, Board Member Everett Green will assume President Harun's former role of Executive Vice President and Speaker of the Assembly since he received the second-highest number of votes in the Student Government Board election. Executive Vice President Green and President Harun will be working together during the final weeks of the summer in order to ensure the Assembly will be reconvening in the fall semester.

As a result of Harun's appointment, there is now a vacancy on the Board that will be filled in the beginning weeks of the fall semester. Details regarding the Board's vacancy replacement process will be announced at a later date.

Transitioning from Meyer, President Harun also announces the resignation of Allocations Committee Member Matthew Heiges, effective April 25<sup>th</sup>. "The Allocations Committee will probably continue to serve as one of the best experiences I had [at] Pitt, and I hope all committee members can get the same eye opening experience I did from it," said Heiges. Allocations Chair, Nick Reslink, commented, "We are all sad to see Matt go, he had a very positive impact on the Committee throughout his three semesters serving on it. I wish him the best and thank him for his service."

The applications for the Allocations Committee will be released at the start of the fall semester. The vacancy will be filled simultaneously with the open freshman positions that will be available in the fall. More details regarding the application process shall be released at a later date.

Lastly, President Harun announces the results of the referendum held on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to change the name of Student Government Board to Student Government Association. There were 365 votes in favor and 115 votes against the change. However, since the Student Government Board Constitution requires that 3% of the student body—equivalent to approximately 511 students—participate, the referendum did not pass. "Although we are disappointed in the result, Student Government Board will promote that there are many way to get involved and will continue to expand opportunities to do so. Every committee consists of hardworking Chairpersons and Committee Members and we will ensure that this is properly conveyed to the student body," Harun said.

President Harun will continue working on Student Government Board business during the rest of the summer. Those who may have any questions or comments or would like to schedule a meeting are encouraged to contact President Harun at [Nasreen.Harun@pitt.edu](mailto:Nasreen.Harun@pitt.edu).