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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Student Government Board is excited to welcome the entire Pitt community back to campus. We hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day Weekend, despite the scattered showers. SGB has been hard at work all summer and is excited to continue that work into the school year alongside our phenomenal student body and faculty. We are excited to see both old and new faces on campus.

Chief of Staff Arnold has approved five grants through the Undergraduate Conference Fund for Research. To support undergraduate students invited to present their research at various conferences around the country, grants of up to \$250 are awarded, with funds disbursed through the SORC office. Students can apply for funding on the SGB website.

The South/Central Oakland Neighborhood Block Party will be held this Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM until 7:30PM at the intersection of Dawson Street and Parkview Avenue. Everyone is encouraged to meet their neighbors and mingle with students and Oakland residents while enjoying some free food and a free T-shirt! An additional 5 block parties will take place throughout Oakland over the course of September.

There are currently a variety of spots on Communications Committee open to all students. The committee is looking for a press secretary, web masters, graphic designers, videographers, photographers, an online/social media manager, group outreach members, as well as general committee members. Please contact Communications Director Nick Fisher for more information or with any questions at <a href="mailto:npf5@pitt.edu">npf5@pitt.edu</a>.

There are currently 10-15 open spots on the First Year Council. Students on this committee will provide a first year student perspective on all SGB initiatives and activities and assist with ongoing projects. Contact Chief of Staff Arnold for more information at <a href="mailto:dla29@pitt.edu">dla29@pitt.edu</a>. Additionally, the Allocations Committee is looking to fill two spots reserved for first years. Contact Allocations Chair Cory Stillman for more information at <a href="mailto:sgb.allocations@gmail.com">sgb.allocations@gmail.com</a>

Applications for all open positions can be found on <u>sgb.pitt.edu/joinus</u> and must be submitted by 5PM on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Students are free to apply to multiple positions that interest them.

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For more information about the Neighborhood Block Parties, contact Jessa Chong at <u>jac393@pitt.edu</u>. For more information about the Undergraduate Conference Fund for Research, contact Derek Arnold at <u>dla29@pitt.edu</u>