

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
November 12th, 2019

I. ROLL CALL

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 at 8:48pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Humphrey, Tappan, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Bibby, Nelson, Ramachandran, Duong, Gandhi, Niedoba, Viljaste, SOOS Director Weibel, and Operations Director Verbanac were also present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from November 5th, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Unger.

The motion carried 8-0.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown welcomed everyone to public meeting. He announced updates on grant proposal for the AAU. The Policy proposal for Dean Bonner has been posted for a week on the SGB website and he encouraged everyone to submit a FixItPitt if they are interested. He announced a meeting with representatives on updates and launch dates for Pathways. Finally he announced Budget appeals for this Saturday at 1pm.

OPEN FLOOR

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Anais Peterson

Executive Vice President Peterson announced that she had a meeting with Dr. Humphrey about a Board of Trustees comment period. Further she announced that with the help of two First Year Council members she has started looking into making Pitt a sanctuary campus and what can be done to help improve policies to support undocumented students.

B. Ashima Agarwal

Vice President and Chief of Finance Agarwal announced that she met with SOOS Director Weibel about her composting bin initiative. Further she announced that she will be meeting with Cheryl Finley this coming Thursday about career counseling services within the career center.

C. Caroline Unger

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Unger announced that she will be having a second meeting with the Board of Trustees for Facilities and Property Management as well as the Chancellor's Public Safety Advisory Committee. She also has a meeting with Ted Fitz at the Department of Public Safety to discuss some possible changes to the Walking Escort Pilot Program. Finally she encouraged anyone interested to apply for PWLE.

D. Scott Glaser

Board Member Glaser announced that the Gun Violence Prevention Petition has gained over one thousand signatures and encouraged anyone interested to sign the petition.

E. Victoria Tappan

Board Member Tappan announced that she distributed her Greek Life survey and sent it out to the Panhellenic Council and IFC and has already begun receiving feedback. She is also in the progress of scheduling a meeting with Tri Council to discuss the results of the survey.

F. Eric Macadangdang

Board Member Macadangdang announced that he met with representatives from different student organizations such as SAFE, PACC, SECCS, and Indu for a sexual assault coalition meeting. He will also be meeting with the Campus Planning and Design Task Force over the weekend to get started on goals.

G. Cedric Humphrey

Board Member Humphrey announced that the second Eat and Greet of the year is this Friday, November 15th, at 2pm, and that there is an event page on the SGB Facebook detailing the event as well as providing the link to the survey that must be completed before attending.

H. Lynn Dang

Board Member Dang announced that she is scheduling a meeting with the Career Center next week and she has started independently researching other Universities Career Center's online presences and she encouraged anyone with suggestions or concerns to contact her.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Chair King announced that the allocations committee reviewed 12 budgets, 3 supplemental requests, and one budget modification. Further, the committee voted to recall funds from the Student Slovak Club due to violations of the policy. There are no requests on the docket tonight, and the Board will hear budget appeals, and make a final decision on budget modifications this Saturday at 1pm in WPU 310. This is a public meeting and all are welcomed to attend.

B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs Chair Ramachandran announced that the committee made progress on their initiatives and will be reaching out to coordinators of peer mentoring programs for the Swanson School of Engineering. Additionally the committee has begun discussions on a Meet the Deans event in the spring where students will be able to speak with deans from Pitt's various schools.

C. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Community and Governmental Relations Chair Viljaste announced the Housing Tenant Workshop to be November 13th from 5-7pm in Dining Room B of the WPU. Further, the Committee is hosting a gun violence prevention community forum with Dan Frankel on

November 15th from 4-5:30pm. Finally he reminded students that CGR is an open committee and encouraged anyone interested to attend their meetings on Thursdays at 6pm in WPU 538,

D. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Diversity and Inclusion Chair Gandhi announced that the committee is hosting a Leadership Mixer next Tuesday after public meeting and at least 60 club presidents of Diversity and Inclusion related organizations will be in attendance. Tonight the committee will be holding an actionable items meeting where the counseling center and DRS's inadequacies where they will draft a plan and create a timeline to push institutional changed and truly reform how mental health is treated.

E. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Bibby announced that the committee made a Facebook page to help support anyone who wants to run for SGB this year and encouraged anyone interested to apply. Tomorrow the committee will be tabling on the ground floor of the William Pitt Union about running for SGB. Finally he encouraged anyone interested in running to speak to him after the meeting, visit him during his office hours, or email him.

F. FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION

Facilities, Technology, and Transportation Chair Niedoba announced that he met with Jason Miller from Campus Recreation regarding current affairs and the master plan as well as residential hall recreation facility renovations. He will be meeting with the campus master plan task force this Sunday alongside Board Members Unger and Macadangdang. Further he has upcoming meetings with Dr. Jim Earle and Julia Bannister. Finally he reminded students that this is an open committee and encouraged anyone interested to attend meetings Wednesdays at 8pm on the 8th floor of the WPU.

G. JUDICIAL

Judicial Chair Nelson announced that her committee has been working on a variety of smaller matters including internal interpretation questions regarding governing documents. The committee is also putting together briefing documents for other chairs to ensure institutional memory in the event of a necessary judicial intervention. Lastly she announced that based on the ambiguous University reiteration of policy based around religious absence, the Judicial Committee is planning to spend next week's meeting discussing alternative policy solutions.

H. WELLNESS

Wellness Chair Duong announced that the committee is benchmarking for free workout classes and Vegan/ Vegetarian/ Healthy food options in dining halls.

VI. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT

SOOS Director Weibel announced that SOOS members recently attended the University-wide Sustainability Committee where they heard presentations and reflections about conferences. Further she announced that SOOS is hosting 2 events in the near future. The Sustainability Fair is this Thursday from 12pm-2pm in the WPU Lower Lounge, and the Sustainable Sutherland Event on Saturday from 4pm-6pm.

VII. STUDENT LEADER REPORT

Sander Rawalbut, President of the Asian Student Alliance, announced that this Friday from 6:30-8:30pm, the Philippine Student Association is hosting an event. Further, the Japanese Student Association and the Taiwanese Student Association will be hosting a karaoke night this Friday from 8-12pm. Finally, the Culture Fair is next semester and he encouraged anyone interested in applying to reach out to him.

Izzy Durkin of the Green Fund Advisory Board announced that her organization has allocated funds for three resources that would make campus more sustainable.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Reading of Resolution: B.R.2019.05**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Allocations Recommendations**

XII. OPEN FLOOR

XIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Brown thanked everyone for coming out to Public Meeting and hopes everyone will continue to attend in the future. He reminded everyone to come to the SGB Office on the 8th Floor of the William Pitt Union if they have questions or concerns they would like to address. Finally, he reminded students to be kind and focus on their well-being.

XIV. AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Unger. The motion carried 8-0.