

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD  
OFFICIAL MEETING  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:47pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Humphrey, Tappan, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Bibby, Nelson, Ramachandran, Duong, Gandhi, Niedoba, SOOS Director Weibel, and Operations Director Verbanac were also present. Community and Governmental Relations Chair Viljaste was absent, excused.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 that he met with representatives in SORC to discuss the name change policy and make some changes to the proposed legislation. Namely, the number of active organizations that will be affected was changed to 94. Further he announced that SGB Representatives are working hard to solve the dance space issue in Posvar Hall, but until it is resolved he discouraged students from using those spaces to dance. Finally he discussed the SGB Meeting at Large on Sunday.

**OPEN FLOOR**

**IV. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Anais Peterson**

Executive Vice President Peterson had no new report.

**B. Ashima Agarwal**

Vice President and Chief of Finance Agarwal announced that she attended a meeting with the Director of the Career Center, Cheryl Finlay, where they discussed creating a campus wide campaign around mentorship in order to increase engagement between students and resources provided at the Career Center.

**C. Caroline Unger**

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Unger announced that she will be meeting with Ted Fritz tomorrow to discuss changed to the Walking Escort Pilot Program and a few other initiatives. Further she announced that she will be attending the Chancellor's Public Safety Advisory Meeting on Thursday to discuss sexual assault. Finally she reminded students that the

Panther Women's Leadership Experience applications for both mentors and mentees will be open until December 6th.

#### **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 to do so by the end of the day when it closes. Further he announced that he has finished setting up a meeting with administration with Board Member Humphrey to discuss the possibility of a transcript distinction for civic engagement.

#### **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 attended the Board of Trustees Institutional Advancement Committee meeting yesterday afternoon, where the University's philanthropic and fundraising efforts, along with discussions of new campaigns for alumni engagement, were discussed. Further he announced he will be joining in on a number of committee meetings this week, including a conference call for the Chancellor's Ad Hoc Committee on Health & Wellbeing, the University Senate's Community Relations Committee, and the University Senate's Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Discrimination Advocacy Committee. Additionally he announced that he will be meeting with the Director of Disability Resource Services to discuss inadequacies.

#### **G. Cedric Humphrey**

Board Member Humphrey announced that the second Eat and Greet of the year went well and he instructed students to look out for the next one during the following semester.

#### **H. Lynn Dang**

Board Member Dang announced that the OER Committee finalized announcements for the next round of OER funding to incentivize faculty to implement OER. Further she announced she met with relevant representatives to begin planning the annual Speaker Series. Finally she reminded students that the Counseling Center is open for walk-ins during operational hours and that students can access resources over the phone at any hour of the day.

### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations Chair King announced that the allocations committee reviewed 12 requests during their meeting last week. A total of \$37,172.76 was requested, and \$31,899.08 was approved. There are 10 requests on the agenda tonight.

#### **B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs Chair Ramachandran had no new report.

### **C. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Report given by Chief of Staff Bajpai. Community and Governmental Relations Chair Viljaste started by thanking those who attended the Tenant Workshops and Dan Frankel Events last week. He announced 3 upcoming events in February: Coffee with Cops, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: Privacy and Being Searched on Campus, and City Government. Dates, locations, and times for these events will be announced at a later date. Further he announced that there have been over 1,345 signatures collected on the Gun Violence Prevention letter. 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 will be collaborating with the Judicial Committee regarding the Office of Disability Resources and the Wellness Committee. Further he met with Provost Cudd and discussed updates on the committee and gained points of contact.

### **E. ELECTIONS**

Elections Chair Bibby announced that the committee will be holding an information session tomorrow afternoon at 4:30pm in WPU Dining Room B on running for SGB. He encouraged anyone interested to attend. Further he announced that SGB Elections this year will occur one week later than usual on Tuesday, February 25th.

### **F. FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Facilities, Technology, and Transportation Chair Niedoba announced that he met with Lou Passarello from Technology to discuss ResNet, the possibility of expanding outdoor Wi-Fi and improving multifactor authentication. Further he met with Dr. Earle from Housing to discuss ways to improve on-campus sign-in procedures and suggested alternative approaches. They also discussed Greek life meal plan requirements. Lastly, this week he will be meeting with Kevin Sheehy from Transportation.

### **G. JUDICIAL**

Judicial Chair Nelson announced that the Judicial Committee worked on a survey to increase student engagement with their work on religious observances, and that the survey will launch by the end of the week and remain open through the end of the semester. Further the Judicial Committee is in the process of setting up meetings with relevant University offices to discuss both their experience in interacting with this policy and avenues for intervention. Finally she announced she met with Diversity & Inclusion Chair Gandhi about new collaborations on policy related to the Office of Disability Resources and Services in addition to religious observances.

### **H. WELLNESS**

Wellness Chair Duong announced that she will be meeting with Kristin Grover and the culinary director this week to discuss next steps in providing vegan/ vegetarian food within Market Central. Additionally she announced that alongside First Year Council Member Madison have contacted Matt Walaan and Jim Earle to discuss the proposal for adding more AEDs to dorms in Schenely Quadrangle. Further, Duong met with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Board Member Macadangdang to discuss students' feedback on their experience at the UCC. Finally she announced that the Wellness Committee and Diversity and Inclusion Committee will

be working closely to execute their initiative to provide Academic Accommodations for student experiencing mental disorders.

#### **VI. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT**

SOOS Director Weibel announced that SOOS members hosted the Sustainability Fair last week and that the event ran smoothly. Further she announced SOOS is completing their preliminary first experience in sustainability manual.

#### **VII. STUDENT LEADER REPORT**

Sagar Rawal, President of the Asian Student Alliance, announced that there will be a collaboration between ASA and NKR to create a mock Escape North Korea event to give people a feel of what escaping is like for refugees. He announced the first API Heritage Month to be this January, and announced that he recently was involved in creating an API Senate.

Lexi Gihorsky announced that students can reserve halls in Thackeray to rent out dancing spaces and she encouraged anyone with concerns to reach out to her regarding Sorority and Fraternity housing.

Daniel Rudy, President of the Resident Student Alliance, announced RSA is hosting a student focused group the week after Thanksgiving to collect feedback on changes to dining on campus. Invitations sent out but if there are any interested students they were encouraged to reach out to RSA.

#### **VIII. OPEN FLOOR**

#### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **a. Vote on B.R.2019.5**

Bill was ratified 8-0.

#### **X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **a. Reading of Resolution: B.R.2019.06**

A motion was made to waive the reading of the bill.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#### **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Allocations Recommendations**

**#10172 – Women’s Gymnastics Club – PRS #3,955**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10188 – Women’s Gymnastics Club – CEI \$2,055**

Allocations recommendation was to improve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10178 – Catholic Newman Club – CR \$4,782**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$2,000 and deny \$2,792.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10184 – Catholic Newman Club – PEI \$4,030**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10180 – American Institute of Architecture Students – CR \$2,085.22**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

A motion was made to amend the allocations recommendation to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10181- Chess Club – CEI \$2,729.61**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10182 – Chinese American Student Association – PEI \$12,279.84**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$12,029.84 and deny \$250.

A motion was made to amend the Allocations recommendation to approve in full

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10182 – Chinese American Student Association – CR \$1,817.86.**

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10185 – Pittsburgh Intercollegiate Snowboard Team – PEI \$1,958.58**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,868.21 and deny \$90.37.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried 8-0.

**#10187 – Filipino Students Association – CR \$1,089.65**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,033.66 and deny \$55.99.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>

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 9:39pm.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Unger.

The motion carried 8-0.