

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
November 5th, 2019**

I. ROLL CALL

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 at 8:46pm. Board Members Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Humphrey, Tappan, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Ramachandran, Duong, Gandhi, Niedoba, Viljaste, and SOOS Director Weibel and Operations Director Verbanac were also present. Executive Vice President Peterson and Elections Chair Bibby were absent, excused. Judicial Chair Nelson was absent, unexcused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chief of Finance Agarwal to approve the meeting minutes from October 29th, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Unger.

The motion carried 7-0.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown welcomed everyone to public meeting. He announced that the Student Government Board's proposed resolution regarding Independent Student Organization names is on the SGB Website and can be found under proposed legislation. He asks any students with thoughts on the proposal to send it in through Fix It Pitt and to title it appropriately for clarity.

IV. OPEN FLOOR

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Anais Peterson

Executive Vice President Peterson was absent, excused.

B. Ashima Agarwal

Vice President and Chief of Finance Agarwal announced that she reached out to Dr. Laurence Glasco who designed the African Heritage Room in the Cathedral of Learning to address diversity issues of the room. Additionally she announced that she reached out to Dr. Cheryl Finlay who is the director of the Career Center to learn more about their current career consultant program. Finally she announced that alongside Academic Affairs Chair Ramachandran compiled a list of pre-professional clubs on campus in order to better promote their survey.

C. Caroline Unger

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Unger announced that applications to be a mentor or mentee at the Panther Women's Leadership Experience will go up this upcoming Sunday and will be open until the end of the semester, and the Leadership Experience will take place from February 29th- March 1st at Oglebay Resort in West Virginia. Further she announced that she met

with Board Member Macadangdang and Facilities Transportation and Tech Chair Niedoba to discuss the Campus Planning and Development Task Force.

D. Scott Glaser

Board Member Glaser announced that the Gun Violence Prevention Petition has gained over one thousand signatures and that alongside Board Member Humphrey he met with Lina Dostillio to discuss ideas on the campus master plan task force.

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 had a productive meeting with a number of students on campus regarding inadequacies and other issues of the Counseling Center and the Disability Resource Services. Further he announced that he is in the midst of finalizing members of the Campus Planning and Design Task Force alongside Board Member Unger and Facilities, Transportation, and Technology Chair Niedoba and is hoping to have an update before Thanksgiving Break. Finally he announced that he sat in on the November Sexual Assault Task Force meeting alongside Wellness Chair Duong to receive updates on actions being taken to combat the Campus Climate Survey that was released earlier in the year. Proposals to receive a grant to improve sexual assault education will be due November 25th.

G. Cedric Humphrey

Board Member Humphrey announced updates on Eat and Greet as well as discussed his meeting with Lina Dostillio, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Engagement. Lastly he announced his future meeting with Julia Spears, the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Innovation.

H. Lynn Dang

Board Member Dang announced that she began benchmarking other universities to compare the strengths of career center websites in order to finalize the formal benchmarking criteria. Further she announced that she spoke to Alyson Kavalukas about an Alumni-in-residence program and she plans to have a formal meeting with her and Board Member Agarwal about potential avenues of strengthening alumni relations.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Chair King announced that the allocations committee reviewed 14 requests during their meeting last week. A total of \$11,380 was requested, and \$9,053.25 was approved. The remaining two requests are on the agenda for tonight's public meeting.

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 begin 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 12th and 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 he sent out a survey to relevant groups on campus regarding the Counseling Center and he hopes to have updates soon. He also met with multiple times with LGBTQIA+ Leadership and sent out a survey to gauge responses.

E. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Bibby was absent, excused.

F. FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION

Facilities, Technology, and Transportation Chair Niedoba announced that this week he met with Board Members Unger and Macadangdang as part of the campus master plan task force. Thursday Niedoba will be meeting with Jason Miller from Campus Recreation to discuss further steps on initiatives. 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 was absent, unexcused.

H. WELLNESS

Wellness Chair Duong announced that the committee has made progress with their AED initiative with help from First Year Council Member Madison Mascari. Additionally the committee is awaiting an update from Joe Beaman, Director of Dining Services, and Kristen Grover, Sodexo's Dietician, to see what changes they are able to execute in dining halls.

VII. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT

SOOS Director Weibel announced that SOOS members attended the AASHE Conference in Spokane Washington which focused on sustainability in higher education. SOOS is also having their First Thursday event on November 7th at 8:30pm in WPU 510. The Sustainability Fair will be held on November 14th in the student union and there is an event at Sutherland Hall November 16th from 4-6pm.

VIII. STUDENT LEADER REPORTS

Liam Ruby, President of the Interfraternity Council, announced that there will be an event at 1pm in O'Hara Ballroom called Fired Up this weekend which will assist all organizations, not just Greek Life, on how to better recruit members.

Lexi Gihorsky, President of the Panhellenic Association, announced that this Sunday there is a canvas painting event open to everyone and Saturday November 16th from 9am-11am there will be a Women's Empowerment Event in the O'Hara Student Center.

Daniel Rudy, President of the Resident Student Association, announced his organization is hosting a conference this weekend. He also asked anyone living in residence halls to participate in their yearly initiative of Pitt Pantry Prowl to collect food from people living in residence halls to put into the Pitt Food Pantry.

IX. OPEN FLOOR

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Allocations Recommendations

#10156 – Panther Equestrian Club – CEI \$1,454

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,350 and deny \$104.40.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

#10162 – Club Cross Country Team– CEI \$2,614.20

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

XIII. OPEN FLOOR

XIV. 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.

XV. AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chief of Finance Agarwal to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Unger.

The motion carried 7-0.