

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
January 14th, 2020**

I. ROLL CALL

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 8:45pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Tappan, Humphrey, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Bibby, Viljaste, Ramachandran, Gandhi, Niedoba, SOOS Director Weibel, and Operations Director were also present. Wellness chair Duong was absent, excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from January 7th, 2020.

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 updated students on the Sexual Assault Prevention Grants and encouraged representatives from interested Student Organizations to go to one of the information sessions with Dean Bonner. Further he announced that any student who is running for Board or President next year will have their packets due on January 28th by 5pm. A full list of important dates can be found on the SGB website under "2020 Elections".

OPEN FLOOR

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Anais Peterson

Executive Vice President Peterson gave updates on SWAG Patrol.

B. Ashima Agarwal

Vice President and Chief of Finance Agarwal announced that she met with Clara, Erica, and Nick Goodfellow to brainstorm different compost initiatives. They will meet again to narrow down on one specific way to create a more compost friendly Pitt Environment.

C. Caroline Unger

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Unger reminded students that the Panther Women's Leadership Experience applications for both mentors and mentees has been extended until January 14th at 5pm.

D. Scott Glaser

Board Member Glaser announced that he is working on the Civic Engagement Transcript Distinction further.

E. Victoria Tappan

Board Member Tappan announced that Tri Council has not been able to meet due to ongoing Sorority Recruitment so they will be meeting again in February to address the results of the survey and begin discussion on how to bring this to the administration. Further she announced that she is working with Board Member Unger and Dang to set up an initiative regarding the food pantry and food insecurity.

F. Eric Macadangdang

Board Member Macadangdang announced that he will be taking part in several meetings this week including Mental Health Task Force, OPDC's Oakwatch with Community and Governmental Relations Viljaste to connect SGB's work and advocacy with the greater Oakland Community, Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Discrimination Advocacy Committee meeting with Senate Faculty, and Campus Planning and Design Task Force. Some upcoming events to look out for are the Strategic Planning Workshop for Undergrad students tomorrow at 10:30am in the O'Hara Student Center and the Annual Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit on Saturday, January 25th at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

G. Cedric Humphrey

Board Member Humphrey announced that the next Eat and Greet will be next Friday January 24th at 2pm. Next week he will have more information on how to sign up. Further he announced that he met with Paul Supowitz, Vice Chancellor of Community and Governmental Relations.

H. Lynn Dang

Board Member Dang announced that she met with Taylor Stein who is a former academic affairs committee member about last year's Financial Literacy Conference to review funding sources, logistics, and other sources to reach out to.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Chair King announced that the committee reviewed 14 requests. A total of \$19,754.82 was requested, and of that \$18,368.51 was approved and \$1,386.31 was denied. There are 5 requests on the agenda for tonight. Additionally he announced that he will be hosting a series of Allocations 101 sessions next week and he will provide more details next week.

B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs Chair Ramachandran announced that the committee started reaching out regarding coordinators of the peer mentoring programs in the Swanson School of Engineering to possibly apply it to the College of Arts and Sciences. Further the committee has also reached out to Resident Directors to distribute pamphlets throughout residence halls to educate students on the tools that the Student Center has. Additionally, the committee has begin discussing plans to create a Meet the Deans event in the spring where students would be able to speak with all the deans.

C. COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Community and Governmental Relations Chair Viljaste announced that the Coffee with Cops event has been cancelled due to the Pitt Police no longer being available. The Know Your Rights: Privacy and Being Searched Rights on Campus will take place Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 to 6:30pm in WPU Dining Room B.

D. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Diversity and Inclusion Chair Gandhi announced that he got his ears pierced this weekend. Further he had several meetings with committee members this week and set up a Diversity and Inclusion collaboration event for Wednesday February 5th from 7-8:30pm in the WPU Assembly Room. Additionally, he is doing internal work with administration to get the LGBT Center up and running and hopes to have it approved by early March.

E. ELECTIONS

Elections Chair Bibby announced that packets to run for SGB are available in the SGB Office, WPU 848. Applications are due back by 5pm on January 28th. Further, the Elections Committee will be meeting this week to review and go over the timeline for the election and get some key updates. He reminded students that this years financial aid plan allows slates to receive up to 600 dollars from SGB for campaign purchases and he thanked President Brown for helping set this initiative up.

F. FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION

Facilities, Technology, and Transportation Chair Niedoba announced that he has determined the meetings for the committee to be Wednesdays at 6:15 in the WPU and encouraged any student interested in the committee to reach out to him.

G. JUDICIAL

Judicial Chair Jacobus announced his excitement in becoming the chair of the judicial committee. Due to his recent appointment, the committee did not have any updates this week but looks forward to getting back into the normal schedule of business.

H. WELLNESS

Wellness Chair Duong had no new report.

VI. STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY REPROT

SOOS Director Weibel announced that this month SOOS affiliates are taking a field trip to the 22nd Annual Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit. Students who are interested are encouraged to sign up, travel to the summit with SOOS, and attend any sessions they are interested in. As a follow-up, there will be a SOOS-specific debriefing session where attendees will be able to discuss how they hope to incorporate what they learned into their own sustainability0related organizations. Further, SOOS is arranging a collaboration with the Global Hub and an Architectural Design Studio for those interested in building a new structure for the Global Hub out of recycled materials. Finally she announced that the SOOS council began working on our semester roadmap, which limits the timelines of the various initiatives being worked on this semester.

VII. STUDENT LEADER REPORT

Lexi Gihorsky, President of the Panhellenic Association, announced that Sorority recruitment is underway and encouraged students to stay clear of the WPU for this weekend. Further she announced that the Panhellenic Association is planning an Alumni Brunch for all sorority women for February 29th.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

A. Appointment of New Chair Position

President Brown filed a motion to nominated Stephen Jacobus to replace Grace Nelson as Chair of the Judicial Committee.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

B. Conference Grants

Chief of Staff Bajpai announced Conference Grant Winner Jacob Meddels.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Allocations Recommendations

#10197 – Club Powerlifting Team – CEI \$2,000.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10207 – First Class Bhangra – PRS \$3,550.00

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10210 – Mock Trial Organization – CEI \$1,312.28

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10216 – Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Club – CEI \$1,894.40

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10218 – Nrityamala – CEI \$4,163.60

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

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 9:15pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Unger. The motion carried 8-0.