

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING
January 21th, 2020**

I. ROLL CALL

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, January 21th, 2020 at 8:45pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Tappan, Humphrey, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Bibby, Viljaste, Ramachandran, Gandhi, Duong, Niedoba, SOOS Director Weibel, and Art Director Higa were also present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from January 14th, 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 announced that the Lunar New Year Event in partnership with Asian Student Alliance, Sodexo, and Student Affairs will be 12-2pm in Market. There will be 30 free meal swipes for students who would like to participate but do not have a meal plan. Menu's will be available on our social media site momentarily. Additionally he announced that those interested in receiving a Sexual Assault Prevention Grant should attend one of two informational sessions with Dean Bonner: Wednesday January 22nd from 4-5pm in WPU 630, and Monday January 27th from 3:30-4:30pm in WPU 630.

OPEN FLOOR

IV. BOARD REPORTS

A. Anais Peterson

Executive Vice President Peterson announced that they scheduled a meeting with Aurora about SWAG proposal. Further she announced that she will be attending two senate council meetings this week and she reminded students that the racial justice summit is this Saturday.

B. Ashima Agarwal

Vice President and Chief of Finance Agarwal announced that she is waiting for her future meetings on her work with Pitt Commons.

C. Caroline Unger

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Unger announced that she has begun planning Women's Empowerment Week with Board Members Agarwal and Dang and Chief of Staff Bajpai and it is scheduled for the week of March 23rd. Lastly she reminded students that the next Eat and Greet will be this Friday.

D. Scott Glaser

Board Member Glaser announced that he met with the Associate Director of the Humanities Center to discuss possible collaborations with the Civic Engagement Transcript Distinction.

E. Victoria Tappan

Board Member Tappan announced that Panhellenic Recruitment went really well over the past two weekends and she congratulated any New Members and thanked the Panhellenic Council. Lastly she wished IFC luck with their recruitment process that begins this week and that will end on the 31st where she will pick her initiative back up.

F. Eric Macadangdang

Board Member Macadangdang announced that the Student Organization of the Month Steering Committee has chosen Latin American Graduate Student Organization as the January organization of the month. LAGOS works to enhance graduate student life for graduate and professional students who identify as Latinx at the University of Pittsburgh. Additionally, The Campus planning and Design Task Force met with Vice Chancellor Owen Cooks and Vice Chancellor Mary Beth McGrew to discuss developments and projects on campus, including the recently announced Victory Heights, the upcoming Public Art Initiative, and the upcoming redevelopment on University property on Oakland Avenue. He is looking forward to plan on holding an open forum next month on a few of these projects to garner student input and ideas. Finally he announced that he looks forward to working with University proposed policy that is going through the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee regarding discrimination reporting on campus.

G. Cedric Humphrey

Board Member Humphrey announced that the next Eat and Greet will be this Friday, January 24th, at 2pm. Further he had a meeting with Chaz Kellem, Director of PittServes, about ways SGB can collaborate to increase the experience and exposure of the service oriented student organizations. Lastly he has an upcoming meeting with Dean Twyning, Associate Dean of the Dietrich School, to discuss Dietrich internship policies

H. Lynn Dang

Board Member Dang announced that she is excited to help plan Women's Empowerment Week in addition to current projects of benchmarking food pantry hours at other schools, planning the Pitt immigrant speaker series and creating a plan for financial literacy conference.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ALLOCATIONS

Allocations Chair King announced that the committee reviewed 14 requests. A total of \$34,097.77 was requested, and of that \$29,501.92 was approved and \$4,595.85 was denied. There are 6 requests on the agenda for tonight. Additionally he announced that he will be hosting a series of Allocations 101 sessions this 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 begun 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.

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 committee will be hosting a potential candidates mixer that will take place in room 540 of the WPU from 1-2pm this Friday. This is a great way to meet people who are thinking of running or applying for candidacy. Finally he thanked everyone in SGB for all the help and support and encouraged anyone with questions to email him or visit him during his office hours.

F. FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION

Facilities, Technology, and Transportation Chair Niedoba announced that he had his first meeting of the semester last week and are working to start coordinating the spring safety fair with the Pitt Police. Further the committee will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:15pm in the WPU.

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 announced that she unfortunately did not get to meet with the Wellness Committee although they are continuing their work on Free Workout Classes. A First Year Council Member met with Kevin Sciullo from Campus Recreation to discuss ways to accomplish this initiative. Finally she announced that anyone interested in joining the committee should come to meetings every Tuesday in Room 542 at 6:15pm.

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 sustainability related 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

VIII. OPEN FLOOR

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Allocations Recommendations

#10221 – ENACTUS – CEI \$5,212

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$5,000 and deny \$212.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10223 – Pittsburgh Women’s Volleyball Club– CEI \$8,306.73

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10224 – Pitt Triathlon – CEI \$6,974

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10227 – Society of Astronautics and Rocketry – CEI \$2,876.12

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10229 – Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Club – CEI \$1,640

Allocations recommendation was to approve in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion passed 8-0.

#10231 – The Imagination Project – PEI \$2,415

Allocations recommendation was to deny 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.