

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD  
OFFICIAL MEETING  
January 28th, 2020**

**I. ROLL CALL**

President Brown called this meeting to order on Tuesday, January, 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 8:45pm. Board Members Peterson, Agarwal, Unger, Dang, Humphrey, Macadangdang, and Glaser were present. Committee Chairs King, Duoung, Ramachandran, Gandhi, Bibby, Niedoba, Viljaste, Jacobus, and SOOS Director Weibel were also present. Board Member Tappan was absent, excused. Executive Vice President Peterson was absent, excused

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to approve the meeting minutes from January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 interviews for Judicial, Allocations, and Communications Committees will be conducted this week and that he is looking forward to having new members. First-Year Council, Diversity & Inclusion, and Elections committee members will be announced tonight by the respective Chair positions. He announced the Safety Fair that is taking place on September 30<sup>th</sup> and encouraged anyone interested to attend. Finally he announced that alongside Executive Vice President Peterson he attended a University Faculty Senate meeting where he heard ideas from other Student Government's about what they are doing and shared some of Pitt's Student Government's initiatives with them.

**IV. OPEN FLOOR**

**V. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Anais Peterson**

Executive Vice President Peterson had no new report.

**B. Ashima Agarwal**

Vice President & Chief of Finance Member Agarwal announced that she had a meeting with Dr. Cheryl Finley to talk about moving forward regarding Pitt Commons/ Mentorship. They have decided to move forward by better marketing Pitt Commons and to meet with Lisa Belczyk to discuss a plan to increase subscription and engagement on the platform. She intends to look for more student options regarding the platform and increasing student interaction.

**C. Caroline Unger**

Vice President & Chief of Cabinet Member Unger announced that FYC is picking their initiative(s) for the semester. She also announced that a planning committee for WE Week will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. She will be sitting on the Senate Athletic and Recreation committee and on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be sitting on the Sexual Assault Task Force.

**D. Scott Glaser**

Board Member Glaser announced that the development of a civic engagement game app and also expressed his excitement for the meeting regarding Transcript Distinction on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**E. Victoria Tappan**

Board Member Tappan had no new report.

**F. Eric Macadangdang**

Board Member Macadangdang announced that he and Board Member Dang recently attended the academic calendar committee to discuss the final draft of the 2020-2021 academic calendar. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 he sat in on the monthly task force in Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs. Upon topics discussed, they brought up the proposed federal laws regarding tobacco purchasing age and ways to incorporate the Collegiate Recovery Program into more general programs on campus. Finally, he wanted to commend and celebrate the work by student leaders in making January Pitt's first Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage. SGB stands in support of all students celebrating this month, as we are committed to pursuing further collaboration with the AAPI student community in helping create programs, spaces, and academics that is reflective of the depth and diversity of our Asian American and Pacific Islander community at Pitt.

**G. Cedric Humphrey**

Board Member Humphrey announced that the next Eat and Greet event is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**H. Lynn Dang**

Board Member Dang announced she continued to help plan Women's Empowerment Week and that she has finalized all email templates to contact restaurants for the Pitt Immigrant Speaker Series, the date of which will be announced later.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. ALLOCATIONS**

Allocations Chair King announced during the previous meeting nine (9) requests were reviewed totaling \$31,968.50. A total of \$20,949.40 was approved and \$11,019.10 was denied. He then announced that there were four (4) requests on the agenda.

**B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs Chair Ramachandran announced that this week the Academic Affairs committee made progress on several initiatives: peer mentoring, improving transfer student orientation, gathering course credit for internships, and the creation of a formalized summer research program. Also, the committee is hoping to distribute pamphlets to pass out at the IT Scarehouse in October which will educate students on the tools that the student center has.

Further the committee is looking into setting up an interactive table through IT at the Majors and Minors Expo which will guide students before enrolling for the Spring Semester. Finally she announced that committee members will be reaching out to First Year Mentors and the transfer programs office to discuss the typical agenda for transfer student orientation and what the committee can do to improve this.

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

Community and Governmental Relations Chair Viljaste announced three events in the coming future. The first will be an Immigrant Student Resources Panel taking place on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00-6:30pm in Dining Room A of the William Pitt Union. The second event is a Housing Tenant Workshop occurring on both February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm in room 323 of Alumni Hall. He also announced the Census Committee spearheaded by Community and Government Relations that is currently looking for members, a workshop event is currently being planned for the beginning of February.

### **D. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Diversity and Inclusion Chair Gandhi announced he is meeting with Eiadec with the intent of establishing LGBT spaces around campus. He will also continue to plan a Collab event occurring on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the WPU Assembly room.

### **E. ELECTIONS**

Elections Chair Bibby announced that election packets were due at 5:00pm today and that slate applications are due by 11:59pm tonight (January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020). He then announced that he, in conjunction with President Brown, Board Member Agarwal, and the SORC team, has finalized the plan for campaign finances with \$125 being approved per candidate. He then reminded candidates that this weekend is the campaign workshop period on Saturday and Sunday from 1-1:30pm in the SGB Conference room. Candidates are required to attend at least one workshop. Finally, he announced that on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Elections Committee is hosting a Meet the Candidates event with Pitt Tonight and Andrew Dow. A time will be finalized on social media later this week.

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

Facilities, Technology, and Transportation Chair Niedoba announced that the Spring Safety Fair will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There will be a meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 if anyone would like to observe the committee or become involved in the process.

### **G. JUDICIAL**

Judicial Chair Jacobus announced that the Judicial Committee will now be meeting on Thursdays at 5:15pm. These meetings are welcome to all interested students. He then announced that he had met with President Brown to discuss possible edits to the Judicial Code

### **H. WELLNESS**

Wellness Chair Duong announced that she and FYC member Madison are resuming their work on getting more AED to be placed within the Quad. Madison is meeting with Matt Walaan next Wednesday. Additionally, they have reached out to the Pitt Dining staff in order to set up another meeting to discuss what other beneficial changes they can add to Market Central. She has started

working on the logistics of the "One More Step Challenge" and will provide more updates on that in the following weeks. Finally, she is working with the Title IX Office on planning Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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

SOOS Director Weibel announced that on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9pm there will be a Thursday meet up in the Global Hub. In addition, he is hoping to have ambassadors from different UCIS groups there to talk about how sustainability and global studies are related.

## **STUDENT LEADER REPORTS**

Dan Rudy from RSA spoke about two events. The first is tomorrow at 4:30pm: "Highlight your Hall" featuring 12 hall councils from around campus containing zero waste. The second is occurring at 6pm: "Pitt's Got Talent" where students will compete for a campus wide award after completing their halls competition.

Stew Shultz from Student Council: February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting coming up

Sager from ASA: Shout out for help with inaugural pacific islander heritage month. Announced that there will be a Micro-aggression workshop from 9-10pm at 837 WPU. CASA will be hosting avocado grams for \$4 with a memo on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. OPEN FLOOR**

No open floor business.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

## **X. SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Reading of B.B.2020.6 - Update to Allocations Budget Request Procedures
- b. Reading of B.R.2020.07 - A Statement of Support for Sami's Law

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Allocations Recommendations**

**#10232 – Pittsburgh Cadet Group – PEI- Dining out/ military ball – Req. \$8,888.00**

Allocations recommendation was to deny in full.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10235 – American Marketing Association – CEI – 2020 American Marketing Association -  
Req. \$4,985.00**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$4,976.70 and deny \$8.30

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10240 – Pitt Club Rock Climbing Team – CEI- Collegiate Local Climbing Competition –  
Req. \$1,261.40**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$1,243.40 and deny \$18.00.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**#10239 – Caribbean and Latin American SA – PEI – Bruk out: An Uprising – Req.  
\$13,086.13**

Allocations recommendation was to approve \$11,986.13 and deny \$1,100

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried.

**b. First-Year Council Appointees**

**c. Elections Committee Appointees**

**d. Diversity and Inclusion Committee Appointees**

**e. Resolution for Pitt to divest from fossil fuels by Executive Vice President Peterson  
presented**

**XII. OPEN FLOOR**

**a. No open floor business**

### **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 themselves.

### **XIV. AJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Executive Vice President Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm. The motion was seconded by Board Member Agarwal. The motion carried 8-0.